



Fraser Valley Soccer League



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

The open divisions of the FVSL spent the Thanksgiving weekend doing what they are most thankful for, playing football! In the **Umbro Premier League** Week 5 brought a massive clash at the top of the table while the teams at the bottom continued to scrape and claw in an effort to put points on the board. We also have a new name inside the top four for the first time this season. Who is on the up and who is headed in the wrong direction? Head over to our [UPL Review](#) for answers to these questions and more!

While there may have been some action at the top of the UPL, there was not change atop the table in **Division 1** as **North Delta SC** returned from their bye week to see off **Langley FC** 3-1 and maintain their 100% record. **Westcoast FC United A** kept pace with a 7-0 win over last place **Surrey United Elite U21**, who remain without a point through five games. The win keeps Westcoast level on points with North Delta, but ND have a game in hand. **Connor Hoekstra** had a hat trick in the route for Westcoast which moved him to the front of the Div. 1 goal scoring race on six for the season. **Kris Robazza** also had a hat trick this weekend and he too now sits on six goals for the season. Unfortunately, his goals were unable to make the difference as his **Langley United B** side were forced to split the points after a wild 4-4 draw with **Port Moody Gunners B**; **Nathan Persoon** had a brace as part of Port Moody's rebuttal. There was another draw in Division 1, with **Coastal FC B** remaining unbeaten on the year after a 2-2 tie with **PoCo FC Royals**. This match was decidedly less friendly however, as there were six yellow cards dished out in addition to Coastal's **Muhammed Kinteh** being sent off!

Division 2 featured the Match of the Week with **Aldergrove United Lightning** bouncing back from being thumped the previous week to reclaim sole possession of first place in 2A with a 1-0 win over **Mission SC A**. It was a closely fought match with a **Derek Hamman** goal making the difference while **Taro Boccia** notched his second clear sheet of the season. There was a surprise result in 2B as **winless Temple United FC** held **Abbotsford SA Red Devils**, who came into the weekend in first place, to a 1-1 draw. **David Vanderhoek** scored his fourth of the season for Abby to pull him level atop the scoring charts in Div. 2, but it was negated by a tally from **Obiri Yeboah**. Yeboah, who is signed to Temple's Masters Division 1 team and scored for both their Masters Div. 1 and Masters Premier side the week before, used his weekend off from Over 35 play to the benefit of the club's open side earning them a valuable point. The slip up by Red Devils allowed **Surrey United SC** and **Port Moody Lordco Gunners IL** to take over top spot in the division after wins over **Chilliwack FC Reserves** and **Langley United Sparta** respectively. There was also a first win of the season for **Langley United Dynamo** as they jumped over their local neighbors Sparta following a 3-0 win against **Westcoast FC Rowdies**.

A heated affair between **SAFC Hawks** and **Langley United Highlanders** in **Division 3A** saw seven yellow cards brandished as well as red to SAFC's **Liam Priddy**. The man power disadvantage did not adversely affect the Hawks however, as they emerged 4-1 winners with Priddy banging in a goal before his dismissal and **Mathew Killick** adding a brace. The win keeps Hawks on top of the table ahead of **Langley FC Benders** who heaped more misery onto bottom side **TWU Spartans C** ensuring the college boys remain in search of their first points of the season for at least another week. The battle of the perfect records in **Division 3B** was definitive with **Langley City FC** putting local rivals **Langley United Impact** to the sword in a 7-2 beat down. Leading goal scorer **Matthew Greidanus** had a pair to bring his total up to seven for the season. **Trevor Kragt** also scored twice to help leave City with the lone remaining 100% record across Division 3.



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As mentioned, the Masters divisions had the long weekend off, the exception being a **Masters Division 1** tilt rearranged from Week 2 between **PoCo FC Dominion** and **Surrey United SC B**. Surrey won the game 2-1 to give themselves a share of first place in the division thanks in part to a goal from **Taki Vohalis** who was busy moonlighting over the weekend for Surrey's UPL side, but still found time to lend his talents to the team for which he is actually signed. Certainly no prizes for guessing what he is thankful for this time of year! Perhaps it was the smaller amount of games on the docket playing a role, but we saw no 0-0 score lines this weekend. Meanwhile the big score of the week was in **Division 4A** where **Team Korea FC** headed to the Tri-Cities and thumped **Port Moody Lions** 9-3 on Sunday. There were four goals for **Seungjin Kim**, a hat trick for **Jeonghun Lee**, a brace for **Woohyun Jeong** and a happy Thanksgiving all around for Team Korea who remain unbeaten this season with a 2-2-0 record.

MATCH OF THE WEEK

This week we drop in on Division 3A where we find a clash between first placed SAFC Hawks and Langley FC Benders, who are hot on their heels. Both teams come into this one off the backs of decisive wins, though SAFC will be without Liam Priddy, who was sent off in their win over Langley United Highlanders last weekend. Both teams have climbed to the upper echelons of the table with a balanced attack. SAFC have scored 15 goals over the first five weeks of the season, while Benders have notched 13 times, but neither team has a player near the top of the league in scoring.

These sides have never met before, and Benders manager Travis Strain is not sure what to expect out of the Surrey side. In terms of his Langley group though he notes that "Benders have been a bit hot and cold" to begin the season and the team is "looking for some consistent showings going forward" which would start with a good performance in this match. Danger men for the Benders are brothers Noah and Josh Coesel who, in the words of their manager, "can bury a few chances in a hurry!"

Both teams are undefeated so far this year and you would have to expect that both intend to keep it that way. Strain expects it to be a tight affair but, like any good manager, backs his side to edge it come the final whistle. The Hawks are hot right now though, have won their last three matches by a combined score of 12-2, so this one might just come down to whether or not the Langley defenders can wrangle SAFC's offense and keep them in check. If they can, then Benders have every chance of coming away with a result here, otherwise lookout for a statement from the league leaders.

Langley FC Benders vs. SAFC Hawks goes Friday night at Willoughby Turf #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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