



Fraser Valley Soccer League



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



LEAGUEBULLETINS:

A reminder that this weekend, in solemn acknowledgement of Remembrance Day, all matches will observe a minute's silence prior to kick off in respect for those who have given their lives so that we may enjoy opportunities such as this to play football among friends in peace. Furthermore, the league would like to take this opportunity to join with the larger footballing community as a whole in offering our condolences to the families and all those involved at Leicester City Football Club who are still grieving the loss of their owner, Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha, and four others following a tragic helicopter crash on October 27.

Also this week, the league would also like to advise teams once more that abuse towards match officials will not be tolerated throughout the FVSL. Referees have been given an express directive to strictly enforce, via sanctions in game (ie cards) and with reports following matches, any and all cases of unacceptable behaviour from players, team officials or spectators. This is not an issue the league takes in any way lightly and teams can expect heavy punishments for any parties reported to be crossing the line with their conduct towards officials. While it is understood that conflict and differing opinions are an inevitable part of our sport, all parties are urged to remember to conduct themselves in a respectful manner when dealing with opponents and league officials.

Back to the action on the pitch; it was a return to regularly scheduled programming in the **Umbro Premier League** for Week 9, with all four matches going off without a hitch. Some eye-catching results saw reversals of recent form for a pair of teams and some space begin to emerge at both the top and bottom ends of the table. To find out just exactly how this all went down, you need only go to our [UPLReview](#) for all the details!

Over in **Division 1** it was yet another slip-up for defending champions **North Delta SC** as they were held to a 2-2 draw by **Port Moody Gunners B**. This allowed **Westcoast FC United** to once more consolidate their position on top of the table, though it was perhaps less straight forward that they would have expected against second bottom **Abbotsford United U21**. The Abby young guns gave a good account of themselves in a 3-2 loss, with Westcoast once more having the division's leading goal scorer **Connor Hoekstra** to thank as his goal lifted his total to 11 for the season through nine games. **TWU Spartans B** continued their recent resurgence as the Langley based side have won three straight and are unbeaten over their last five matches after starting the season with just a single point from their opening three games. This week they were on the right side of the high score of the week when they defeated **SAFC Red Bulls**, 6-4, in a wild one! **Sebastian Wingfield** was the hat trick hero for the Spartans, for the second time this season, as he climbed up the goal charts lifting his tally for the year to nine. Wingfield and his teammates were able to nullify a brace for **Sho MacDonald** and hand SAFC back to back losses the first time this season, while the win lifted TWU into third place.

A feisty match dominated the headlines in **Division 2A** this week. **Westcoast Black Knights** scored the 1-0 win over **Fraser Valley Blue Devils**, but the game threatened to boil over entirely during a late game incident that



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saw a pair of red cards to go along with four yellows. It was much more straight forward at the top of the table where **Aldergrove United Lightning** cruised to a 3-1 win over last placed **Chilliwack FC Reserves** to maintain their lead atop the group. Second place **Abbotsford United B** kept the gap to just five points at the top with a 5-0 thrashing of **Port Moody Lordco Gunners IL**. It was double Sekhon trouble for the Gunners in this one, as Abbotsford's **Justin Sekhon** had a hat trick while **Sangeet Singh Sekhon** added a brace. **Division 2B** leaders **Surrey United SC** had a surprise wobble, drawing 3-3 with second bottom **Temple United FC**. It was all systems go for Surrey who staked themselves to a three-goal lead, only to throw it all away. **Karan Sarao** had a brace for Temple who scored three times over the final 25 minutes to earn a share of the spoils. Title challengers **Abbotsford SA Red Devils** were almost unable to take advantage of Surrey's capitulation, but ended up finding a way in their 4-3 win over **Langley United Dynamo**. The results shave Surrey's lead atop the table to just three points.

Our weekly check in on the lone perfect record in the FVSL sees us find **Division 3B** leaders **Langley City FC** continuing to cruise along. It was perhaps a little close for comfort this week though, as City only posted a 2-1 win over local rivals **Langley United C**; it was second leading scorer **Jesse Verseveldt** who had a brace in this one to secure his team their ninth win in a row to start the campaign. Speaking of goal scorers, there is a new leader atop the divisions goal scoring charts and it is **Brody Stratford** from **Division 3A**. Stratford had a hat trick for his side **Guildford FC Blues** in their 4-4 tie with **Langley FC Benders**; his fifth tally over the past two weeks! **SAFC Hawks** remain on top of 3A after their 1-0 win over struggling **PoCo FC Unicorns**. **Liam Priddy** was the only one able to put the ball across the line in this one, with his third goal of the season proving to be the difference.

