



Fraser Valley Soccer League



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

The **Umbro Premier League** table has a new look once more after Week 10. Though the team at the top has not changed, as the gap to first place actually increased after this weekend's results. What exactly happened? Who sits where in the table now? The [UPL Review](#) has the answers to these questions and much more!

First place **Westcoast FC United** had their bye this week in **Division 1**. This allowed **North Delta SC** to play their game in hand, which they won 3-1 over **Surrey United Elite U21** who are still searching for their first points of the season and will be hoping their second time through the field yields better results than their first. While the league title may seem like a two-horse race at the moment, it may not be for long as **TWU Spartans B** continued their great run of form with a 2-0 win over **Port Moody SC B** and are now up to four wins on the spin. The Spartans victory came courtesy of an **Andrew Samuel** brace, his first two goals of the season. Meanwhile, heading the opposite direction are **SAFC Red Bulls** who have now lost three straight matches following their 2-1 loss to **PoCo FC Royals**. Red Bull have not won a game since October 7 and have gone from hovering around the promotion race to now sitting in a tie for seventh place.

The big news of the week in **Division 2A** was league leaders **Aldergrove United Lightning** dropping a 3-1 decision to last place **Port Moody Titans**. That result allowed second place **Abbotsford United B** to close the gap at the top to just two points with their come from behind 2-1 win over **Mission SC A** in our Match of the Week. This was a game that certainly lived up to its billing as it was fast paced, intense and even had some late drama and controversy. Mission to the lead through **Mark Dait** and looked to be on the verge of stealing all three points away to Abbotsford until a late goal five minutes from time from Abby's **Justin Sekhon** leveled things. The teams seemed sure to split the points but Abbotsford were awarded a last gasp penalty when the Mission keeper was judged to have fouled an Abbotsford forward. As you can imagine, Mission did not like the call but there was little they could do other than watch as Abby's leading scorer, **Tej Paul Kullar**, convert the spot kick to give the home side the win. It was a similar case of first being unable to beat last in **Division 2B** where **Surrey United SC** were held to a 0-0 draw by bottom side **Westcoast FC Rowdies**. Back to back draws by Surrey opened the door for **Abbotsford SA Red Devils** to trim the lead to just a single point at the top with their 3-2 win over **Langley United Sparta**. Golden Boot co-leader **David Vanderhoek** had his first brace of the season for Red Devils and that cancelled out two goals from Sparta's **David Lewis** allowing Abby's **Cam Mackinnon** to make the difference with his second goal of the season in the narrow victory.

It was a great weekend for **Division 3A** leaders **SAFC Hawks** as, not only were they 3-0 winners over **Tri City FC** in a game that saw **Inder Deol** earn his joint best fourth clean sheet of the season, but their two closest challengers both dropped points. **PoCo FC Rockets** were beaten 1-0 by **Langley FC Benders** on a **Travis Strain** goal while **Westcoast FC Strikers** were held to a 1-1 draw by **Langley United Highlanders**. This increases the Hawk's lead in the group to eight points. In **Division 3B** the perfect record remains intact for leaders **Langley City FC** after another win, this time 2-0 over struggling **CCB Westside United**. Even more impressive was the fact that City accomplished this despite finishing with only nine men after both **Joel Friesen**, who had popped up with his first goal of the season earlier in the match, and **Peter Morelli** were sent off. Red cards were a theme for games involving CCB teams in 3B this week as **CCB Eagles** and **LOS FC** finished their 0-0 draw on Friday night with ten players aside after **Manmeet Singh** and **Brayden Jacklin** were dismissed respectively.

Most of the Masters sides had the long weekend off, but **North Delta SC Rangers** and **South Surrey FC** in Masters Premier decided to get ahead of the pack and take next week off instead. The 5-2 win for Rangers takes them to the top of the table, at least until the rest of the pack gets a chance to catch up. Also, the **Over**



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45 Division saw **Coastal FC Alumni** and **Surrey Dynamo** get in a make up game. **Stefano Iulianella** and **Darrell Flamand** had the goals for the Dynamo in a 2-1 win. Things were also relatively quiet in **Division 4** this weekend with no outrageous discipline tallies and the only big score line being a 6-0 win for 4A leaders **Westcoast FC Juventus** over local rivals **Westcoast FC Black Sheep** which is relatively tame for the division that we have come to expect eye-catching results from weekly. Perhaps next week!

MATCH OF THE WEEK

This week we stay in Division 2A and stay with Abbotsford United B as, after their win over Mission SC in our Match of the Week last weekend, they have set up a battle for first place when they travel to play Aldergrove United Lightning. Aldergrove lost last week to Port Moody Titans, which means they hold only a two-point lead over Abby coming into this match. Abbotsford offensive big guns made the difference for them in their comeback win over Mission SC last week as both of their leading scorers, Tej Paul Kullar and Justin Sekhon were on target. Aldergrove will need to find a way to keep those two and the rest of the Abby team in check if they are suffering back to back losses, something that just simply never happens to the Lightning.

For Aldergrove, they will be hoping leading score Paul Kuik has the key to the lock, though goals have proved difficult to come by for teams playing Abbotsford. United have only allowed seven so far this season which is the best defensive record in Division 2 and one of the tops in the FVSL as a whole. Goalkeeper Arturo Ortiz Silva will be looking to extend his league lead in clean sheets by adding a sixth of the season this week; however, Abby are no slouches defensively either with keeper Taro Boccia having posted three shutouts of his own. Given the defensive prowess of the teams, conventional wisdom would suggest a cagey affair, especially given what is at stake. The first meeting between the two sides ended up being a 5-0 win for Abby though, so then again anything is possible!

Aldergrove United Lightning vs. Abbotsford United B is Friday night at Aldergrove Athletic #1; kickoff 9pm.

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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