

Londoner FC

The Reporter



Dons bushwhacked by the Hood

Weekend Results

- Bullshead demolished BC 7-2
- Les Gaulois fought out a 3-3 draw with GAS
- 2 late goals saw Dubliner triumph over the Vikings
- Bkk Utd defeated Sunbelt 3-1
- Fire & Gas gained a walk over against Patana
- Bullshead and Les Gaulois had a 2-2 thriller to keep the Bullies on top
- Dubliner slipped up against Bkk Utd drawing 1-1
- GAS won by the odd goal in 5 against arch rivals BC

League Standings

Bullshead	4	10
Dubliner	4	10
Londoner FC	3	7
Bkk Utd	4	7
Seaboard	2	6
Winking Frog	3	6
Sunbelt	4	6

A superbly worked equaliser finished off by Andy Duffin saw the Hood grab a dramatic share of the points as Dons failed to maintain the 100% start to the season on a humid overcast afternoon at Patana.

With both teams relishing the opportunity to put one over on their Soi 33 rivals the opening period was frenetic. Londoner started the strongest with plenty of flowing passing and possession but found the Merrymen hounding them at every turn denying them the space to settle and provide quality ball forward. With Steve Reid, making his debut, joining Danai Downer and Josh Ellison in an attacking formation hopes were high on the Dons side and early indications were positive as the Hood defence was being stretched this way and that with a number of close calls as the ball fell the wrong side of the post on a couple of occasions. A well marshaled Robin Hood defence and tireless midfield harried at every opportunity and it was not until D. Downer found Reid free on the left that the break through came as he smashed a drive high into the top right hand corner of the net for the break through goal. Encouraged the Dons continued to press and Silvis saw an effort cannon off an upright

before Siebring brought the best out of the Hood keeper with a crashing drive that the big man clawed past the post. The half ending with another fine save from the Hood custodian diverting a goal bound header past the post.

Half Time: Londoner 1 vs Robin Hood 0

With a stiffening breeze behind them and having not faced a shot on goal perhaps over confidence got the better of the Dons in the second half as the quality of their play dropped off slightly whilst the Hood managed to maintain their high level of intensity and energy. The Dons failed to capitalize on a strong first half with no real chances created and the long ball becoming the preferred option rather than the passing game of the first half with the end result being over hit through balls carrying in the breeze and out of play or into the keepers arms. Robin Hood then produced a spectacular flowing piece of football which saw the ball moved quickly from midfield out to the right and with one touch returned into the box for an unmarked Duffin to first time the ball clinically into the net brushing the upright as it flew in. To say the Hood were pleased would be to understate the frenzied celebrations on the park and indeed off it, underlining how important they felt this result was. All square it was and in the gathering gloom it was difficult for both sets of players to see the ball and the game petered out with the Dons never managing to find their early rhythm and the Hood failing to

add to their one shot on goal for the 80 minutes.

Full Time: Londoner 1 vs Robin Hood 1

On an afternoon when the extent of the challenge facing the Dons to win the league was clearly spelt out there was clear disappointment that two points were dropped but they have to rally and jointly play the controlled football they are capable of for the full 80 minutes in the future. Man of the match probably fell on the other side of the halfway line with Andy Duffin having a fine game in midfield for the Hood and their big keeper making some telling saves at a crucial time.

Farewell and Adieu



Kalle Siebring brought his short Londoner stint reluctantly to a close Saturday last against Robin Hood as he now

returns to his native Holland for work reasons. Despite only joining at the beginning of the season many of us knew him for much longer and we will miss his silky skills over the coming months. We wish him good fortune for the future and hope to see him again sometime in the future.

We also wish Jim Firth good luck following his transfer to the BC. A stalwart member of last years unbeaten Dons side we are sorry to see him leave but know he will get much more football where he has gone.

Dons to meet Seaboard

Saturday 29th October sees Londoner facing Seaboard who have started off the season in fine form. With a couple of ex-Dons players in their ranks they will offer a formidable challenge and the management team of Torrance and MacDonald will be hoping to see

the team return to the flowing football they are capable of in order to get their league challenge back on track. Match kicks off at 4.30pm at Patana School for all lovers of the glorious game.