



Fraser Valley Soccer League



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

Things were all tied up in the **Umbro Premier League** during Week 8, including not just the teams but the fields as well. Only three of the four scheduled matches were able to be played this week, but all three provided interesting storylines. We are into the second round of fixtures in the UPL, so be sure to check out our [UPL Review](#) for a recap of how the first rematches of the season played out!

The top of the table in **Division 1** is turning out to be somewhat of a curse as, after taking control of it last week, **Westcoast FC United** surrendered their power over it with a 3-1 loss to **Langley United B**. Westcoast will no doubt rue the sending off for **Jake Vendramin** in this one which saw them finish the match at a manpower disadvantage. **Kris Robazza** had a goal in the win for Langley to take his total to eight for the season and try and close the gap on the league leader from Westcoast, **Connor Hoekstra**. However, Hoekstra had the lone tally for the Maple Ridge side, moving him to 11 on the year, and leaving Robazza to have to settle for just the three points. The loss for Westcoast means defending champions **North Delta SC**, who won our Match of the Week 1-0 over **SAFC Redbulls** thanks to an **Ivan Siebel** marker, now have their fate once more in their own hands, as they have a game to make up on United. **TWU Spartans B** climbed into the top half of the table after winning back to back matches for the first time this season thanks in large part to a hat trick from **Pedro Paz Duarte** in their 4-2 win over **PoCo FC Royals**. Meanwhile, **Langley FC** earned their first win of the season, coming out on the right side of a barn-burner with **Port Moody Gunners B**; winning it 4-3 and there was a hat trick in this match as well, scored by Langley's **Jerome Lou**.

Things are much more straight forward on top of the two groups in **Division 2**, with both leaders extending the gap between themselves and the field. In 2A **Aldergrove United Lightning** beat one of the teams sitting in second place, **Westcoast FC Black Knights**, 3-0, meaning now only **Abbotsford United B** are within five post of first place. Abby kept pace, so to speak, with a 2-0 win over last place **Port Moody Titans**. Also in 2A, there was a goal-fest between **Chilliwack FC Reserves** and **Mission SC A** with Mission striking the decisive blow, ultimately emerging with a 5-4 victory. There were eight different goal scores, with only Mission's **Dan Hill** bagging a brace, and each side blew a two-goal lead before the visitors found a winner. Given the extra effort put in by both teams, you would almost have thought there was more than just the three points on the line in this one! In 2B, leaders **Surrey United SC** knocked off second place **Port Moody Lordco Gunners IL** 2-1 and stretched their lead atop the table to four points. Elsewhere, **Langley United Dynamo** avenged their 2-0 Week 1 loss to rivals **Langley United Sparta** by flipping the script and emerging with their own 2-0 victory this time around.

The high score of the week came in **Division 3B** where second place **Langley United B** thumped second bottom **CCB Westside United** 12-1. It was four goals for **Jeremy Amberg**, a hat trick for **Grant Gilbert** and a pair for **Jason O'Hara** that accounted for the bulk of the offense for Langley. They remain six points back of local rivals **Langley City FC** however, as City maintained their perfect record with a 4-0 win over **North Delta SC 91s**. **SAFC Hawks** kept the status quo in **Division 3A**, easing past bottom side **TWU Spartans C** by a 2-0 margin, despite **Arshdeep Sidhu** being sent off. TWU remains without a point through eight games of the season. SAFC remain six points clear of both **Westcoast FC Strikers** and **PoCo FC Rockets** who had 2-0 and 3-1 wins over **PoCo FC Unicorns** and **PoCo FC Rangers** respectively.

It is now three wins in a row for **Port Moody Rangers** in **Masters Premier**, as they beat league leaders **Surrey United SC A** 4-2. One time leaders **Delta United** have slumped to three straight losses. An injury time marker from **Murray Hurlbert** gave **North Delta SC Rangers** all three points in their visit to Delta on



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Friday night. **South Surrey FC** lost as well this week, 3-2 at the hands of **Temple United FC A**, which leaves South Surrey and Delta cut adrift from the top four teams who are separated by just four points.

The top of the table showdown in **Masters Division 1** that we told you about last week went the way of **Surrey United FC B**, as they handed **Fraser Valley Players FC** their first loss of the season with a 4-2 reversal and staked themselves to a three point lead atop the table. Perhaps it was no surprise that Surrey's jack of all trades **Taki Vohalis** was on target in this one, along with a brace for **Kelly Bey**. Divisional and league wide goal scoring leader **Brian Scrivens** was held to a lone goal in reply for Fraser Valley. Meanwhile, the **Masters Division 2** clash at the top was won by **Guildford FC Pacific United** who held off second place **White Rock United** with an emphatic 4-1 win. Guildford got goals from four different scorers and now enjoy a four point lead in first place.

So far this season, **Division 4** has become known for their big score lines. This week however, while they did not have the most goals in a game, they did have the most cards. The match between 4B leaders **Wakanda FC** and **Abbotsford Phoenix FC** was won 3-0 by Wakanda, but saw three dismissals and a further eight cautions, so you can bet the league will be taking a closer look at this one. Meanwhile, in 4A **Team Korea FC**, who had been indiscriminate in doling out the pummelings in recent weeks, were served up a taste of their own medicine when **Westcoast FC Champagne** torched them 7-2 last weekend. **William-Alexander McMillan**, **Paul Nagra** and **Antonio Novak** all had braces while **Matt Mosterd** added his first of the season to go some way towards equalizing Korea's goal difference.

MATCH OF THE WEEK

We head over to check in on Masters Premier this week for a match up of old rivals in every sense of the term. North Delta SC Rangers host the familiar faces of Surrey United SC A on Friday night. Things have suddenly tightened up once more at the top in Masters Prem after Surrey had enjoyed some room at the top over recent weeks. North Delta have made a rather slow start to the season by their standards, but a last-minute win over Delta United last time out win have likely provided some much needed relief in their camp. The big issue for Rangers is the fact that talisman and perennial Golden Boot candidate Kevan Gull accounts for a disproportionate portion of their offense, having scored five of the teams 10 goals so far this year. Fortunately for ND, long time goalkeeper Ian Johnston is among the league leaders in clean sheets, so, more often than not, a lone tally from Gull, or anyone else, can be enough.

In fact, it was a lone marker that separated these two sides when they first met back in September. On this occasion, however, it was an injury time goal for Surrey that made the difference on the day. There are no secrets between Surrey and North Delta as these sides have been battling it out since dinosaurs roamed these lands and most of the Surrey contingent played under the Coastal banner. The ageless John Collins and Steve Crocker will be set for yet another titanic clash with their counterparts from further down Highway 10. Neither team has given up goals very readily to the point of the season, so look for another tight match between the sides. Perhaps some more last-minute drama will be needed! **North Delta SC Rangers vs. Surrey United SC A goes Friday Night at Delsom Turf, kickoff 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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