



Fraser Valley Soccer League



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

The normal order of things was returned to in **Umbro Premier League** following Week 6 as one team bounced back in a big way. It is as you were at the top of the table, but down at the bottom things are beginning to get interesting as we near the end of the first round of fixtures. Want to know who is trending in what direction? Our [UPL Review](#) is the place to go!

Throughout the rest of the FVSL, the top headline has to be from **Division 1** where **North Delta SC** surrendered their perfect record in a 1-1 draw with **PoCo FC Royals**. Despite dropping being held to a tie, ND did all the scoring in this one as a third goal of the season for **Ryan Braich** at the right end of the field was cancelled out by a **Shay Aggarwal** own goal. **Westcoast FC United** jump to the top of the table with their 3-2 win over **Coastal FC B**, Coastal's first loss of the season. **Connor Hoekstra** now sits alone atop the goal scoring charts after bagging a brace to move him onto eight goals for United so far this year. North Delta though, still have a game in hand and can retake first place of their own volition when Westcoast have their bye in a few week's time. Unfortunately, the trend of firsts would not continue as there was to be no first win or first points of the year for **Surrey United Elite U21** who were thumped 5-0 by **Langley United B**. It was a high scoring stalemate out in Langley on Sunday as **TWU Spartans B** and **Langley FC** finished knotted up at 4-4 with eight different scorers on target in that match.

It was a case of dropping points in consecutive week for **Mission SC A** in **Division 2A**, as they drew 2-2 with **Fraser Valley Blue Devils**. That result has allowed **Aldergrove United Lightning** to open up a five-point lead, and a bit of breathing space, at the top of the league. After beating Mission last weekend, they followed it up with a comprehensive 5-1 victory over struggling **Langley United Sparta**; **Sean Zimbiti** contributed his first two goals of the season to Aldergrove's cause in the win. After posting a perfect record to earn promotion to Div. 2 last season, it seems that Aldy are firm contenders to make it back to back title winning seasons. 2A also brought us our lone 0-0 of the weekend with **Abbotsford United B** and **Westcoast Black Knights** unable to force on across the line. Over in **Division 2B**, however, things remain very tight at the top. **Surrey United SC** could only manage a 2-2 draw against the veteran **Langley United Dynamo**, who seem to be slowly wrenching their season into motion. This means that **Port Moody Lordco Gunners IL** sit alone atop the 2B table after their 4-2 win against **Temple United FC**. There is no room for error out in the Tri-Cities though, as **Anthony Fragoso** scored his first of the campaign to give **Abbotsford SA Red Devils** a 1-0 win over last place **Westcoast FC Rowdies** and keep the Devils within a single point of top spot.

Our Match of the Week was in **Division 3A** and the sparks certainly flew between **SAFC Hawks** and **Langley FC Benders**. The Hawks would stake themselves to a 2-0 lead by half time before the getting the game winning goal in the second half. **Brian Hernandez** had a pair and **Simran Grewal** added another, while **Josh Coesel** and **Travis Strain** replied for Benders. This one also saw a pair of ejections from the SAFC camp as both their coach and a spectator from their Division 1 team were sent from the field for consuming alcohol on the sidelines. The FVSL would like to take this opportunity to remind teams that there is a NO ALCOHOL POLICY which is strictly enforced and carries a \$200 fine. The win keeps SAFC undefeated and in first place by a three point margin. In **Division 3B** **Langley City FC** maintained their 100% record with a narrow 2-1 win over **WRU Vault FC**. Langley can now boast that it is one of only two perfect records remaining in the entirety of the FVSL.

The **Masters Premier** division got back to work after taking the long weekend off and whatever last season's champions, **Port Moody Rangers FC**, did with their time off, it worked. After spending the early part of the season mired at the bottom of the table, Moody hit the reset button and exploded with a 6-2



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smashing of **North Delta SC Rangers**. Meanwhile, **Temple United FC A** and **Delta United** served up a barnburner on Saturday evening. A **Michael Turner** own goal would put Delta behind in just the third minute before **Ravi Meheehan** and **Sundeep Ghag** made it 3-0 for the home side at half time. It was the classic tale of two halves however, as **Rob Short** and **Onkar Bahai** would score within two minutes of each other part way through the second frame and then **Gurwinder Atwal** completed a remarkable Delta comeback ten minutes later. Temple would pull this one out of the fire thanks to **David Morris** and his goal with just one minute left to play. Elation, mixed with relief no doubt, for Temple and heartbreak for Delta, but plenty of entertainment for the neutrals! A **Brian Van Schagen** goal separated **Surrey United SC A** and **South Surrey FC** in the other game in the division.

Clearly there was a memo to **Division 4** teams about it being open season for goals this weekend as we had a number of big score lines. **Langley United Rangers** put up a 9-1 win over **Offside FC** who were clearly beyond just out of position this week. **PoCo FC Pacific** had a rather tepid, considering the other results, 6-2 win over **Westcoast FC Four**, who might consider bumping up to “Eleven” for games moving forward. **Bradner Redshirts** did whatever the Spanish equivalent of pummeling is to **Latinos FC** in an 8-1 win. However, for the second week running, the game with the most goals of all featured **Team Korea FC**, whose goals for tally over the last two weeks is up to an eye-popping 17 after beating **Westcoast FC Dudes** 8-3. Impressive considering they only scored five goals in their opening three games of the year!

MATCH OF THE WEEK

It's back to Division 2 for the Match of the Week and this time we are over in 2B where we find the Abbotsford SA Red Devils hosting Surrey United SC. Both teams are in hot pursuit of Port Moody who sit in first place with Abbotsford and Surrey in second and third respectively. Surrey took both meetings between these two sides last season, a fact the Red Devils and manager Robb Rutley have not forgotten. “They are a hard-working side that plays a very direct style of play which gave us a fair bit of trouble last year,” said Rutley. Making matters more difficult, Red Devils will be without the influential Vanderhoek brothers, David and Erik, both will miss out with injury concerns. David's absence will especially hurt, given that he currently leads Division 2 in scoring. This will ratchet up the responsibilities for players like Gavin Deacon and goalkeeper Nick Pemble, both of whom have started the season in good form.

One look at the goalscoring charts indicates that Abby will need to find a way to deal with Surrey's Tyler Walters and Tyson Sutton, who have seven goals between them so far this year. “If we can limit their impact on the game it will put us in a good position to get a result,” Rutley figures. It may be easier said than done however as Surrey have not lost, nor been kept off the score sheet since their opening match of the season. Red Devils, for their part, are unbeaten on the season, so this one sets up as a solid tilt. Rutley's final assessment? “Based on where each of us are in the table at the moment, and the impact this game will have on it, I am predicting a very close game and good battle. A 1-0 or 2-1 score line will more than likely be the case.”

Abbotsford SA Red Devils vs. Surrey United SC goes Friday night at Mouat Turf #1, kick off is at 8pm.

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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