



Fraser Valley Soccer League



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

Things got even tighter this week in the **Umbro Premier League** after both of the top two teams slipped up. Everything was nip and tuck this week with the points becoming harder and harder to come by as we close in on the final third of the season. Just how close is it? Head over to our [UPLReview](#) to find out!

Our Match of the Week saw **TWU Spartans B** keep their blistering hot form up in **Division 1** with a massive 3-2 victory over **Westcoast FC United**. TWU got goals from **Jordyn Field** and **Andrew Samuel** while one of their big goal threats, **Pedro Duarte**, also notched his eighth of the season. It was Golden Boot leader **Connor Hoekstra** who had both goals in reply for Westcoast, but his teammates were not able to help him supply the offense necessary to get anything out of this match. The result sees Spartans vault United, into second place. **North Delta SC** were unable to capitalize on their closest challengers coming into the weekend, Westcoast, dropping points, as they were held to a 1-1 by **Langley United B**. This means the gap at the top is a razor thin one point! While it may not have been pretty, but **Surrey United Elite U21** finally earned their first point of the season with a 0-0 draw against **Port Moody Gunners B**. They will need to find a way to start putting up wins if they are going to have any hope of staying at this level, but a point and a clean sheet are a good start.

It is pretty much down to a two horse race in **Division 2B** where third place **Langley United Dynamo** lost 3-2 to second place **Surrey United SC** last weekend. Impressively, **Tyler Walters** scored all three goals for Surrey in the match, making it hat tricks in back to back weeks for Walters. The loss means Dynamo are fully 10 points back of league leaders **Abbotsford SA Red Devils**. The Red Devils maintained their two point edge over chasing Surrey by cruising past last place **Westcoast Rowdies** 4-1. This sets up a titanic clash with the top two going head to head this coming weekend. It looks to be a two team affair at the bottom of 2B as well, with Rowdies looking like they will battle **Temple United FC** to stay in the league. Temple mucked out what could prove to be a crucial point in a 1-1 draw with **Port Moody Lordco Gunners IL**. It was a battle of ill-disciplined teams as both sides have several players suspended at the minute. Perhaps predictably this game would add to that list with Temple's **Talvin Benning** being sent off! Over in **Division 2A** it is closer to a three way race, with **Mission SC A** hovering six points back in third after they drubbed last place **Fraser Valley Blue Devils** 8-1. First place is once again occupied alone by **Aldergrove United Lightning** who beat **Langley United Sparta** 2-1 to take a two point lead over **Abbotsford United B**. After reeling in Aldy at the top, Abby immediately relinquished their share of top spot when they could only manage a 1-1 draw with **Westcoast Black Knights**.

There was a major breakthrough in **Division 3A** as **TWU Spartans C** earned their first points and first win of the campaign when they delivered a 4-3 win on the weekend. Even more impressively, it came at the expense of second place **Westcoast FC Strikers**. TWU only have three players who have scored goals this season and they have only netted 13 goals as a team. **Richard Enns** accounts for eight of those 13 and he had a brace in their win while **Yusuke Motohashi** had the other two goals, tripling his personal output to date. The shock result was music to the ears of first place **SAFC Hawks** who saw their lead at the top increased to 11 points as they notched a 2-1 win over **PoCo FC Rockets**. In **Division 3B** it was straight back to winning ways for league leaders **Langley City FC** after they surrendered their perfect record in their previous outing. City beat **LOS FC** 2-0, but their local rivals **Langley United Impact** are hot on their heels after coming out on the right side of this weekend's high score. The Impact won 6-3 over **CCB Eagles** thanks to **Jeremy Amberg** and **Paul Atwell** both having braces; **Pavneet Singh** had a hat trick in a losing effort for the Eagles. There must have been something in the water out at CCB this weekend though because there was also a hat trick, this time in a winning effort, in the 3-1 victory **CCB Westside United** recorded over last place **Coastal FC United**. It was **Jairo Rogriguez** who took home the match ball after notching all three goals in his team's first win of the season.

There was a postponement in **Masters Premier** this week as **Temple United FC A** against **North Delta SC Rangers** was unable to go ahead. In the games that went ahead, the top two beat the bottom two to keep the



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table status quo. The Crockers were too much for **Delta United** to handle with **Simon Crocker** notching a brace while **Sean Crocker** added another in a 5-1 win for first place **Surrey United SC A**. Meanwhile, after back to back draws, **Port Moody Rangers** exploded for a 6-0 win over last place **South Surrey FC**. South Surrey contributed to their own downfall by having **Jay Lee** being sent off in that one. Could there potentially be a new face in Masters Premier next season though? Promotion and relegation in Masters is never straight forward, but **Fraser Valley Players** continue to lead the way in **Masters Division 1** following a 1-0 win over **Westcoast FC Milan** and boast the top scorer across the whole FVSL among their ranks in **Brian Scrivens**. In a rarity, Scrivens was not on target this week as the decisive goal for the Players came courtesy of **Eric Pegura**. Elsewhere, in the **Over 45 Division** it is **Aldergrove United** in pole position to capture the inaugural title. United thumped last place **Port Moody Brewers** 7-0 with **Matt Borck** registering a hat trick in the victory.

Of course, if we are discussing hat tricks, **Division 4** is all but certain to have some to add to the conversation and this week was no exception. There were a pair of players scooping up the match ball post game, both from 4B. First, on Saturday, **Kole Kramer** had three in a 5-0 win for **WRU Cloverdale FC** over **Latinos FC**. Then Sunday, **Abbotsford Phoenix FC** beat **Langley United Rangers** 6-3 thanks in part to leading scorer **Brandon Knoll** putting up his eighth, ninth and tenth goals of the season. He is still well back of the league lead in goals though, currently 17 is the mark held by co-leaders **Brian Noga** and **Tyler Carlson**. Carlson was kept off the scoresheet as his **Westcoast FC Misfits** lost their first place clash with rivals **Westcoast FC Juventus** 3-0. Noga was on target with a brace though in a 3-1 **Bradner Redshirts** win over **Langley United Studs**.

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It is another top of the table clash this week in Masters Premier with Port Moody Rangers and Surrey United SC A set for round three. First place Surrey knicked a late draw in the first meeting between this two back in Week 2, but it was a different story entirely in their second meeting. Port Moody took the boots to United winning 4-2, clinching them the season series. It is Surrey though leading the way at the moment in the table which, ultimately, is the only stat that counts. Port Moody sit just three points back though and will be keen to pull level with a win this week. As is often the case at this level, both teams have roster concerns, but Port Moody manager Dave Fletcher knows how important this game is saying that, regardless, saying “we know we need the three points if we are to try and win the league.”

Surrey are aware of the importance as well, with captain John Collins chalking up the lopsided loss last time around to tactical mistakes for Surrey conceding that “[Coach Dave] Hleucka was totally out coached by Fletcher last meeting. Hopefully Surrey United Will be better prepared this match.” For his part, Hleucka was quick to complement the opposition. “They’re loaded with pace,” he said “and if we don’t have the right personnel in the right places we have struggled in the past containing them.” Hleucka seems to have a game plan this time around however, not that “keeping a keen eye on Omari Aldridge and Jeff Rodgers will be the task one this week.” Perhaps this better preparation will lead to a better result for Surrey this time around!

Port Moody Rangers vs. Surrey United SC goes Friday night at Trasolini Turf; kickoff 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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