

Londoner FC

The Reporter



Londoner cruise to 5-1 victory

Weekend Results

- Dubliner nicked a late late goal to defeat old rivals Bullshead 1-0 to keep up their title challenge
- Sunbelt Thavisa continued their fine form defeating a German All Star side 2-1 despite having a man sent off early in the second half.
- The British Club decided to be in the mood this weekend as they defeated Les Gaulois 6-3 in the shock of the round
- Robin Hood failed to travel to the seaside depriving Seaboard of vital goals as they will only get 3 for this win!
- Winking Frog followed up their fine win last week with an uninspiring 3-1 victory over Patana School

League Standings

Londoner	18	42
Winking Frog	18	41
Seaboard	16	40
Dubliner	17	38
Bullshead	19	31
Les Gaulois	18	31
F&G Pattaya	17	27

Londoner managed to put behind them last week's disappointment as they defeated Bangkok Utd 5-1 on Sunday and stay just ahead of Winking Frog at the top of the league.

Despite the late kick off time the temperature was indicating that the hot season had arrived early this year in Thailand when the Dons got the game underway with the breeze at their back. Playing their usual passing game they found the Japanese players prepared to play a closing down game and it took some time before either side was able to settle on the ball and play controlled football. With Stamp once more in goal in place of the injured Torrance Londoner were always going to be missing some critical height at the back and the first real chance of the game came from a Bangkok Utd corner that a forward got on the end of and headed narrowly wide of the upright. The Londoner then won a corner of their own with Cooper appearing at the back post to convert a delightful corner from Silvis on 26 minutes to put the Dons ahead. They then doubled their

lead four minutes later when Reid headed home at the near post from a Danai Downer corner. With a more composed and relaxed Londoner side passing the ball about well they extended their lead further on 34 minutes when centre back Ward took possession 30 yards out and his miss hit shot deceived the defence and keeper, struck the right upright, bounced across the face of the goal and went off the left upright to put the Dons 3 ahead. With half time approaching the game then took an unfortunate turn, Navin Downer came in from behind and fouled a Bangkok Utd player and they both fell to the floor, the player lashed out in anger and kicked Downer in the head, the referee immediately flashing a red card to the player, meanwhile Danai Downer had raced 30 yards to throw a punch at the culprit and correctly got his marching orders also as both sides were reduced to 10 men on the stroke of half time.

Half Time: Londoner 3 vs Bangkok Utd 0

A somewhat more subdued second half fortunately so no further unnecessary and unsavoury incidents with Bangkok Utd striking back with a goal from a corner kick that Londoner fell asleep at



Excellent performance from Noah Ward earned him Man of the Match

inside the first few minutes of the half to ruffle the Dons feathers. Londoner however struck back on 49 minutes with Reid getting his second of the game after the keeper saved his initial effort and Silvis had hit the bar with the follow up he gratefully slotted home the rebound to restore the 3 goal lead before Silvis capped a fine performance with a glancing header at the near post from a Navin Downer corner on the right on 65 minutes.

Full Time: Londoner 5 vs Bangkok Utd 1

All in all a good team performance that was marred by the red card incident but keeps Londoner in the title chase. There were excellent performances from Ellison, Cooper, Reid, Silvis and Kemp with Ward getting the nod for Man of the Match following a fine performance with an unorthodox and unexpected goal.

Next Week

The Dons have no game next week as the league enters Week 21. For those of you wanting to take in a decent match however Dubliner vs Seaboard at Patana School promises to be interesting with Seaboard now without the

services of Ernest Romario and Dubliner just refusing to lay down and die yet. Dons next match is the following Saturday against the German All Stars with a 3.00pm kick off.