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

Another week, another different team leading the way in the **Umbro Premier League**. It is shaping up to be quite the title race this season and there is another host of great matches on the docket this week. All the points are so important even with months to go in the league race given that only five teams can qualify for the Provincial Cup. Our [UPLReview](#) has all the information of who is positioned where, who is hot and who needs to get their act together. Plus there was a first UPL win for one side this week and we have those details as well!

There was an early start to **Division 1** this week with **TWU Spartans B** defeating **Port Moody Gunners B** 2-1 on Thursday night. This was followed up by a pair of big score lines on Friday night with **Henry Cromack** registering a hatrick and **Joshua Bandal** adding two more for **TSS FC Rovers II** in their 6-0 win over **Langley FC**. That result was outdone though by **Chilliwack FC** when **Malcolm Stafford** scored four and **Matthew Point** notched a brace in their 7-0 trouncing of **Abbotsford United U21**. Not to be outdone, **Coastal FC B** put up a 9-0 result over last place **North Surrey Mustangs** on Saturday; **Mandeep Sara** had a hatrick with six others getting on the scoresheet as well. The individual exploits did not end there either as **Brody Thomas** continued his seemingly irresistible run of form for **Langley United B** and Langley in general. After once again scoring for their UPL side, Thomas put up four goals in an important 5-2 win over **Port Moody Piranhas** that keeps Langley on top of the table and move Thomas into a three goal lead atop the Golden Boot standings. The other match in the division saw **Juba FC** continuing to get their feet under them at this level as they put up a third straight win, overturning defending champions **North Delta SC NEWWAY** 2-1 thanks to a brace from leading scorer **Geoffrey Bringi**.

Our Match of the Week came from **Division 2B** and it lived up to the billing and then some. **Langley United Dragons U21** hosted **Abbotsford SA Red Devils** and when the dust finally settled the match ended in a 5-5 tie. That was only part of the story though, as there were four lead changes and a number of great saves by both keepers to prevent the score from climbing even higher. Dango's manager Herv Bezjak described it as "for a neutral would have been great viewing!" Leading scorer **Htoo Eh Htoo** had a goal for Langley as well as a goal for Abbotsford when he put one in his own net while his twin brother **Say Eh Say** had the only brace of the night with Abbotsford's other goals all coming from different scorers. Ultimately, that result was great for title rivals **Langley United Dynamo** and **Surrey United SC**, who were able to put some distance between themselves and those two sides by picking up wins. Dynamo needed a first goal of the season for **Nick Geoheli** and a first clean sheet of the year from **Bryan Roman** in a narrow 1-0 win over SAFC Hawks while Surrey were much more straightforward winners, 3-1, over **Whalley Wakanda A** thanks to a pair of goals from **Krisztian Turcsanyi**. In **Division 2A** things were perhaps not quite as breathtaking, but there was still a very important 3-0 win for leaders **Abbotsford United B** over challengers **Mission SC A**. A win would have seen Mission overtake Abby for top spot, but a brace from **Tej Paul Kullar** and a league leading fourth clean sheet by **Arturo Ortiz Silva** ensured that did not happen. A 3-0 win as well for **Westcoast FC United** over **PoCo FC Royals** in a battle of two teams that came down from Division 1 this season has Westcoast quietly into second place and a chance at promotion.

Most of the top sides in **Division 3A** held serve and won this week, meaning that the picture remains almost essentially the same at the top with **Tri City FC** leading the way following a 2-1 success against **PoCo FC Rockets**. Still just one point behind them are recently relegated **Westcoast FC Rowdies** who took their chance against bottom side **TWU Spartans C** to put up a 7-0 win and, despite having played a game more than the other top sides, **Westcoast FC Juventus** remain in the conversation after a 3-1 defeat of clubmates **Westcoast FC Strikers A**. That will end a three match losing streak for newly promoted Juventus. Their key result, however, was **Langley United Highlanders** winning the derby match against **Langley United Impact** 3-2 in a meeting between two sides in the top five, both eyeing the league title. Over in **Division 3B** though it was the opposite story with both the top teams losing, allowing the field to close the gap. **Alex Dubon** had the only goal as **LOS FC** stunned **Fraser Valley Blue Devils** 1-0 in a result that dents the recently relegated side's hopes of going straight back up. Fortunately for the Blue Devils, first place **BCT Punjab FC** also lost as they were beaten 4-2 by **Ladner FC** courtesy



