



Fraser Valley Soccer League



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

At the top **Umbro Premier League** after its tight after Week 4, though there will be a big game to settle first place this weekend. No perfect records nor teams without points remain as the calendar turns to October; the top division also saw its first goalless draw this past week. Which teams are rounding into form and which ones are heading in the wrong direction? Read all about it in our [UPL Review](#).

The Match of the Week last weekend came from **Division 1** and **Westcoast FC United** achieved their goal of keeping pace with league leader **North Delta SC** when they beat **Port Moody Gunners B** by a score of 3-1. **Connor Hoekstra** was indeed a factor for United as he banged in his third of the season, while **Taylor Cooper** was also on the score sheet for the Maple Ridge club. **Monywiir Deng Dharjang**, who has seen minutes with the Gunners UPL side at times this season, had the reply for Port Moody. **Hani Dbouk** also found the net for the Gunners, but unfortunately it was his own net! That win puts Westcoast tied atop the Division 1 table with idle North Delta. ND will look to maintain the last perfect record in the division when travel to struggling **Langley FC**, though Langley did earn their first point of the season this week with a draw against **PoCo Royals**. **Coastal FC B** also remain undefeated after a 3-1 win over **Surrey United Elite U21** who are still in search of their first points of the season.

Any dreams of a perfect season have evaporated on both sides of **Division 2**. In 2A **Aldergrove United Lighting** were thumped 5-0 by **Abbotsford United B**. Five different players all notched their first goals of the season for Abby in that one. Over in 2B league leaders **Port Moody Lordco Gunners IL** were handed their first loss of the campaign, going down 2-1 to **Abbotsford SA Red Devils** who, with the win, supplant Port Moody atop the table. There was a chance at the other end of the table for one of **Langley United Dynamo** or **Temple United FC** to earn their first win of the season, but instead the sides settled for a 2-2 draw. Also, after no 0-0 draws in Week 3 across the FVSL, **Chilliwack FC Reserves** and **Westcoast Black Knights** struggled for offense giving us pair of scoreless draws this week, along with the one in the UPL.

Quite the game in **Division 3A** between **Langley FC Benders** and **Westcoast FC Celtic** with Westcoast having a pair of players sent off as a result of one incident which resulted in them playing the majority of the game with only nine men. Despite their numerical disadvantage, it was Celtic who took the lead through **David Geary**. As you would expect, that lead to Westcoast hunkering down to defend their lead and they almost pulled off the improbable until **Garrett Paddon** spared the Langley boy's blushes five minutes from time. In **Division 3B CCB Westside United** put up three goals in search of their first point of the season but were undone by **Denny Hammill** hat trick in a 4-3 loss to **North Delta SC Titans**. **Langley City FC** stayed perfect with a 2-0 win over **CCB Eagles**, while their local rivals, **Langley United Impact**, also kept their 100% record, but were made to work for it in a 3-2 win against **WRU Vault FC** who are hungry for their first points of the season. At least one of these Langley sides will have to yield, however, as they meet in the local derby to try and get an edge on first place this weekend.

In **Masters Premier**, defending champions **Port Moody Rangers** remain winless after they were only able to muster a 1-1 draw with **Delta United**. **North Delta SC Rangers** broke out of their scoring drought with a 3-0 win over **South Surrey FC** with **Kevin Gaull** only having a single tally in that on and **Neil Martin** scoring the other two for North Delta. Gaull's fourth of the season does leave him perched safely in his usual spot leading the goal scoring race though. Meanwhile, **Surrey United SC A** more than doubled their goal output for the season, putting four past **Temple United FC** in a 4-0 win.



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Eddie Verons had a hat trick to lead **Port Moody Grizzlies** in **Division 4A** in their 6-0 route of **Westcoast FC Champagne** who will be less than bubbly after that result and are still seeking their first win of the year. Verons now has scored in every game this season and his three this week give him six on the season and a share of the Division 4 Golden Boot at the moment. The big score of the week was in **Masters Division 1** where the **South Surrey Insurgency** won a goal-fest 6-3 over **PoCo FC Dominion**. The Insurgency were given an edge when the Dominion's **Ron Aamot** was sent off and **Johnathan Whittam** recovered from scoring an own goal last week to bag a hat trick for South Surrey this time out.

When it comes to goals and hat tricks, however, no one can match **Brian Scrivens** of the **Fraser Valley Players**, who sit atop Masters Division 1, as he leads the entire FVSL with eight goals through four games. Scrivens had a brace this week in FV's 4-2 win over **Chilliwack Rapids**, which was well below his usual standard, having bagged a hat trick in both Week 1 and Week 2. Presumably he was not in the lineup in Week 3 as his name is conspicuously absent from the scoresheet!

MATCH OF THE WEEK

We check in on Division 2A this week as Mission SC are set to tangle with Aldergrove United Lightning. These teams are tied atop the table in that half of the division with nine points through four weeks of the season. Mission come into this one after bouncing back from their first loss of the season, running out 3-0 winners against Westcoast Rowdies. Aldergrove will be looking to emulate that form after their perfect start to the season was emphatically halted by Abbotsford United B to the tune of 5-0 last week. Newly promoted Aldergrove had been enjoying life in Division 2 until that result after they absolutely scorched Division 3 last year going a perfect 22-0-0 with an outrageous 122 goals for and only 16 against (that is a +106 goal difference if you are scoring at home).

Safe to say Aldy are not exactly used to losing, so it will be interesting to see how they respond to it this week. Incidentally, their only loss last year came in the Presidents Cup to, of all teams, their opponents this week, Mission. Technically that one was not really a loss either, as it took penalties to decide who would advance after a 1-1 draw. Regardless of whatever happened to the Lightning last time out, Mission manager Dan Hill knows that this Aldergrove team is not to be taken lightly, especially when they boast the league's leading goal scorer, Matthew Aikema.

Mission know what it takes to play at this level, having been a mainstay in the Division for some seasons now, so they won't be backing down. Hill notes Connor Pickering and Freddy Boserup have been in top form of late and Mission will be looking for them to carry on in that vein. "As a team we've performed at a good level, but if we want to finish in a provincial spot with the tough competition in 2A we have to keep getting results," said Hill; "a win this weekend could be a big factor come the end of the season.

Aldergrove Utd. Lightning vs. Mission SC goes Friday night at Aldergrove Athletic #1, kick off is at 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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