



Fraser Valley Soccer League



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

Only one perfect record remains in the **Umbro Premier League** after Week 3. Discipline continued to be a problem in another marquee match-up, plus a first win of the season came in emphatic style. A couple of other teams came close to their first wins of the season, but they were forced to wait for at least one more week. For all the details check out our [UPL Review](#).

North Delta SC are the lone perfect record left in **Division 1**, as they sit atop the table after a 2-0 win over **Abbotsford United U21**. **Coastal FC B** are also undefeated thanks to their first win of the season; 1-0 over **Port Moody Gunners B** courtesy of a **Joel Poulin** strike. Still looking for their first points in Div. 1 this season are **Surrey United Elite U21** after 5-0 loss to **PoCo Royals** as well as **Langley FC** who had a bye this past week, but will get back at it against those same Poco Royals on the weekend.

Everyone in **Division 2** has points on the board now thanks to first wins of the season from **Westcoast Black Knights**, 5-3 over **Temple United FC**, and **Chilliwack FC Reserves**, who beat **Fraser Valley Blue Devils** 1-0. **Aldergrove Lighting** and **Port Moody Lordco Gunners IL** remain perfect atop groups A and B respectively after wins over **Port Moody Titans** and **Langley United Dynamo**. Odd to see Dynamo at the foot of the table in 2B as they are veterans of this division and more accustomed to being upper mid-table. Perhaps they can get back on track this weekend against Temple.

No perfect records remain in **Division 3A** as **SAFC Hawks** overturned **Westcoast Strikers** 3-1 to leapfrog them into a three-way tie for top spot in that group on seven points. At the bottom, **TWU Spartans C** are the only team without any points in 3A through three weeks of play, after a heavy 6-2 loss to **PoCo FC Rangers** with **Andre Landy** grabbing a hat trick for Rangers in that one. TWU will try to get off the mark this week against **Langley United Highlanders**, but it will not be an easy task as Highlanders will come into this one well rested. The Langley side fell victim to the rains as their game away to **Westcoast FC Celtic** was postponed. **Division 3B** has a trio of teams still clinging to perfect starts in **Langley United Impact**, **Langley City FC** and **North Delta SC 91s**. They will have a chance to keep it going too, given none of them play each other in Week 4. At the bottom is another trio, with **Coastal FC United**, **CCB United** and **WRU Vault FC** all still looking to get off the mark for this year. CCB and Coastal do have a game in hand as their head to head in Week 2 was postponed, so it stands to reason that at least one of them will pick up some points when that fixture is rearranged!

In **Masters Premier**, top of the table **Delta United** threw away their first-place position in 3-2 loss to bottom side **South Surrey United FC**. **Surrey United SC A** slipped a **Keegan Munn** goal past **North Delta SC Rangers**, who have not scored since opening day and now sit second bottom. Rounding out the division, **Temple United FC A** got the win in the MOTW over **Port Moody Rangers**, 2-0 on goals from **Obiri Yeboah** and **Ravi Meehan** while **Trevor Rosencrans** battled hard in a losing effort. That result leaves last year's champions, Port Moody, now sitting bottom and without a win. That being said, the whole division is within four points of each other, so things will likely continue to swing dramatically from week to week, at least for the foreseeable future.

The big score of the week was in **Masters Division 1** where **Fraser Valley Players** and **Poco FC Dominion** played out what can only be described as an insane 5-5 draw. Meanwhile, **Masters Division 2** saw a spicy one with a pair of red cards handed out to **Abbotsford NATG Arsenal** and a further three cautions



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between them and **Guildford FC Pacific Utd.** Given the man powered advantage, perhaps it is no surprise that Guildford emerged 3-1 winners. Even more agonizing for Abbotsford in this one was that **Jordan Clarke** had the only goal for Guildford, as the other two markers were own goals! Truly the Arsenal were masters of their own demise. Lastly, there were no 0-0 score lines in the FVSL this week thanks to a goal on Sunday from **Brian Noga.** His third of the season for the **Bradner Redshirts** was the difference in a 1-0 win over **Mission SC B** in **Division 4B** and ensured that every game on the schedule this week had at least one goal in it.

MATCH OF THE WEEK

We are off to Division 1 this week where we find Westcoast FC United travelling to Port Moody to play Gunners B. Both teams are on six point after starting the season 2-0-1 and will be looking to reel in the idle North Delta SC who currently top the table with nine points. It was that same North Delta side who handed Westcoast their only setback so far this year on opening day and the Maple Ridge based side know that if they want to seriously challenge ND for the title, dropping further points is not an option.

United manager Mike Leslie summed up where his team's thoughts are going into the weekend saying that: "A win will help us keep within reach of the Division leaders. A loss will certainly make that task all the more difficult." Clearly Westcoast are aware of the importance of the table already, even though we are still in September. Port Moody are coming into this match on the back of their first loss of the season as they were beaten, perhaps somewhat surprisingly, by Coastal FC B 1-0 last week. Despite possibly being out of form, Leslie knows not to take the Gunners lightly. "League games against the Gunners are always a challenge" he said when asked about what he expected from Port Moody this week, "definitely something to mark on the calendar."

The Gunners own the joint best defensive record in the league as they have only conceded two goals to this point of the season. That is typical of the Tri-Cities team says Leslie, "Port Moody typically produces a well-organized game plan; very tough to break down at the back." Westcoast will be looking for players like Connor Hoekstra to be able to find the key to the lock of the Gunners defense come Saturday. Both teams know how important these points are, so expect a solid game and, if there is to be a winner, it will likely be decided by one or two moments of magic. Westcoast are focused and coming in on marginally better form, so maybe that gives them just the slightest edge.

Port Moody Gunners B vs. Westcoast FC United goes Saturday night at Trasolini Turf, kick off at 6pm.

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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