

Londoner FC

# The Reporter



## Dons, Dubliner Share Spoils

### Weekend Results

- The Winking Frog and Les Gaulois served up a 7 goal thriller with the French just doing enough to secure the points.
- Bottom side Blitz found their scoring touch as they destroyed fellow cellar dwellers Patana 8-1
- Robin Hood enjoyed a 3-0 walkover as Shrewsbury failed to show
- Seaboard failed to make to make the long trip from Pattaya on a long weekend gifting Bullshead a 3-0 result
- RC Pattaya also failed to show and handed Bangkok Utd a welcome 3-0 victory.
- Its all to play for now with Dubliner playing their penultimate match on Saturday against the inconsistent Vikings whilst Dons face a Winking Frog team that will be out to avenge their opening game defeat.

### League Standings

Dubliner	26	64
Londoner FC	24	58
Bullshead	25	51
Pattaya	25	39
Les Gaulois	23	38
Bangkok Utd	24	35
Seaboard	25	32

### Honours finished even in this highly anticipated encounter between perennial champions Dubliner and upstart challengers Londoner in their final league meeting of the season at an unusually overcast Patana School last Saturday.

With the likelihood that victory would decide who won the league title both teams were at full strength for this vital clash and respective managers had no difficulty getting their players into the right mood for the match. Needless to say the game got off to a fast pace with a lot of football on display as both teams pressed for the vital opening goal. Dubliner, with the breeze at their back, were in eager mood and almost took the lead with their first threatening attack of the match when Duffy out jumped Firth at the back post only to see his header deflected passed the upright by Torrance for the games first corner. Dubliner continued to press and Amiramahdi found himself free at the back post but his shot lacked power and was scrambled away. The Dons then had an excellent opportunity to open the scoring when good work down the

left resulted in a low cross into the box that Silvis, under strong pressure, just failed to direct onto target with the keeper rooted to the spot. Double trouble then hit Londoner, firstly Downer was injured and had to limp off and then Dubliner took the lead. Dubliner had been awarded a free kick just outside the box to the left side of the goal, Torrance set his wall but then could only groan when the miskicked attempt broke under the defensive wall and into the net to give the Dubliner the lead.

The fast pace continued with the Dubliner's management rotating players on a very regular basis and the Dons trying to work their way back into the game. Dubliner's debutant keeper was in fine form and dealt with everything that came into the danger area with Silvis again coming close on two occasions as he tried to pry open the offside trap. All too often however Dons were being pegged inside their own half managing to keep possession but failing to penetrate and the half ended with a solitary goal for Dubliner separating the sides.

Half Time; Londoner 0 vs Dubliner 1

MacDonald shuffled the side during the interval with Entwistle replacing Silvis and Menhorn replacing Wild as he sought to freshen the team as they got ready to press for the equaliser. With the breeze now behind them and the team focused on playing in the oppositions half the Dons were rewarded almost immediately when an excellently flighted free kick from Paum arrived on the head of an unmarked Matt Entwistle, who had arrived late at the back post, and he gratefully knocked it into the net off an upright. With their heads now up and enjoying the breeze the Dons enjoyed their best spell of the game without being able to create any clear chances as a well marshalled Dubliner defence managed to contain most



attacks and reduce the Dons to taking long range shots which were comfortably dealt with by the outstanding keeper. Alex Stamp had managed to deal with league leading goalscorer Bookhammer throughout most of the match but with only ten minutes remaining the latter finally got clear of his marker only to flash his first time effort wide of both Torrance and the post much to the Dons collective relief. Downer then weaved some magic and got through on goal and fired a ferocious drive low toward the corner of the goal only to gasp as once more the keeper was equal to his effort. As time ran out Beck got clear and chased a through ball only to be thwarted by the keeper and the game ended in deadlock which on reflection was a fair result.

Full Time; Londoner 1 vs Dubliner 1

## Doubleheader Looms

Following the Dons draw with league leaders Dubliner the title could now come down to goal difference providing the Dons can win all their remaining games. This weekend they start out on that task with two games, firstly against the Winking Frog on the Saturday fol-

lowed by a game against Patana School on the Sunday. Both games are at Patana School and both games kick off at 3.00pm for all lovers of the beautiful game. Get along and give us your support . . . **COME ON YOU DONS**