

Londoner FC

The Reporter



Downer hat trick seals Dons win

Weekend Results

- Bullshead narrowly defeated Bangkok Utd 3-2 to stay top
- Les Gaulois fell to an industrious Dubliner side 0-3
- Seaboard overcame a determined German AS side in Pattaya coming from behind to record a 4-2 victory
- Winking Frog defeated the Scans 4-1
- Robin Hood and Patana School shared a 6 goal thriller
- Sunbelt got over their opening match blues to record a narrow 3-2 win over BC Casuals

League Standings

Bullshead	2	6
Seaboard	2	6
Londoner FC	2	6
Dubliner	2	6
Robin Hood	2	4
Bangkok Utd	2	3
Winking Frog	2	3

A sparkling hat trick from Danai Downer proved the difference between two sides that had drawn both their encounters last season as Londoner got the better of Fire and Gas Pattaya. An excellent all round performance from the Dons saw them emerge victorious against a side that despite having a number of regulars missing put up a good account of themselves on an overcast second weekend of the season.

Wearing their new all red kit for the first time the Dons started brightly with Josh Ellison marking his Dons debut with some excellent runs down the right wing and linking well with Gasser and Menhorn in the early action. Both Downer brothers were looking on form and eager to test the Pattaya defence but had early efforts blocked as Londoner pressed for an early breakthrough. Pattaya despite having to defend in depth were also threatening on the break with their forward having plenty of pace and were always looking to counter attack. Following one such attack Alex Stamp picked up the ball deep in his own half from where he launched a glorious cross field ball some 60 yards to the feet of Ellison who played a one two with Silvis before breaking down field and firing in a cross which Gasser threw himself at but could only glance just past the upright. Fantastic football but no breakthrough. The Dons then won a free kick 5 meters outside the box just to the right of the 'D' and in position 'A' for Danai Downer who did not

disappoint despatching the ball with aplomb into the corner of the net with the keeper stranded. Londoner maintained the pressure and went further ahead when Ellison got possession wide on the right and fired over an inch perfect cross that both defender and keeper failed to cut out leaving D. Downer with the simplest of headers into the net. The Dons failed to add to their account in the closing period of the half as they all too often looked for one pass or one touch too many in the build up.

Half time: Londoner 2 vs Fire & Gas Pattaya 0



Torrance and MacDonald took the opportunity to give a debut to David Cooper who replaced the impressive Noah Ward introduced Steve Bruner at sweeper, brought on Sloan for Silvis and Paum for Kemp at the start of the second half. Whether it was the fresh legs the team talk or just the short respite but from the whistle the Dons produced a scintillating period of passing football that saw D.

Downer thwarted on several occasions by excellent goal keeping when he was through on goal before adding his teams final goal of the game converting with his head following an excellent cross from Gasser. There was still time for him to crash a drive off the face of a hapless defender on the goal line who knew nothing about the whole affair and step over a free kick for Navin Downer to crash the ball off the chest of the keeper with such force that it flew over three Dons forwards who had been following in on the shot. The match finished with the Dons comfortably in control and playing some excellent football

against a Pattaya side that never gave up and will play worse and win at some point in the season.

Full time: Londoner 3 vs Fire & Gas Pattaya 0

Almost everyone got a run out as the Dons showed definite signs of improvement from the week before with excellent debuts from Ellison and Cooper, better than pass marks for everyone in defence with some of A. Stamps deliveries from deep being inch perfect, tireless running from Kemp, and N.Downer and excellent efforts from Gasser and Silvis. Despite all these efforts no one could prise the Man of the Match performance away from Danai Downer as he took his tally to 5 goals in only 60 minutes of football with his hat trick on Saturday.

Torrance, A.Stamp (D.Stamp), Ball (Bruner), Ward (Cooper), Silvis (Sloan), Kemp (Paum), N.Downer (Firth), D.Downer (P.Stamp), Menhorn (Siebring), Gasser (Wise), Ellison (Wat)

Dons to meet the Hood

Next week sees Londoner take on Sukhumvit 33 rivals Robin Hood in the first of the seasons pub derbies . Torrance and MacDonald will be hoping to see the team maintain their momentum after the improved performance against Fire & Gas Pattaya. This will be Kalle Siebrings final

game before returning to Holland so commissary beers will be drank at the pub after the game for all interested parties.

Game kicks off at 4.30pm at Patana School for all lovers of the glorious game.