The Match of the Week went the way of **North Delta SC Rangers** as they got the best of long-time rivals **Surrey United SC A** in **Masters Premier**. It ended up being a relatively straightforward 3-0 win, though, for North Delta, this was a much needed win to keep the table nicely congested at the top after their own slow start to the season. **Kevan Gaul** had a pair of goals to keep pace in the Golden Boot race, while **Jamie Fiddler** opened his account for the season to round out the scoring. **Port Moody Rangers** completed their journey from the bottom of the table to the top as they recorded their fourth win in a row, this time a 4-0 victory over **Temple United FC A**, and moved into first place on 15 points. **Venny Atwell** had a brace for the second consecutive week in the win, which keeps him level with Gaul on seven goals for the season, tied for the league lead. There is now just two points separating first from fourth in the table. A **Sean Kelly** goal snapped a five game winless skid for **Delta United** as they beat **South Surrey FC** 1-0. Delta will hope this can be a catalyst for them to climb back up the table and into the conversation for Provincial Cup berths, after them and South Surrey were cut adrift from the pack.

Elsewhere, **Division 4**, which has come to be known for its free-scoring matches, will have caught the leagues attention for another reason this week. No, we are not refereeing to the distinctly "non-Div. 4" pair of 0-0 draws between **Westcoast FC Black Sheep** and **Westcoast FC Champagne** along with **WRU Cloverdale FC** and **Langley Utd Studs**. Instead it is the two much disciplined matches that the league will no doubt be looking into. **Team Korea FC** returned to their high scoring ways with a 5-1 win over **Westcoast FC Juventus** with **Seungjin Kim** notching another hat trick to stretch his lead atop the Division 4 scoring charts. It should be noted that **Lawrence Kabila**, from 4B leader's **Wakanda FC** is doing his level best to reel Kim in, as he had a brace for a third week running in Wakanda's 5-0 win over **North Delta SC United SJ**. However, instead of Korea's game being remembered for Kim picking up the match ball, the contest was marred by three sendings off and a further six yellow cards. Meanwhile, the 2-2 draw between **Aldergrove Utd Rovers** and **Latinos FC** had a pair of red cards to go with three more yellows of their own. It would seem likely that there will be more than just a few fines coming out of these games.



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MATCHOFTHEWEEK

We check back in on Division 2A this week where second place Abbotsford United B hosts third place Mission SC A. Abbotsford are unbeaten since losing their first two games of the season and come into this one on the back of three straight wins. More impressively, Abby have not allowed a goal against for an entire month; the last time they conceded was back on October 5 in a 2-2 draw with Fraser Valley Blue Devils. United boast easily the best defensive record in all Division 2 and one of the tops across the whole of the FVSL. No surprise then that goalkeeper Arturo Ortiz Silva leads the league in clean sheets with five already, through nine games. Abbotsford are also the only team to beat league leaders Aldergrove Lightning, which they will likely need to do again if they hope to reel them in for first place.

Mission and manager Dan Hill are very aware of Abby's credentials and know that, if they are to give themselves any sort of chance in this one, they will need to tidy up their own defending. "Recently we haven't been at our best defensively" said Hill "but have been working hard to rectify our mistakes after giving up seven goals in the last two games, more than Abbotsford have allowed all year." Mission will be relying on Freddy Boserup, who has been excellent all season long, and Kenny Larmour to continue with their recent strong performances. On the other side of the ball, Hill knows his side will need to find a way to contain Abbotsford's potent attack containing former FVSL All-Star, Justin Sekhon. That being said, it is Hill himself who leads the Division 2 Golden Boot race at the moment and he is confident that either him or one of his teammates will be able to find a goal in this one meaning it will come down to Mission to "be stingy to them at the other end." Abby took the first meeting between the two sides 2-1 back in late September.

Abbotsford United B vs. Mission SC A goes Saturday night at Mouat Turf #3, kickoff 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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