

Londoner FC

The Reporter



Dons survive Viking challenge

Weekend Results

- Winking Frog ended their season on a high defeating Fire & Gas 4-1 down by the seaside.
- Robin Hood and Les Gaulois finished all square neither being able to find the net.
- The German AS slumped to a shock 2-1 defeat at the hands of Bangkok Utd.
- Bullshead slammed 6 past hapless Patana with only a solitary reply as they prepared for their final game of the season against the Dons next week.

The Dons managed to squeeze past a determined, physical Scandinavian Viking side in a bad tempered and poorly officiated game Saturday to close the gap behind Dubliner to only 2 points as the season reaches its climax.

A side traditionally known for its physical presence from the first whistle the Vikings were determined to stamp their authority of this game through a serious of thumping challenges, some of which were rather late. Unfortunately the referee for the match was not up to the challenge and failed to adequately control the match which only encouraged the physical challenges and ultimately it was surprising that only one red card was seen during the match. With a stiff breeze behind them and fresh legs the Vikings took the game to the Dons and Torrance was clearly the busier keeper especially in the first twenty minutes when he had to get down to his right quickly to hold a 20 yard drive and followed that up with just about getting enough of a block on a rasping

rising drive to stop it from going into the net. Slowly the Dons edged back into the game as the Vikings started to tire in the very hot conditions and could have taken the lead when Reid got his head to a cross at the back post only to see the keeper half block it and a defender then clear the ricochet off the line. Reid then found himself one on one on the right and he swivelled beat the defender and then fired the ball off a post and out of danger. With both sides starting to wind down and think about a welcome rest at half time the Dons put a sublime passing passage together with at least a dozen passes in the build up finally reaching Gasser on the right and his inch perfect back post cross was met by an intruding Paum to slam home on 39 minutes. There was barely time to restart before the half time whistle.

Half Time: Londoner 1 vs Vikings 0

Having just conceded a goal and facing a stiff breeze it was perhaps a little surprising that on the restart the Vikings once more launched an all out assault on the Dons defence creating a number of half chances and indeed could have equalised had a forward

shown more composure firing high wide and handsome with only the keeper to beat. Torrance then had to leap to his left to palm past the post under pressure from a couple of Viking players to deny the Scans there last clear cut chance of the game. The match finally boiled over with Schmidt firstly collecting a yellow card for elbowing Kemp in the face, Kemp getting the obligatory 'can't give one without giving to the other' yellow card. He then followed that up by reacting badly to a strong challenge from another Dons player, kicked out and was duly shown a second yellow and a red to reduce the Vikings to 10 men. To their credit the Scans battled to the end and for long periods it was difficult to see which team had a man short but the Dons did have chances to finish the game off the keeper having an excellent save from Reid after excellent work from Wat had left Reid one on one with the keeper. The game was however petering out and everyone was relieved to hear the final whistle to end a rough bruising encounter that cried out for firm officiating.

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League Standings

Dubliner	24	59
Winking Frog	26	59
Londoner	24	57
Seaboard	24	52
Les Gaulois	26	48
Bullshead	25	46
German AS	23	34

Next Game is the Bullshead

Saturday 6th May will see Londoner take on the Bullshead Brazilians. Once more a must win fixture for Londoner they will be pushed all the way by a side that has been finishing the season

strongly and pose a huge threat to the Dons. Game kicks off at 3.00pm at Patana School for all lovers of the beautiful game.

