



# Fraser Valley Soccer League



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## *From the Media Desk of the Fraser Valley Soccer League...*

Everything wrapped up for the holidays in the **Umbro Premier League** this week. The top three and bottom three all remained unchanged heading into the break meaning that there will be plenty to play for over the last six games of the season when the competition resumes in January, especially at the top where the difference between first and third is only three points. The UPL will have an extra Week off in the New Year as the All-Star game between the FVSL and VISL goes Saturday, January 12. Be sure to check out our [UPL Review](#) for a recap of all the week's action plus a cheeky look ahead to the cup competitions on the horizon in 2019!

Only four **Division 1** games were played on this final weekend before the winter break, though one time leaders **Westcoast FC United** will likely wish they were already on holidays. Their recent poor form continued with a 2-1 loss to Port Moody Gunners B with an eye-popping twentieth goal of the season for Golden Boot leader **Connor Hoekstra** the only consolation for Westcoast. **Monywiir Deng Dharjang** made it two goals in four days, after scoring for the Gunner's UPL group on Thursday, while a tally **Nathan Persoon** ensured that Port Moody were able to heap the misery on their opponents from Maple Ridge who have now failed to win any of their last four matches. United now trail both **TWU Spartans B** and **North Delta SC**, neither of whom played this week, in the table and have played more games than them, making their title challenge an uphill climb for the New Year. Elsewhere in the division, goals by **Matthew Wearmouth** and **Daniel Kott** helped **Langley FC** to a crucial 3-1 win at the bottom of the table over **PoCo FC Royals** as it appears to be a three team race between those two sides and **Abbotsford United U21** to see who lands in the second relegation spot. The first relegation place seems all but destined to belong to **Surrey United Elite U21**, barring a miraculous turn around in 2019, as they were hammered 8-0 by **Coastal FC B** this week. **Mandeep Sara** had an extraordinary five goal performance in that match while **Terry Oujla** added a brace and **Joel Poulin** rounded out the scoring. The other result in Div. 1 saw two goals from **Hamadoun Issabre** lift **SAFC Red Bulls** to a 2-0 win over **Langley United B**.

Both **Division 2** and **Master Premier** concluded their 2018 schedules in Week 15, but there was a full slate of matches still to be played in the two **Division 3** groups, though adverse weather and rescheduling did claim a few of the fixtures. In 3A **SAFC Hawks** have put themselves in a position to be able to wrap up the title and promotion following their 4-1 win over **PoCo FC Rangers**. SAFC's lead atop the table now stands at 15 points and should they be able to win against **Langley United Highlanders**, who currently sit second with two games in hand, upon the resumption of play in January, then the Hawks can wrap up first place as early as January 26 when they play **Westcoast FC Celtic**. Meanwhile, the **Guildford FC Blues** are not likely to be going up or down this season, but their leading scorer **Brody Stratford** might take home some personal hardware as he currently leads the division in goal scoring. With his hattrick this weekend in the Blues 5-0 win over **PoCo FC Unicorns** he now has 17 goals for the season which is the same as the number of points Guildford has overall! 3B on the other hand reckons to be a much closer race down the stretch with **Langley City FC** holding only a six point edge at the top over local rivals **Langley United Impact**, though the Impact have a game in hand against last place **Coastal FC United**. Both sides won again this week with a **Jesse Verseveldt** brace helping City to a 3-1 win over **CCB Eagles** while the Impact thumped **WRU Vault FC** 7-2 as their leading scorer, **Jeremy Amburg**, took home the match ball after a hattrick performance. One thing they do have in common with 3A is that the first week back in January could prove crucial. The Langley rivals are on a collision course for January 11 and the result of that game may just swing the season one way or the other.

