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

Things in the **Umbro Premier League** continue to be about as predictable as next week's lottery numbers. There are new co-leaders once again this week, while the middle of the table is so congested you would have a better time getting through the traffic on a Friday afternoon on Highway 1 when there is an accident on the Port Mann. Want less metaphors and more concrete details on what is actually happening and where all the teams sit in the table? Then the place for you is our [UPL Review](#), it has all the answers!

It looked like there would be a free hit for **Division 1** leaders **Langley United B** this week against last place **North Surrey Mustangs** who remain without a point this season. Indeed it was as it finished 6-0 to Langley with **Jordan Field** scoring a brace as well as **Brody Thomas**, who once again also scored for Langley's UPL side this weekend, extending his Golden Boot lead and brings him up to 19 goals at the halfway point of the campaign. **Chilliwack FC** got an important 3-0 win over one time leaders **Port Moody Piranhas** to remain in second place, one point behind Langley. **Jonathon Vugteveen** recorded his fourth clean sheet of the year for Chilliwack in the win to make him the joint league leader in that department. The loss essentially finishes off Piranhas title hopes having now lost four games in a row and sitting nine points off the pace. It is looking like a three way race for the title this season between Langley, Chilliwack and **Coastal FC B** who beat two time defending champions **North Delta SC NEWWAY** 2-0 this week. Elsewhere, **TWU Spartans B** got braces from both **Noah Kroeker** and **Thomas Jackson** in a 4-2 win over **Juba FC** to halt Juba's winning streak at three games. **Abbotsford United U21** cruised to a 5-0 win over **Langley FC**, who continue to be in relegation trouble, while the other match in the division saw four different players on target as **TSS FC Rovers II** and **Port Moody Gunners B** split the points in a 2-2 draw.

All eight fixtures in **Division 2** this week resulted in clean sheets for one of the sides. The table also remained pretty much "as you were" with top sides for the most part beating bottom sides this weekend. The only upset came in 2A where a goal from **Dave Sambol** gave **Westcoast Black Knights** a 1-0 derby win over local rivals **Westcoast FC United**, dropping United out of second place at the expense of **Aldergrove United Lightning** who were 1-0 winners themselves over **Mission SC A** thanks to a tally by **Paul Kuik**. Those results really just helped **Abbotsford United B** rebuild their cushion at the top of the table which is back up to four points after they beat **Langley City FC** 4-0 with **Justin Sekhon** scoring a pair. In 2B all four of the top four won meaning there was no change in the title race whatsoever. **Surrey United SC** stayed on top with a 1-0 win over **TSS FC Rovers III U21**, as **Tyler Walters** notched the decisive tally. A **Cameron Whitters** hat trick led **Langley United Dynamo** in their 7-0 defeat of **WRU Vault FC** to keep them in second place and keep Whitters in the Golden Boot lead with 18 goals to his name. Third place **Abbotsford SA Red Devils** got two goals from **Liam Wilson** to help beat **Whalley Wakanda A** 4-0 while fourth place **Langley United Dragons U21** were 3-0 winners over **SAFC Hawks**.

The goals tumbled out of **Division 3** this weekend. In a result that has historians scouring record books, 3A promotion challengers **Langley United Impact** won 17-0 over last place **TWU Spartans C**. **Jordan Wells** scored three goals in this game, as many as TWU have as a team this season, while **Jeremy Amberg** had four and **Jason O'Hara** went one better still and banged in five goals. A main promotion rival, **Westcoast FC Rowdies**, also had an offensive outburst, beating **Port Moody Rangers U21** 7-1 with **Adam Strockbruegger** leading the charge and scoring four goals. However, **Tri City FC** still sit in first after a 3-0 defeat of **Westcoast FC Strikers A**. Faltering at the top this week were **Langley United Highlanders** who were held to a 2-2 draw by **PoCo FC Rockets**. There were goals as well in 3B, as leaders **BCT Punjab FC** hung a 6-0 thumping on **LOS FC** thanks to **Daljit Singh** playing hat-trick hero. In slightly less flashy, but still important, results second place **Fraser Valley Blue Devils** got a crucial goal from **Sah Moo** to post a 1-0 win over **North Delta SC 91s** and **North Delta SC Titans** rode the second clean sheet of the season for **Brad Damiano** to a 2-0 win over **Ladner FC** to take sole possession of third place.



