

Londoner FC

The Reporter



Wonder strike downs Bullies

Weekend Results

- Dubliner faced an inform German AS side in the knowledge that fellow challengers Londoner had already beaten Seaboard to reduce the gap at the top but they were unfazed as they hammered their German rivals 5-0.
- Blitz did the unfathomable and won a match beating the consistently inconsistent Robin Hood by a solitary goal to nil.
- Bullshead finally found their scoring touch a week too late downing the Vikings by an incredible 9-3 scoreline
- In the final match of the weekend RC Pattaya and the British Club shared an 8 goal thriller

Londoner's second and final trip to the seaside for this season ended in a solid 3-1 victory over Seaboard FC as they maintained their pressure on league leaders Dubliner.

Despite the long drive down Highway 7 and a few wrong turns en route the Dons were able to field a reasonably strong side for the reverse fixture against Seaboard FC on their home patch at Horseshoe Point in Pattaya. With April now upon us the weather gods did not disappoint with the temperature soaring into the high thirties despite the relatively late 4.00pm kick off, throw in a hard, bumpy pitch and an earnestly inflated new ball and it was easy to see why it took the Dons some time to adapt their normally flowing passing game to local conditions. Playing down the slight slope, but into a welcome breeze, they tried to play the ball about but were finding it difficult to get the ball under control. Despite this the Dons made the early running and twice failed to capitalise on one on one situations

against the keeper as they pressed for the go ahead goal. Torrance then needed to be alert to rush out and block a Seaboard breakaway before gratefully watching a first time volley flash over the bar as Seaboard let it be known they were not there simply to make up the numbers. Seaboard then beat the offside trap but the forward skewed his shot high and wide of the target when he should have done

around with more authority and they even went to a more orthodox (but unfamiliar) 442 formation for a spell. Seaboard FC had not really threatened in the second half until a break down their right saw a cross come shot spilled by Torrance into the grateful path of a Seaboard forward who tapped home leaving the keeper highly embarrassed. Spectators may have felt that they would then see a



Jubilant squad celebrating victory in Pattaya sunshine

League Standings

DUBLINER	22	57
LONDONER FC	19	47
BULLSHEAD	22	42
PATTAYA	20	30
BANGKOK UTD	19	29
SEABOARD FC	21	29
LES GAULOIS	19	29

Next game vs Shrewsbury

Our next match is the rearranged fixture against Shrewsbury School on Saturday 23rd April at Patana School. At time of going to press there is no advice about time of match so Alex Stamp will provide details closer to the date. In the mean time have a happy Song Khran.

better. With chances at both ends it was with some relief that Downer latched onto a through ball before racing through on goal and dispatching into the net to give the Londoner the lead. Seaboard's keeper then had to look sharp once more as he managed to block yet another one on one opportunity as the match approached half time.

Half Time: Seaboard FC 0 vs Londoner FC 1

Revived the Dons immediately took the game to Seaboard again and were rewarded almost immediately when following a corner the ball bounced around before Khun Wit collected it and swivelled to fire a beautiful strike into the bottom left hand corner of the net with the keeper stranded. The goal certainly appeared to calm Londoner nerves and they began to pass the ball

siege on the Dons goal but it never happened. The Londoner returned to their familiar 352 formation, closed the game down and indeed extended their lead following a breakaway which left Downer with the simplest of tap ins to make it 3-1. Wary of the late collapse by Dubliner on their recent visit here the Dons saw the match out to the end and were delighted to welcome the final whistle and the three points that came with it. Final Score: Seaboard FC 1 vs Londoner FC 3

On a day when everyone in a Londoner jersey played their part man of the match went to Downer for getting two of the all important goals required to maintain the Don's challenge at the top of the league.

Man of the Match: Danai Downer