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of a **Mackenzie Connors** brace. So while it was a case of no harm no foul in the race between the top two, Ladner are now on 15 points and just four back of first place themselves. Also on 15 points are **North Delta SC Titans**, who overcame a hattrick by **Diljot Singh** for **BCT Westside United** to win 4-3 at the weekend. **Deevesh Chundungsing** made the difference as he scored a pair of goals in the win as Titans now get ready to face Ladner this weekend, with both sides no doubt keen to remain relevant in the title race!

The Masters Divisions had the long weekend off with the exception of **Stolo Braves** and **South Surrey FC B** making up their postponed Week 2 match in **Masters Division 2**. SSFC emerged at 3-2 winner in that game with **Shaun Duffy** notching a brace in the win. Fortunately, there was still a full slate of **Division 4** fixtures to keep us amused. 4A looks to be a three team race with **Westcoast FC Misfits** putting the pieces together to hold leaders **Port Moody Grizzlies** to a 2-2 draw. This is only the second time Grizzlies have dropped points this season as they remain undefeated. The draw allowed second place **Sts'Ailes Chiefs** to claw back some of the ground they had recently lost following a sparkling 4-3 win over **Westcoast FC Champagne**. Golden Boot leader **Brent Durie** was up to his usual tricks, netting a brace in the win. Even better for Durie, his nearest rival, **Jason Brand**, was held off the scoresheet in a 5-3 barnburner that Brand's **North Delta SC United SJ** came out on the wrong end of against **Latin Strikers FC**. That win moves Strikers level with SJ on 18 points and into the thick of a very competitive 4B title race. A 2-2 draw for **Offside FC** against **Whalley Wakanda B** kept them onside as league leaders, but only just, as they have played a game more than the four teams immediately behind them.

MATCHOFTHEWEEK

We head to Masters Division 1 where we find the lone remaining perfect side in the FVSL, Port Moody Rangers. This week the Rangers host a familiar foe, and another team in the upper echelons of the MD1 table, North Delta SC Rangers A. Port Moody are an immaculate 7-0-0 so far this season, but North Delta are undefeated as well, with only a pair of draws to tarnish their record. Last season Port Moody had the better of the three meetings between the teams, taking seven of nine points off of North Delta on route to a second place finish. Moody are looking to go one better this season and have a clear focus going into this match. "We feel this game will go a long way in determining who wins the league" said manager David Fletcher, "that has been our goal this year, so I know my guys will be ready to go when the game starts." Indeed a win this week would open up a seven point gap for PoMo over North Delta, potentially making it a two horse race at the top of the league between themselves and Chilliwack, while a loss would reduce their lead to just one point.

Both these sides are dominating the division statistically. Port Moody's Venny Atwell leads the league with 11 goals, but perennial goal threat Kevan Gull is right behind him with nine goals for North Delta. Delta have three other players inside the top six of league scoring while Port Moody have spread the rest of their league best 43 goals for throughout their lineup. These teams also get it done at the back with goalkeepers Geoff Ayi-Bonte and Graham Baskott combining for six clean sheets for the Tri-Cities outfit, while Robert McCaul has four to his name for North Delta. "We are looking forward to this game, it's the one we have been waiting for" says Fletcher. "Our team hasn't hit top form yet this year and we will be coming out ready to go on Friday. North delta has always given us a battle and we expect them to give us a great game."

Port Moody Rangers vs. North Delta SC Rangers A 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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