

Londoner FC

The Reporter



Londoner beat Germans 1-0

Weekend Results

- **Dubliner thumped Winking Frog 4-0 to underline their return to form and bring them into the thick of things at the top of the table.**
- **Seaboard got back to winning ways with a 5-3 victory over an improving Sunbelt Thavisa side down Pataya way.**
- **Robin Hood and the British Club traded 11 goals with the men in green finally running out 7-4 winners**
- **Bullhead and the Vikings revisited old rivalries with the Bullies eventually winning 3-2 in an entertaining affair.**
- **Fire & Gas proved too strong for Bangkok Utd winning 3-1 to maintain their strong run of form recently**

If there is such a thing as a comfortable 1-0 victory Londoner achieved it on Saturday gaining three valuable points at the expense of the German All Stars on a scalding hot afternoon at Patana.

The game got off to a fast start with the German All Stars determined to play a pressing game against a Londoner side enjoying a stiff breeze at their backs. The Dons were playing their usual passing game but initially found it difficult to play through a crowded mid field against a robust German line up. Indeed the breakthrough came from a direct attack rather than their normal passing style. Gasser held the ball up deep in his own half, seeing Reid one on one on the left side of the German defence he played a long high through ball that flew over the defenders head into Reid's path as he raced in on goal before producing a sublime lob shot from about 35 yards that caught the keeper off his line and flew into the net with 9 minutes on the clock. The goal clearly settled Londoner down and they produced some excellent football and created a number of goal

scoring opportunities that produced a string of excellent saves from an inspired German keeper. Indeed with the strong wind in their faces GAS were finding it difficult to get out of their half much and when they did they found Stamp, Cooper and Ball in fine form. Perhaps the biggest surprise of the half was the fact the score line remained at 1-0 when the whistled blew.

Half Time: Londoner 1 vs German AS 0

The Germans could have been forgiven for thinking that with the wind at their backs the hard work was behind them but from the whistle the Dons flew out of the blocks and had the Germans stretched left and right and again and again their big keeper stopped what looked like certain goals, Reid through one on one and Coopers strong downward header being the pick of the bunch as the Dons pushed for the insurance goal. Concerted pressure then saw a flurry of three chances in the space of seconds fired at the goal with the third only being kept out of the goal by a German hand and the referee pointed to the spot before red carding the offender. Steve Reid strode up and confidently blasted the ball against the bar as once again Dame Fortune protected the German net.



Hero and villain of the piece Stevie Reid scored the only goal but missed a penalty

As can so often happen to a side that has dominated without getting the necessary goals the last ten minutes saw an element of concern creep into their play despite facing only 10 men and that concern was almost justified when a free kick from just outside the box came crashing back off the bar via the barest of fingertips from Torrance who had been a spectator up to that point. It was therefore with some relief that the Dons players greeted the final whistle on a 1-0 victory that could easily have been a round half dozen.

Full Time: Londoner 1 vs German AS 0

Man of the match by the proverbial country mile was the big German custodian that saved everything thrown at him except that one piece of magic from Reid.

League Standings

Londoner	19	45
Dubliner	19	44
Winking Frog	20	44
Seaboard	18	43
Bullshead	21	37
Les Gaulois	19	34
F&G Pattaya	20	33

DUBLINER Next Week !!!!!

The Dons face the Mighty Dubliner next week in a game that will have a huge bearing on the final league placings. Going into this game the Dubliner have won their last two games in emphatic fashion despite playing top opposition

and will be a huge challenge to the Dons. For all lovers of the beautiful game this match kicks off at 4.30 at Patana School next Saturday, 18th March.