Most of the remaining Masters schedule survived the weather this weekend, including an absolute shellacking in **Masters Division 2** by **Langley FC Heat** over **Stolo Braves**, where 14-1 was the full-time score. **Jeff Dickson** had four goals in the win but was bested by **Bojan Lazic** who netted five times. **Simon Scott** had to settle for a



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hatrick while poor **Ken Robertson** was only able to manage a brace. **Zackary Munroe** had the sole reply for Stolo. Our Match of the Week between **Fraser Valley Players** and **Chilliwack Rapids** in **Masters Division 1** also went ahead as scheduled. The Rapids prevailed 1-0 courtesy of a goal from **Brodie Henderson**, narrowing the gap at the top and accounting for only Fraser Valley's second loss of the season. Furthermore, FVSL league wide leading scorer, **Brian Scrivens**, was held in check for the Players, keeping his goal total at 22 for now.

With Scrivens stagnating in the scoring department, it left the door open for some of the FVSL's free scorers in **Division 4** to close the gap and that is exactly what **Tyler Carlson** from **Westcoast FC Misfits** in 4A did. Carlson scored both goals for the Misfits in their 2-2 draw with **PoCo FC Pacific** to move him onto 22 goals for the season as well, tied for FVSL overall lead. While the accomplishment is nice, no doubt Carlson would have preferred to see his team get all three points as, instead, they lost ground at the top when local rivals **Westcoast FC Juventus** beat up on **Westcoast FC Dudes** to the tune of 7-0. Juventus co-leading scorer, **Seth Injates**, who had a brace as well this weekend, only has 12 goals on the year, but will no doubt rest easy over the holidays knowing that his side enjoy a three point lead in the standings at the break. **Brian Noga** from 4B's **Bradner Redshirts** also closed the gap on Scrivens with a brace in Bradner's 4-3 win over league leaders **Wakanda FC**, moving him up to 20 goals for the year. Wakanda managed to escape mostly unscathed however after last placed **Langley United Studs** rallied for a pair of goals in the final six minutes to draw second place **Fraser Valley Athletic** 3-3. **Dillion Straker** along with **Jeffrey Vuong** and **Derek Davidson** had the goals for the Studs who tacked up only their fifth point of the campaign in a performance that manager Wade Chalmers described as "nothing short of a Christmas miracle!"

## COMING IN 2019

Draws for all the cup competitions are now posted online and can be found at the below links:

- Presidents Garry Knights Cup - [http://www.fraservalleysoccer.com/pdfs/Presidents\\_Cup\\_2019.pdf](http://www.fraservalleysoccer.com/pdfs/Presidents_Cup_2019.pdf)
- Masters Rob Brown A Cup - [http://www.fraservalleysoccer.com/pdfs/Masters\\_A\\_2019.pdf](http://www.fraservalleysoccer.com/pdfs/Masters_A_2019.pdf)
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- U21 Neil Fuge Cup - [http://www.fraservalleysoccer.com/pdfs/U21\\_Cup\\_2019.pdf](http://www.fraservalleysoccer.com/pdfs/U21_Cup_2019.pdf)
- Bradner Cup Open (Div 1/2) - [http://www.fraservalleysoccer.com/pdfs/Bradner\\_Open\\_2019.pdf](http://www.fraservalleysoccer.com/pdfs/Bradner_Open_2019.pdf)
- Bradner Cup Div 3/4 - [http://www.fraservalleysoccer.com/pdfs/Bradner\\_D4\\_2019.pdf](http://www.fraservalleysoccer.com/pdfs/Bradner_D4_2019.pdf)
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We hope you have enjoyed our coverage of the FVSL so far this season and encourage you to all get involved by contacting us with stories or pictures from your team's games in the New Year. The FVSL resumes with some make-up games the first weekend of 2019 and then gets back up and running in earnest the following week. We'll be back then with more stories from around the league but, until we return, we in the FVSL Media Department would like to wish you and yours a fun and festive holiday season as well as all the best for the New Year. And don't forget...

***FVSL All-Stars vs. VISL All-Stars goes Saturday January 12 at Trasolini Turf; kickoffs are at 1pm & 3pm***

*Got a player whose performance you think deserves a mention? Was your team part of an epic game worth highlighting? Do you have some cool pictures of your team in action?*

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