

Londoner FC

The Reporter



Dons defeat Dubliner to go top

Weekend Results

- Seaboard thumped Bullshead 5-2 to continue up the table
- Les Gaulois hammered Fire & Gas 8-1 with Serene getting another 5 goals
- BC Casuals hammered an injury hit Vikings side 7-0 to get off the bottom
- Winking Frog scored three times in last 20 minutes to steal all three points against Sunbelt
- Robin Hood slammed 5 past Bkk Utd without repy
- German AS won by default 3-0 to no show Patana School

It was third time lucky for Londoner in their quest to defeat 4 time champions Dubliner in an absorbing match that saw them score the only goal of the game.

Following last weeks defeat at the hands of Winking Frog, Dubliner were determined to turn things round and were able to field a considerably stronger squad in their attempt to be the first side to inflict a defeat upon Londoner. From Londoner's point of view it was another acid test of how far they had come in such a short time and answer questions on mental toughness especially as veteran keeper Torrance was forced to watch from the sidelines due to a back injury. Alex Stamp donned the gloves and Cooper and Ward took up the double centre back role in an otherwise unchanged side from that that had taken all three points from Les Gaulois.

From the whistle Londoner attempted to play their trademark passing game but found a Dubliner side looking to press the ball whenever it entered their half. This and their strong physical presence time and time again served to check Londoners attempts to carve out clear openings with the main threat being from wide on both flanks. In a half of very few clear chances Londoner got the all important goal just on 20 minutes when Steve Reid brought the ball under control wide on the right before creating enough space to fire over a superb

cross that was met squarely on the head by the inrushing Danai Downer 6 yards out and it flew into the net giving the keeper no chance. Game on indeed, with Dubliner now being forced to go searching for an equaliser and the Dons being able to be a little more relaxed. Dubliner had a free kick some 25 yards out which Beck fired over the wall only to see Stamp turn round the post and they watched in disbelief as a quickly taken free kick found the Dons out of position but the cross ball bounced across the face of the goal without anyone being able to apply the final touch. Both

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League Standings

Londoner	8	20
Bullshead	9	19
Winking Frog	9	19
Les Gaulois	10	18
Dubliner	8	16
Robin Hood	9	14
German All Stars	8	13

Dons to meet Sunbelt

Next week sees Londoner take on league newcomers Sunbelt Thaivisa who gave Winking Frog a huge scare at the weekend and the Dons will need to be at their best to ensure they do not suffer a similar fate as they look to stay top of the league. For a second consecutive week.

teams clearly felt the high tempo of the game with obviously tired legs welcoming the half time break.

Half time: Dubliner 0 vs Londoner 1

The second half was more of the same with Londoner enjoying a greater amount of possession but finding the Dubliner defence in top form espe-

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final whistle brought scenes of jubilation from the team in red.

Full Time: Dubliner 0 vs Londoner 1
Over the piece the Dons enjoyed greater possession both in terms of time and territory and it was testimony to current champions Dubliner that they were unable to add further to their solitary strike but the result was a fair reflection of the balance of play. For the Dons everyone was a hero with no poor performances on display. For Dubliner despite suffering back to back defeats for possibly the first time ever there were plenty of signs that they will not be giving up their champions any time too soon. A hard physical game that was played in good spirit saw a number of players suffering cramp in the final stages a testament to two teams playing to the final whistle.

Match starts at 2.45pm at Patana School for all lovers of the beautiful game and is followed by the Londoner FC Xmas Party at the pub.