

Londoner FC

# The Reporter



## Londoner's late late show

### Weekend Results

- Les Gaulois dispatched Bkk Utd to move into 4th place
- Dubliner cruised to a 6-0 victory over hapless Sunbelt Thaivisa
- The Vikings made it 2 wins in a row as they beat Robin Hood 4-1
- Bullshead stayed top scoring two late goals to pip GAS 2-1 in thriller
- Fire & Gas upset the odds to beat rivals Seaboard 1-0
- Patana and BC Casu-als still look for a first league win as they shared a 1-1 draw

### League Standings

Bullshead	6	16
Dubliner	6	16
Londoner FC	5	11
Les Gaulois	6	11
Winking Frog	5	10
Bkk Utd	5	7
Seaboard	4	6

### Ten man Londoner snatched a controversial equalizer in the dark against Winking Frog as the match of the day finished 1-1 amidst a spectacular electrical storm.

In a tense, hard fought match that had nearly everything imaginable, including a number of undesirable incidents, passions ran high and could be the focus of discussion for some time to come unfortunately for all the wrong reasons.

Both teams started at a high tempo with Winking Frog clearly under instruction to close down the Dons defence at every opportunity. Initially with some success, it took Londoner some time before slowly gaining the upper hand in a hard fought first 40 minutes. Incidents took place at both ends with the Winking Frog goal being under the greater pressure, Danai D. slammed a ball off the underside of the bar with Somerville a spectator, Navin D. had the ball in the back of the net only to see it ruled off for offside whilst Gasser had a fine drive well saved by Frog keeper Somerville. Throughout the period Reid had proved a thorn in the Frog defence as the Dons played some very attractive football and it took solid handling by Somerville throughout to maintain a clean sheet as the Dons combined well throughout. The Frog were not without chances with Torrance having to look lively to save from a free kick from the influential Samuel and also field a back post header from Maguire. At the end of it all however the referees half time whistled brought to a close a scoreless

first half.

H T: Londoner 0 vs Winking Frog 0  
Whether it is the tedium of the manager's talk or the quality of the water at the side of the park the Dons have lost their way in the opening period of every match this season and Saturday was no exception as the Winking Frog leapt into attack and for the first ten minutes poured on the pressure. Firstly they won a penalty kick following a hand ball incident wide on the left. After the dust settled, it was unsurprisingly contested, when is a penalty not, Chris Hughes sent his spot kick to the keeper's right only to find Torrance had guessed correctly and parried the ball, two Winking Frog players then ran onto the rebound and managed to conspire to send the ball over the bar from 7 yards with the goal gaping. Despite the let off Dons still were not firing and following a good move a delightful cross from the Frog left floated over the head of the Dons defender onto the perfectly timed run of Samuel and his placed header left Torrance with no chance and Winking Frog were ahead. Matters then got far worse for Londoner when Danai D. lashed out in frustration following a dangerous tackle and his retaliation was to earn him a straight red card. Unfortunately it was also to signal hand bags at ten paces all over the place with players, spectators and substitutes getting needlessly involved although both coaches on the side lines reacted quickly to take most of the heat out of the incident. Irrespective not a good reflection on either team and a bottom line of the Dons being down to ten men with over 20 minutes left to play. Football is a strange game and one goal to the good and a man to the good it appeared as if the Winking Frog were about to be the first team to defeat the



*Old Father Time's PK save earned him the MoM despite an outstanding performance from Gasser*

Londoner and indeed Jay Jay caught the Dons defence square as he ran onto a through ball but in rounding the keeper pushed himself wide and his shot whilst on target was blocked by Cooper who had rushed back towards his goal. Torrance then had to get down smartly to his left to hold a placed shot. Meanwhile darkness was sweeping in with the storm and it was getting very dark indeed. Dons did not give up and despite being a man light did manage some attacks with one strong claim for hand ball and a penalty kick being turned down before Ellison flicked a ball through to Gasser who found himself through with the keeper to beat, neither player held back with Gasser getting the all important first touch which came back off the keeper into the path of Ellison who was following up to knock home an unlikely equaliser with only minutes left on the watch. Cue debate once more as the Frog keeper required treatment following the initial collision but when play restarted it was with a kick off. In atrocious light the final whistle sounded amidst spectacular forked lighting. Winking Frog were clearly distraught with the late strike and Londoner very upbeat. Neutrals felt the result fair and perhaps the fact that respective keepers got their team Man of the Match awards underlined this.

### Next Week's Match

This Sunday the Dons face a useful Bangkok Utd side missing Danai Downer and Andy Silvis through suspension, Steve Reid following his breathing difficulties during the last match and Joshus Ellison and Neil Torrance who are unavailable. This

will put pressure on the remainder of the team to maintain the impetus and challenge. Match kicks off at 4.30pm at Patana School although this may be brought forward to 4.15pm to ensure adequate light to finish the game.