

Londoner FC

# The Reporter



## Londoner pip Seaboard 5-4

### Weekend Results

- Les Gaulois thrashed Sunbelt 7-2 with David hitting 6!
- Dubliner were pushed all the way by BC Casuals sneaking past 2-1
- Winking Frog won their derby match with the Hood 3-0
- Bullshead stayed top with a 4-3 victory over Fire & Gas in Pattaya

### League Standings

Bullshead	5	13
Dubliner	5	13
Londoner FC	4	10
Winking Frog	4	9
Les Gaulois	5	8
Bkk Utd	4	7
Seaboard	3	6

### Londoner held on to edge past Seaboard by the odd goal in 9 in a thriller!

All too often the proverbial 'match of the day' ends up being a damp squib but not this one which kept fans and neutrals riveted to the final whistle as the sides battled to an almost complete standstill after an enthralling 80 minutes of effort. With the Dons looking to preserve their 'unbeaten' tag and Seaboard holding the only 100% record left in the league the potential was always there for a cracker and for once that was what got served. From the first whistle both teams seemed determined to play attractive attacking football with fascinating match ups on display all over the park. Needless to say there were some robust challenges going on as the sides sought to gain the upper hand early on and from one ensuing incident Seaboard won a free kick on their right. The ball delivered in was almost inch perfect as it fell behind the Dons defence for Peter to run onto and volley home, except Torrance somehow managed to conjure up a reflex block and fall on the loose ball. Almost immediately Londoner then swept up the park and following some crisp inter passing Paum played a ball into the space behind the Seaboard defence and Danai D. ran through and slammed the ball beyond the keeper to put the Dons in front after 10 minutes. Two minutes later and it was Gasser's turn to play Paum in behind the defence and Paum made no mistake low to the keepers left to double the Dons advantage. All credit to

### Next Week

This Saturday the Dons face a tricky match up again as they take on Winking Frog in another Sukhumvit Pub Derby. Both had good wins last week and will be looking to keep up their form. Match kicks off at 4.30pm at Patana School.

Seaboard and despite being hit by such a swift one two they regrouped and pressed back gaining fair reward when their forward got clear of his marker and slammed a fierce shot goalward only to see it rebound back off the bar, fortunately however it fell at Peter's feet and he showed sublime composure as he calmly fired the rebound into the net to reduce the deficit to one on 22 minutes. Game on! The pace was ferocious and the tackles remained vigorous both sides of the ball and it was the Dons that got another important breakthrough when Kemp exchanged a one two with Paum before being brought to ground inside the box for a penalty. Danai D. took the ball confidently and placed it high into the net beyond the keeper to restore the Londoner advantage on 27 minutes and that was how it finished at the end of a pulsating first 40 minutes.

Half Time : Londoner FC 3 vs Seaboard FC 1

Right from the whistle Seaboard attacked with renewed vigour and following a surge down their right the winger nicked the ball off Danai D.s toe it fell to the forward following up and he toe poked it home to reduce the deficit to one with only two minutes gone in the half. With renewed hope Seaboard surged forward and Ernest wide on their left was influential in many of their moves himself going very close when he fired just over from 25 yards as they sought an equaliser. The Dons however kept on battling and won a corner on the left. Danai D. flighted over a near post cross and Steve Reid threw himself at the ball to beat everyone to it and bullet it home to put the Dons two ahead again with 54 minutes on the clock. Once more the Dons failed to keep their insurance goal as Seaboard replied only three minutes later when a cross into the box threw the Dons defence into confusion spilling off the midriff of Silvis into the path of Peter, or at least his ankle, before it spun high in the air and looped into the top corner of the net amid Seaboard jubilation once more. Scenting blood Seaboard surged forward again and Torrance had to look lively to his right to save from a free kick and the wall managed to block another free kick on the edge of the box. Danai D. then picked up the ball wide on the



Steve Reid picked up MoM for his brace against Seaboard Saturday.

left and following a surging run he fired over a cross which Reid tracked marvellously and he slammed an unstoppable volley passed the keeper to once more restore the Dons two goal cushion with only 9 minutes to go. Back came Seaboard and with only 5 minutes remaining once more they scored when following a goal mouth scramble the ball broke to a yellow clad player who placed it into the net to once more reduce the deficit. More than one Dons player felt the scoring had been clearly offside but as that was not the only strange decision of the day it was time to get on with the game. In the rapidly falling gloom Seaboard were once more visibly picked up with the late goal but despite their efforts the final whistle announced the end to a pulsating match with no further scoring.

Full Time: Londoner FC 5 vs Seaboard FC 4

Man of the match could have gone to any one of at least half a dozen players both sides of the ball but for his excellent second half strikes Steve Reid got the nod. Excellent performances were given by Gasser, Silvis, Paum, Stamp and Danai D. with everyone else earning a pat on the back as the Dons bounced back from a slightly disappointing last performance.