

Londoner FC

The Reporter



Advantage Dubliner as Dons Held Again

Weekend Results

- Dubliner scored two late goals to secure all 3 points off the Vikings to leave them needing only a victory against Shrewsbury in their last fixture to retain the League Championship.
- Blitz's change in fortune continued with a resounding victory over a slumping German AS and as a result move off the foot of the table.
- Bangkok Utd pipped Robin Hood 2-1 in an entertaining game.
- Shrewsbury defeated Patana 3-0 in the clash of the teachers to record some welcome points

League Standings

Dubliner	27	67
Londoner FC	26	62
Bullshead	25	51
Pattaya	25	39
Les Gaulois	23	38
Bangkok Utd	25	38
Seaboard	25	32

Winking Frog 1 Londoner 1

Winking Frog denied the Dons the win they badly needed as the teams fought out a 1-1 draw on an extremely hot afternoon at Patana.

It was clear as the teams lined up to kick off that the Winking Frog were intent on avenging their opening day drubbing at the Londoner's hands and were fielding perhaps their strongest team and even from the outset they attacked strongly with the breeze at their back. For long periods the Londoner were being caught in possession inside their own half and failing to mount any credible offense as they faced a very strong and skillful midfield line up. However, despite Winking Frog's early domination of possession they failed to create many chances, reduced to some long range efforts that flew wide and a free kick from distance that Torrance held at the second time of asking. Excellent work by Stamp and Firth at the back aided by the welcome return of Khun Ball managed to thwart most efforts and it was not until midway through the half that a deep ball to the back post exposed the Londoner defence but the forward could only hit the ball off the advancing keeper and out for a fruitless corner. With time running down and signs of fatigue running through both teams the Dons finally created a chance

when Wild broke free on the right and ran in on goal however under pressure from the defence he failed to see Downer free in the center and his final shot was high, wide and less than handsome. The half time whistle was greeted with relief by all but most especially by Londoner who were satisfied to have maintained a clean sheet facing into the breeze.

Half time: Wkg Frog 0 vs Londoner 0

From the restart Winking Frog once more moved the ball around with authority and enjoyed growing control of the midfield and managed to create some half chances whilst Londoner were more involved in the game with the breeze at their back but failing to test the keeper. The Winking Frog then went ahead midway through the second period when a break down the right opened up the defence and when the ball was cut back across goal the forward gratefully slotted home. To the Dons credited they continued plugging away despite the extreme heat and they finally managed to get the equalizer ten minutes from time when a cross from the right found Downer unmarked at the back post and he headed home. Armed with the knowledge that rivals Dubliner were winning their game the Dons pressed hard for the winner and whilst enjoying the lion's share of the final ten minutes could not create any further clear chances. The final whistle was met by exhaustion and dejection by the Dons players as they realized that the destiny of the league was no longer in their hands. Credit must however go to Winking Frog who gave the Londoner one of the sternest tests they have had all season in a closely fought encounter.

Londoner took some time to settle during which time Patana's Kwok had chipped Torrance only to watch it connect with the underside of the bar and drop on the line and another Patana attack had found an unmarked forward waiting at the back post with the goal at his mercy but he could not direct his effort. Patana's failure to exploit their chances was then cruelly treated when the Dons got going and a long range effort from Downer whistled into the net in 9 min. followed in by a similar effort from Wild in 13 min. and suddenly the Dons were two in front against the run of play. The goals clearly gave the Dons renewed confidence in themselves and they started to play attractive attacking football moving the ball about well and Downer amazed everyone when he scored his second header of the weekend in the 20 min. This was quickly followed by another fine strike from Wild, who was clearly enjoying himself, which flew into the net with the keeper stranded in the 25 min. Two minutes later the spectators were able to witness the leading contender for 'moment of madness of the year' award when Khun Dom elected to try to dribble the ball out of danger from his own goal line only to see the opponents tackle divert the ball into the net to open Patana's account. There was still time in the half for both Downer, 30th min., and Wild 35th min. to complete their hat tricks.

Half Time: Londoner 6 vs Patana 1

With a breeze behind them Patana were able to hold the Dons for a long spell in the second half before Downer scored his fourth on 65 min. This was countered by an exquisite chip from Kwok that found the top corner of the net with the keeper rooted. Downer then turned up the heat when he knocked in goals on 72 and 75 min. to record a double hat trick before Khun Tic finished off the scoring in the last minute. All in all a good performance from the Dons with Downer in particular in spectacular form.

Full Time: Londoner 10 vs Patana 2

Man of the Match Danai Downer

Next Game

Our penultimate game is against the British Club on Saturday 11th June. At time of press there was no confirmation on KO time. Only a victory will do in this fixture as the Dons lay as much pressure as possible on leaders Dubliner ahead of their final match on Sunday 12th June.

Patana School 2 Londoner 10

Londoner got back to winning ways in style against Patana School albeit perhaps being a little too late as they win the second half of their weekend double header 10-2.

Whilst a decisive score line it did not reflect on a hard working Patana side that had two good chances before the Dons got on the score sheet and never laid down at any time in the match. Perhaps tentative at the start of the game following the disappointment of the previous days result the