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The Masters Divisions were back to work this week after enjoying a break for the long weekend and our Match of the Week came from **Masters 1**. It was a tight affair as expected between title rivals **Port Moody Rangers** and **North Delta SC Rangers A** but, in the end, Port Moody maintained their perfect start to the season making it eight wins from eight courtesy of a goal from **Graeme Magowan** in a 1-0 win. Port Moody are barreling towards a showdown with second place **Chilliwack Rapids** who remained undefeated themselves by beating **Abbotsford NATG Arsenal** 5-0 thanks in large part to four goals from **Craig Robinson**. Chilliwack and Port Moody are set to play on the final day before the winter break and it could have big implications for the season. Elsewhere **Oliver Vlek** scored all the goals in a 3-0 win for **PoCo FC Dominion** over **Langley FC Heat**. There was also a hattrick hero **Masters Division 2** with **Ken Laity** putting three past **North Delta SC Phoenix** in a 7-2 win for his **Westcoast FC Chargers**. Meanwhile, in the **Over 45 Division** there were no hattricks, but still a strong win for first place **Coastal FC Alumni** who got a brace of brace with **David Doubleday** and **George Lapa** both scoring a pair.

Of all the goal scorers this weekend though, one from **Division 4** stood apart. **Jason Brand** scored six goals for **North Delta SC United SJ** in their 8-1 hammering of **Langley United Studs**. That moved Brand onto 19 goals for the season which is what Golden Boot leader **Brent Durie** had coming into the weekend. He managed to stay atop the leader for now, however, scoring a goal in the 2-2 draw **Sts'Ailes Chiefs** had with **PoCo FC Pacific**. Sts'Ailes are embroiled in quite the promotion battle with **Westcoast FC Misfits** who had **Tyler Carlson** fit right into a hattrick their 5-1 defeat of **Westcoast FC Dons**. Both those teams continue to trail **Port Moody Grizzlies** but the gap closed when **Westcoast FC Champagne** put in a sparkling performance to beat the bears 2-0 in 4A. The 4B race is tight as well with SJ trying to catch new leaders **WRU Cloverdale FC** who overtook the idle **Offside FC** with their 2-0 win over **Aldergrove United** via goals from **Mitchell Kennedy** and **Kole Kramer**.

MATCH OF THE WEEK

This week we are checking in on the promotion race in Division 4B. With half the schedule played, WRU Cloverdale FC now lead Offside FC by two points at the top of the table heading into their showdown this weekend. When the sides met back in Week 1 it was unlikely that either new how critical those points could prove come the end of the season. On that day Offside were 2-1 winners and would surely take the same result again if offered to them as both sides will know exactly how valuable the result is this time around. Offside are led by Sean Meier and his six goals as well as solid goalkeeping from Gavin Gill.

For Cloverdale, they have balanced their goals throughout the lineup with several player having multiple goals on the season. Richard Thomsen and Kent Cooper lead the way but there is really no one key player for the opposition to key on, making them very dangerous going forward. WRU also boast the best defensive record in the league and they have kept five clean sheets. Goalkeeper Kenneth Colosie has three of those shutouts, but Cooper has stepped in when necessary to prove he is a man of many talents, keeping a pair of clean sheets in addition to his offensive exploits. That first week loss to Offside is Cloverdale's only reversal of the season as they have eight wins and a draw in their matches since then. Offside are in somewhat shaky form by their standards with only one win in their last three matches, so WRU will hope to be catching them at a perfect time!

Offside FC vs WRU Cloverdale FC goes Sunday night at Newton Athletic Park #3; 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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