



# Fraser Valley Soccer League



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

Most divisions, including the **Umbro Premier League**, passed the midway mark of the season in Week 11. There was a blip at the top of the table this week, which has opened the door to one of the teams lurking within striking distance. It all depends on the results of the tantalizing fixture list on tap for this weekend. Find out who is playing who this week and what all the results were last week in our [UPL Review](#).

It is looking like it is going to be a three-horse race for the title during the second half of the **Division 1** schedule as the top sides are separated by just four points. **Westcoast FC United** lead the way, but reigning champions **North Delta SC** are just a point off the pace while **TWU Spartans B** round out the top three. All three sides won this week with Westcoast and TWU having free hits in 7-0 and 8-2 wins over the bottom two sides in **Langley FC** and **Surrey United Elite U21** respectively. It was two more goals for current Golden Boot leader **Connor Hoekstra** from Westcoast as he and his teammates got to pad their stats; **Lucas Bento** also added a brace for his first goals of the season. It was a similar story for TWU with **Brennen Slawter** helping himself to the match ball with a hat trick and **Pedro Paz Duarte** added a pair to climb onto the first page of the goal scoring charts with seven on the season. North Delta had a bit of a trickier task, but got past **Coastal FC B** 2-0, thanks to **Mathew Pereira** posting his third shutout of the season.

Our Match of the Week did not produce any goals between the top two teams in **Division 2A**, but that was not for a lack of desire. First place **Aldergrove United Lightning** and challengers **Abbotsford United B** split the points in a 0-0 draw that was not for the faint of heart. The tackles were flying in as both sides new the importance of this match, but, in the end, it would be the goalkeepers taking the plaudits as **Taro Boccia** and **Arturo Ortiz Silva** both came away with clean sheets. In **Division 2B**, the struggle continued for **Surrey United SC**, as they have now gone three games without a win. Their latest setback came via a 1-0 loss to **Langley United Sparta**, courtesy of a **Dakota Lewis** goal. Surrey's floundering form means we have new leaders in 2B as **Abbotsford SA Red Devils** leapt to the top thanks to a 2-0 win over **Port Moody Lordco Gunners IL**.

The gap was closed ever so slightly at the top of **Division 3A** when current leaders **SAFC Hawks** were heled to a 2-2 draw by **Westcoast FC United U21**. This allowed clubmates **Westcoast FC Strikers** to cut the lead at the top of the table to six points with their 4-1 win over **Langley FC Benders**. **Taylor Cooper**, who has seen time for Westcoast's first team, had a pair of goals in the win. No such hiccup for the **Division 3B** leaders however, as **Langley City FC** maintained their 100% record with a 4-2 win over **North Delta SC Royals**. Second place, local rivals **Langley United Impact**, stayed within six points with a 7-1 win over **LOS FC**; **Jeremy Amberg** and **Paul Atwell** both had braces in the victory. However, it will all be academic if City keep up their torrid pace!

There was a halt to the four game winning streak that **Port Moody Rangers** had going in **Masters Premier** when they were held to a 2-2 draw by **Delta United**. Delta seem to be a bit of a bogey team for Port Moody as, despite the discrepancy between the two teams in the standings, Delta is the only team that Port Moody have not beaten this season. The draw allowed **Surrey United SC A** to retake first place with their 2-0 win over local rivals **Temple United FC A**. Both goals were scored by call ups as **Taki Vohalis** and **Stephen Way** from Surrey's B side did the damage. It is a razor thin margin at the top of the league though as both Port Moody and the idle **North Delta SC Rangers** are sitting just one point back of Surrey.

While **Division 4** may have cooled off in terms of big score lines, the individuals leading the way in the goal scoring charts are not slowing down at all. In 4A **Tyler Carlson** from **Westcoast FC Misfits** came into the weekend a goal off the pace in the Div. 4 Golden Boot race, but quickly worked to remedy that situation. Carlson bagged four goals in his teams 5-1 win against derby rivals **Westcoast FC Black Sheep**. Between two



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teams whose names indicate that they are apart from the pack, Carlson certainly would seem to be the standout among the standouts. The win has the Misfits standing out from the rest of the table as they leapt over their other clubmates, **Westcoast FC Juventus**, who lost 3-2 to, wait for it, another local side, **Westcoast FC Champagne**. Maybe there is good reason to try and set yourself apart from the crowd in Maple Ridge after all! Elsewhere, after seeing his goal scoring lead stripped away from him on Saturday, **Brian Noga** from the **Bradner Red Shirts** in 4B went about sorting that problem out on Sunday. Noga had a hat trick, notching all three goals in Brander's 3-1 win over **Offside FC** which moved him back into a share of first place in the scoring race on 15 goals, the same as Carlson. Alas, both Carlson and Noga still trail **Masters Division 1** and overall FVSL goal scoring leader, **Brian Scrivens**, who had yet another brace in the 4-1 win his **Fraser Valley Players** side had over **Temple United FC B**. Perhaps more impressively, Scrivens has reached his total in fewer games!

## MATCH OF THE WEEK

This week we head over to Masters Premier where North Delta SC Rangers host Port Moody Rangers as both teams try and keep pace with Surrey United at the top of the table. Neither of these perennial title contenders have had the start to the season that they would have wanted, but they have both turned a corner of late. North Delta come into this game on a three game winning streak, while Port Moody just had their four game winning streak snapped, but they are still unbeaten in their last six matches. This game will also feature the division's top two scorers as ND's Kevan Gull and PoMo's Vinny Atwell are setting the pace with seven goals apiece.

Like every match up in Masters Prem, these sides know each other well. "We are expecting a hard fought game against North Delta as every time we play them it's a great game," said Port Moody manager Dave Fletcher. His Rangers are now injury free, which was part of the reason that they limped into the season both physically and metaphorically. After a light dip, Port Moody will be looking to get right back to winning ways, however, surely North Delta have no intention of relinquishing their own winning streak easily. The stakes are certainly high for both teams, "we know tomorrow's game could be a decider in the league at the end of the year" said Fletcher. The first meeting of the season between these teams saw Port Moody flatten North Delta 6-2. Back on home turf, the Delta boys will be hoping this edition of the battle of the Rangers will be a chance to settle the score!

**North Delta SC Rangers vs. Port Moody Rangers goes Friday night at Delsom Turf; kickoff is at 9pm.**

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