



# Fraser Valley Soccer League



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

The first round of matches is in the books in the **Umbro Premier League**, as each team has now had a chance to play each other once. This week saw a number of teams from the bottom half pick up points against teams from the top half, though one side is beginning to look like they may be in a bit of trouble. The final undefeated team also relinquished that distinction after an early candidate for match of the year, but did it cost them their place at the top of the table? The [UPL Review](#) has the details!

Defending **Division 1** champions, **North Delta SC**, slumped to their first loss of the season as well this week, losing 2-1 to **TWU Spartans B**. **Sebastian Wingfield** netted his fourth goal of the season for TWU and **Josh Wallace** had the other goal to earn the Spartans just their second win of the season. This is now back to back weeks where North Delta have dropped points to teams from the bottom half after drawing last week with **PoCo FC Royals**. Title challengers **Westcoast FC United** had no such trouble with the Royals this week, cruising to a 5-0 win to take full advantage of ND's slip up and give themselves some breathing room atop the table. Leading goal scorer **Connor Hoekstra** had a brace to lift his tally to 10 now on the season. **SAFC Red Bulls** also had a chance to pull level with North Delta ahead of their clash this week, but could only manage to trade goals and red cards with struggling **Langley FC** in a 1-1 draw that saw both side finish with 10-men. The first Div. 1 U21 derby took place this past weekend but it was all **Abbotsford United U21** in a 7-2 thumping of their counterparts, **Surrey United Elite U21**. **Roshan Gosal**, who has spent most of the season with Abby's UPL side, made a cameo appearance for the U21s and bagged four goals which accounts for just under half of the team's goal total for the year!

Nobody was able to take advantage of **Aldergrove United Lighting** slipping up atop of **Division 2A** after their 3-3 draw with **Fraser Valley Blue Devils**. Closest challengers **Mission SC A** were overturned 2-1 by **Westcoast Black Knights** and the Maple Ridge side now sit in second place along with **Abbotsford United B** who took care of business with a 3-0 over **Chilliwack FC Reserves**; but both teams are five points back of the Lightning. Over in **Division 2B**, our Match of the Week was won 2-0 by **Surrey United SC** away to **Abbotsford SA Red Devils** on Friday night. It was a bit ugly through the first half as both teams struggled to connect through midfield, but second half goals courtesy of **Mitchell Brazingha** and **Mandela Mutabazi** lifted United to the win. That result, combined with Port Moody Lordco Gunners II surprising 2-1 loss to last placed **Westcoast Rowdies**, means Surrey are now top of the table. Elsewhere in 2B, **Langley Sparta** got a much needed 3-1 win over **Temple United FC** despite having **Jordan Hart** sent off. It was a spicy affair with five yellow cards also dished out. Temple's inability to capitalize on the man power advantage means they remain winless on the season and now sit bottom of the table.

There is now only one remaining perfect record in the whole of the FVSL and it belongs to **Langley City FC** in **Division 3B**. City knocked off their latest challenger, the still without a point **Coastal FC United**, by a 4-0 margin. **Jonas Sandison** and **Jesse Verseveldt** each had a pair of goals in the match. Langley City now have a comfortable five point lead atop the table after their nearest challengers, **Langley United Impact**, lost to the third Langley side in the group, **Langley United C**, 2-1. It is a similar story in **Division 3A** as **SAFC Hawks** are enjoying a six point cushion in first place after their 4-0 win over **Westcoast FC Celtic**. Nearest rivals **PoCo FC Rockets** were overturned 2-1 at the hands of **Westcoast FC Strikers** who now move into a tie for second place with the Rockets.

The resurgence continues for **Port Moody Rangers** in **Masters Premier** who pumped four past **South Surrey FC** in a 4-1 win. That vaults them into third place while **Delta United** slump to fifth after being on the wrong end of another entertaining, goal filled game. It was a 3-2 loss this week, this time at the hands of **Surrey United SC A**, who sit top of the league. All three of Delta's losses this season have come



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by just a single marker and the three matches have seen a combined 17 goals scored between the teams. It is never fun to lose, but if you have to, at least they are putting on a show in the process. There were ten different goal scorers across Master Prem this weekend, but none of them came from **North Delta SC Rangers** or **Temple United FC A** who rounded out the division with a 0-0 draw.

A pair of top-of-the-table clashes are on the cards this weekend as the top teams in **Masters Division 1** and **Masters Division 2** square off. In MD1 **Fraser Valley Players** and the league's best offense, featuring the leading scorer across the whole of FVSL, **Brian Scrivens**, host the division best defense in **Surrey United SC B**. The two sides are knotted atop the table on 13 points apiece. Elsewhere, MD2 has first placed **Guildford FC Pacific Utd.** hosting second place **White Rock United**, who sit just a point below them in the standings. Should be some good footy. Meanwhile, **Division 4** underwent a self-correction this past weekend after exploding for an overflow of goals during the prior weeks. **Port Moody Gunners U21** against **Westcoast FC Juventus** and **Port Moody Grizzlies** versus **PoCo FC Pacific** both ended in 0-0 ties, while scoring was down across the division this week. One outlier was **Westcoast FC Four** clawing back some of the goal difference they surrendered last weekend with a 7-0 of clubmates **Westcoast Dudes**. Surely Division 4 will try and get back to entertaining us all with their goals this week!

## MATCH OF THE WEEK

We head to Division 1 this week and SAFC Red Bulls host defending champions North Delta SC. North Delta come into this game with just one point to show for their previous two outings. This represents close to a full-blown crisis for a team that won the league fairly comfortably last term and, until two weeks ago, was sitting on a 100% record to start the year. Could it be injuries? A string of bad bounces? Tough to say really as North Delta declined to comment ahead of what is now looking like a very crucial fixture. SAFC (Sullivan Athletic), who have played the same number of games as ND, can overtake them with a win and, depending on other results, find themselves alone in second place. In fact, if everything were to go against them, North Delta could fall as far as sixth.

Red Bulls manager Brock Dybhavn is expecting an intense game from a local side they know well, despite the fact that this is the first ever formal meeting between these two sides at this level. There are "many familiar faces on each team" said Dybhavn, "I'm sure it'll be a barn burner to watch." SAFC have gotten off to a strong start thanks in large parts to the consistent performances being turned in week in and week out by Joseph MacDonald and Sean Mackay. Their tireless work has help Red Bulls to the best defensive record in the league through seven weeks. Offensively, SAFC are set for an injury boost as the creative Bryan Barahona is set to return after a pre-season injury kept him sidelined for the early part of the campaign. Sullivan will be looking for Barahona to help spark an offense that has been held to a single goal or less in four of its six outings this year. Both teams will know what is at stake coming into this one; manager Dybhavn put it this way: "With a big three points up for grabs and second overall in the division at stakes it'll be a match that means a lot to both sides early in the year."

**SAFC Red Bulls vs. North Delta SC goes Sunday evening at Hjorth Turf #2, kick off is 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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