

Londoner FC

# The Reporter



## Weekend Results

- With both Les Gaulois and Robin Hood having inconsistent seasons it was the 'good' French team that turned up against the 'bad' Robin Hood side with the final score of 6-1 to the French fully reflecting this fact.
- The Germans got back to winning ways albeit against an under-strength Fire & Gas side as they ran out 4-0 winners.
- Match of the Day saw the Bullshead continue their fine run of form as they gave Winking Frog another huge set back winning 2-1
- Dubliner kept at the top with a 3-0 walk over from Patana whilst Seaboard enjoyed an identical scoreline for the non-appearance of the British Club

## League Standings

Dubliner	21	50
Londoner	21	48
Winking Frog	22	47
Seaboard	20	46
Bullshead	23	43
Les Gaulois	22	41
F&G Pattaya	22	34

## Dons have Downs then Ups

**What a difference a week can make as Londoner managed to bounce back from a bitter 2-1 defeat by Dubliner and keep the pressure on at the top. Both match reports are covered in this joint edition.**

### Dubliner 2 vs Londoner 1

Clinical finishing proved the decisive factor as Dubliner roared to the top of the league following their narrow 2-1 victory over Londoner.

In a huge game for both sides Londoner started very brightly and dominated the first half creating and wasting a handful of chances as they time and again failed to get the breakthrough their build up play richly deserved. The Dubliner keeper was also on top of his game making two excellent saves when Dons players managed to direct the final effort on target. Dubliner were delighted to end the half with the scores still level.

Half Time: Dubliner 0 vs Londoner 0

Despite hitting into the wind Londoner started the second half as they finished the first looking for the opening goal but were stunned when Dubliner scored with their first effort on goal, Bobby Sevens being allowed to

let fly from 30 yards with a shot that beat Topping low to his left. Worse was to follow when a cross ball saw 2 Dons players and a Dubliner player collide on the edge of the box with the Dubliner player the first to react and he toe poked home off a post to double their advantage. Despite the double blow the Dons continued to press and Dubliner were happy to sit deep and play on the counter and Topping had to look sharp to prevent Dubliner making it 3 goals from 3 chances. Dons got a consolation goal late in the game but could not find an equaliser as the game finished in bitter spirit following an appalling assault by a Dubliner player on a Londoner player both ending up off the park although the latter almost certainly to 'even things up'.

Full Time: Dubliner 2 vs Londoner 1

### Sunbelt 1 vs Londoner 3

With injuries, late arrivals and players overseas the Don's side had a make-shift feel to it as they prepared to kick off in extremely warm conditions against a much improved Sunbelt Thaivisa side. Indeed Alex Stamp started the game in the unusual position of striker alongside Josh Ellison, with Derek Stamp, Dave Cooper and Steve Brunner taking up the defensive duties. Right from the off Londoner got into their trade mark passing game

and with Ball and Paum enjoying considerable time and space on the ball in midfield it was little wonder that they managed to carve open a number of chances in the opening quarter of the game. What was pleasantly surprising was the quality of finishing the recipients provided as the Dons swept into a 3 goal lead in the period. First off Ellison finished in style following good work from Andy Silvis, then Paum found space on the edge of the box and his shot ripped into the net for number 2. Goal number 3 made a little bit of Londoner history as Paum turned provider to send Alex Stamp clear and he calmly fired home for his first ever goal for Londoner much to the delight of the entire Don's contingent. In amongst all that the keeper had an excellent save from Ellison somehow getting a boot to a goal bound shot and sending it high over the bar. Basking in this ideal start the Dons then overcooked things at the back and a grateful Sunbelt forward ran through and hit the ball high into the net to remind everyone that almost an entire hour of playing time still remained! With the temperature soaring both sides were slowing down and substitutions became the name of the game as the half wound down.

Half Time: Londoner 3 vs Sunbelt 1

With a breeze at their backs the Dons were never really threatened in the second half but despite creating a hatful of chances they failed to add to their final tally. Unfortunately there was a sting in the tail for the Dons when influential Alex Stamp was carried off with a bad shoulder injury with only minutes to go and it is unlikely that he will be fit until after Songkran.

Full Time: Londoner 3 vs Sunbelt 1

## Next Game . . . .

No game next week before we face the British Club on Saturday 8th April in what will once more be a must win game. The game kicks off at 3.00pm and so once more will be a test of endurance and fitness as much as anything

else. Biggest question will be what British Club side will turn up that day as they can have a huge divergence in terms of quality of side they field.

