

Londoner FC

The Reporter



Silvis spares blushes as Dons leave it late

Weekend Results

- Winking Frog surprisingly struggled against BC Casuals before securing a narrow 2-1 win to remain 2nd.
- Seaboard thumped another 6 past Bkk Utd this time as they continue to climb the table
- Les Gaulois and the Vikings had an epic tussle with the French winning 3-2 to move into 3rd place in table at Xmas.
- Sunbelt Thaisiva stopped the rot with a 3-0 walk over against Patana who had decided to go on holiday early.



Merry Xmas Everyone

League Standings

Londoner	10	26
Winking Frog	11	25
Les Gaulois	11	21
Bullshead	11	19
Dubliner	9	19
Seaboard	8	18
Robin Hood	9	14

The Londoner were 3 short minutes away from grabbing defeat from the jaws of victory when Silvis crashed home the winner against a very hard working and gallant Bullshead Brazilians side.

With the Bullies reeling from 3 defeats in their last 4 outings nothing short of a victory was required to keep them abreast of the top sides in the championship race and this was reflected in the determined way they opened their match with table topping Londoner. Taking the game to Londoner, pressing at every opportunity and winning every 50/50 ball they dominated the opening 20 minutes of this game and should have taken the lead when Marek outpaced the defence only to drag his final effort wide of the post

third of the park as time and again they were guilty of giving the ball away too easily. The heat of the day however began to tell and the Bullies found it increasingly difficult to maintain their high tempo but it was still against the run of play when in the 36th minute Danaï Downer collected a long pass out of defence before threading a through ball behind the Bullies defence for Reid to run onto and hit first time into the net to give the Dons a 1-0 lead with almost their first attack of the day. Things then went from bad to worse for the Bullies when the Dons were awarded a free kick on the stroke of half time. Danaï Downer's superbly struck free kick from 22 yards out was heading top corner when Cohen superbly palmed over. Unfortunately Cohen was not in goal so it was penalty kick and obligatory red card. Downer then got his just reward firing home the spot kick to make it 2-0 at the whistle.

their keeper make a number of big saves to keep them in it and give them hope as Gasser, Downer and James Reid all were denied in the early part of the half before the Bullies stunned the Dons support when they pulled one back with 20 minutes to go. The goal was simplicity itself, a very deep cross from a free kick wide on the right sailed over everyone, was collected wide on the left and returned to the back post where the Bullies tallest player, Jim Nicholson, was standing totally unmarked and he nonchalantly tapped it over the line with his head. Instant pick up for the entire Bullies' playing staff in conjunction with instant jitters from a lethargic looking Dons side and it was game on. Things then got worse for the Dons when a dangerous low cross found an in rushing Pollack at the back post and he drove the ball under the keeper for a deserved equalizer with 10 minutes left to play. Could the Bullies do the unthinkable and go on and win this? Certainly they did not retreat into a shell and look for a draw and the game became quite open. The Dons finally managing to rediscover their trade mark passing game but still could not get any telling penetration and it looked as if the game was going to end in a draw when Ellison got the ball wide on the right found some space and fired an inviting ball high to the back post where Silvis arrived and crashed a volley high into the net giving the keeper no chance and cuing instant jubilation amongst the Dons support. With just three minutes left on the watch the Dons were able to see out the remainder of the game to record an important if incredibly fortunate win over their Sukhumvit 33 rivals.

Full time: Bullshead Brazilians 2 vs Londoner 3



Danaï Downer calmly fires home from the spot to make it 2-0

with only the keeper to beat. Cooper then got his head to a back post cross that Bartek would have gladly headed home as the pressure mounted. The Dons were struggling to find their rhythm and their trade mark passing game was being restricted to their own

Half time: Bullshead Brazilians 0 vs Londoner 2

Home and dry against 10 men the Dons would surely cruise to a comfortable victory, not on your life! Early pressure from the Dons was ably handled by a gee'd up Bullies side that saw