



# Fraser Valley Soccer League



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

The **Umbro Premier League** got heated in Week 2 as, even this early in the season, the teams know the importance of these points. There was a heartbreaking or heroic finish, depending upon which lens you were looking through, a clinical and classy performance, as well as a return to form. The piece de resistance, however, was a rivalry match that had plenty of talking points. Want all the details? Check out our [UPL Review](#).

In **Division 1**, our Match of the Week certainly provided entertainment. **Langley United B** jumped out to an early lead over defending champions **North Delta SC** thanks to a goal from **Tyler Chyzy**. Unfortunately for Langley, the title holders would show their pedigree after falling behind as ND rattled off four straight goals, including a brace from **Kory Szostak**. **Devin Pereira** was a standout performer for North Delta, and he too chipped in with a goal, while **Lucas Johns** rounded out the scores for the home side. **Kris Robazza** was a force for Langley all afternoon, but would have to settle for a consolation marker in a 4-2 loss.

Elsewhere in Div. 1, **Abbotsford United U21** came back from 1-0 down in the second half to earn a 2-1 win over **Langley FC** in their first match in an open age group. Their U21 cousins **Surrey United Elite U21** are still searching for their first win however, as they lost 2-0 to **Port Moody Gunners B**. **SAFC Red Bulls** were unable to follow up big their big four goal output in Week 1 as they were held to a 0-0 draw by **Coastal FC B**, one of only two 0-0 score lines on the schedule this week. Coastal have started the season with back to back draws and will search for their first win this weekend against the aforementioned Port Moody Gunners. It will not be an easy task though as, with their win this week, the Gunners sit tied with North Delta on top of the table with six points, so perhaps Coastal would be happy to settle for a third draw on the spin.

In **Division 2B**, the only team on six points is **PMO Lordco Gunners IL**, after a 2-1 win over **Abbotsford United B**. Over in the other pool, things are looking a bit stratified at the moment with three teams still looking for their first points of the year in **Division 2A** including Abbotsford. **Chilliwack FC Reserves** and **Westcoast Black Knights** are also waiting to get their campaigns up and running after losses this past weekend to **Aldergrove United Lightning** and **Fraser Valley Blue Devils** respectively.

**Westcoast FC Strikers** boast the sole 2-0-0 record in **Division 3A** after their 6-1 win over **TWU Spartans C**. In fact, they posted the same score line last week against **Westcoast FC Celtic** leaving them now with 12 goals for, only two against and a fairly solid +10 goal difference. Can they do it again this week against **SAFC Hawks**? The Hawks themselves remain undefeated after a 0-0 with **PoCo FC Rockets** in the other goalless game on schedule this past week.

**Masters Premier** has **Delta United** alone atop the table after a 1-0 over **North Delta SC Rangers** in the Delta Derby thanks to a **Bevan Dixon** tally. That goal is Delta's only one so far this season, but it is good enough to have them in first place thanks to the fact that they have yet to concede. These are lofty heights for a team that finished sixth last season and Delta will have a chance to keep their place as leaders this weekend when they play bottom of the table **South Surrey FC**, who are coming off a 2-0 loss to **Temple United FC**. Rounding out Masters Premier, **Surrey United SC** made it two draws from two, but managed to score this week in a 2-2 with **Port Moody Rangers**.



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The big results of the week were two eight goal thrillers where the teams split the points. It finished 4-4 between **North Delta SC Royals** and **Langley United C** in **Division 3B** as well as between **Coastal FC Rangers** and **Fraser Valley Dragons** in the **O45 Division**. Perhaps more impressively, of the 16 goals scored over those two matches, there were 15 different goal scorers! Only **Robert Isbister** from the Coastal FC Rangers was able to bag a brace.

## MATCH OF THE WEEK

We turn our attentions to the Masters Premier Division this week, as we focus on Port Moody Rangers and their visit to Temple United. Rangers are the defending Masters Premier Champions but have stalled to start the season, only able to post a pair of draws thus far. Temple bounced back from an opening day mauling (or perhaps “Gaul-ing”) at the hands of North Delta with a win over South Surrey. Both sides are chasing Delta United who are surprise early leaders in Masters Premier, but are hardly out of site on four points. This one will be a good chance to build some momentum for one of these sides. A win here changes the narrative for Port Moody as they would be undefeated, however, any other result leaves them winless through three weeks of the season. It is a similar scenario for Temple who would be able to leave their opening day loss well in the rearview with a second win on the bounce.

Port Moody won all three league meetings between these teams last season on their way to the title, but United got their revenge knocking the Rangers out of the Masters Cup at the semi final stage as well as in the opening round of the Provincial Cup. Last season’s meetings are fresh in the minds of both camps with Ranger’s coach David Fletcher saying “we have a good battle with Temple every time we play them; we have a lot of respect for them. They knocked us out of the provincial cup last year in a loss that still hurts us so we will be coming out hard looking for revenge.” Similarly, Temple manager Sanj Hundal said, when asked about this match, “Last year we lost all three league games to them but did get some pay back when we beat them in both the Masters A Cup semi-final and then the BC Provincial Masters A Cup quarterfinal.”

The other thing both teams noted is that their meetings tend to be very tight, close fought outings that Hundal says “take something special to happen for one of us to beat the other.” Perhaps then a draw may be the most likely outcome in this one.

***Temple United vs. Port Moody Rangers goes Saturday evening at Newton Athletic Park, kick off is at 6:15pm.***

*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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