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

Winter weather caught up with the **Umbro Premier League** this week, forcing a cancellation. Three matches went ahead as scheduled though, as well as an important mid-week fixture. There are plenty of make up games on the calendar over the next couple of weeks before the winter break in addition to regularly scheduled action so there is plenty of chances for teams to move up or down before the New Year. Check out the [UPL Review](#) for an update on who sits where, how they got there and what is coming up on the horizon!

Two of last season's top teams took on this year's current **Division 1** leaders with the results affecting the title race. Last year's champions, **North Delta SC NEWWAY** held challengers **Chilliwack FC** to a 0-0 draw, with North Delta's **Mathew Pereira** and Chilliwack's **Jonathon Vugteveen** posting shutouts. This allowed **Langley United B** to pick up two points on Chilliwack at the top of the table, but they were made to work for it in a 4-3 win over **TWU Spartans B**. No prizes for guessing that Langley's star man **Brody Thomas** was involved; he had a brace in the win to go along with the brace he scored in the UPL this week. The other results this weekend were fairly routine. Last place **North Surrey Mustangs** remained without a point after losing 4-0 to **Abbotsford United U21** and second bottom **Langley FC** were beaten 2-0 by **Port Moody Piranhas** as those two sides look destined for relegation, sitting over ten points back of safety. In a pair of mid-table clashes a clean sheet for **Zaid Mohammed** led **Coastal FC B** to a 2-0 victory over **TSS FC Rovers II** and **Juba FC** played **Port Moody Gunners B** to a 1-1 draw with goals from Juba's **Israel Akpan** and Port Moody's **Nima Samiei** cancelling each other out.

There were plenty of goals this week in **Division 2**, 43 in total, and that was even with **PoCo FC Royals** and **Abbotsford United B** being frozen out! With 2A leaders Abby not getting a game in, the rest of the field has the chance to, at least artificially, close the gap at the top. Second place **Aldergrove United Lighting** could not take advantage of the chance though, settling for a 2-2 draw with **Langley City FC**. This allowed **Mission SC A**, who beat **Westcoast Black Knights** 3-0 with **Dan Hill** notching a brace, to leapfrog them in the table as well as **Westcoast FC United**, who smashed **Surrey United Elite U21** 7-0 as **Josef Rebalkin** led the way with a hatrick. In 2B, **Langley United Dynamo** stayed in first place with an emphatic 8-1 defeat of **TSS FC Rovers III U21**. Golden Boot leader **Cam Whitters** only scored a single goal in the win, however, with **Hassan Malik** the hatrick hero on the night while **Doug McEachern** and **Ryan Peebles** chipped in with a pair each. A brace for **Say Eh Say** in our Match of the Week was not enough to earn **Langley United Dragons U21** any points as they fell off the pace at the top of the table, losing 3-2 to **Surrey United SC**. Three different scorers were on target in the win for Surrey, which keeps them just a point behind Dynamo. Also a point behind Dynamo are last season's winners **Abbotsford SA Red Devils**, after they overcame **Erik McDonald** scoring a brace for opponents **WRU Vault FC** to post a 4-3 win. **Whalley Wakanda A** chipped in to the weekend goal-fest as well with **Lawrence Kabila** hitting a hatrick and **Juan Villalba** adding a brace in their 7-1 clipping of last place **SAFC Hawks**.

The goals were not quite as plentiful in **Division 3**, though, in 3A, **TWU Spartans C** can usually be counted on to provide somebody with the chance to pad their stats. This week that was **Westcoast FC Strikers A**, but they only managed a 5-0 win that TWU will have to consider an improvement. The big individual output this week came from **Langley United C** who beat **LOS FC** 6-2 with **Nathan Dahl** scoring three, and the big team score was **Westcoast FC Rowdies** 10-0 win over **Mission SC B**. There were no hatrick heroes to be had in that match though, as **Joe Evans** and **Josip Feigelstock** had to settle for just two each. The win keeps the Rowdies comfortable on top of the table, although their chief promotion rivals, **Tri City FC**, were idle as part of one of the two games that were frozen out across the division. The top two sides in 3B both got their matches in this week, though perhaps **Fraser Valley Blue Devils** wish they had been able to reschedule. **Amritpal Singh** and **Sarabjit Singh** scored for **BCT Royals** as they held the Blue Devils to a 2-2 draw. This allowed fellow BCT side **BCT Punjab FC** to increase their lead atop the table to seven points when they beat **Guildford FC Blues** 2-0 thanks to goals from **Daljit Singh** and **Hershdeep Singh Dhaliwal**, along with a sixth clean sheet for **Gurwinder Singh Sandhu**.



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The beat marched on at the top of **Masters 1** this week with **Port Moody Rangers** making it a perfect ten wins from ten after a 3-0 success against **Aldergrove United Players A**. The jockeying around the top four is taking on increased importance with the league set to restructure the division in the New Year. **North Delta SC Rangers A** secured an important 4-1 win over **South Surrey FC A** thanks to two goals from **Junaid Rasheed**, keeping them on pace for a top four spot, while SSFC are now touch and go to make it. The big individual efforts this week, however, came in the other Masters groups. The **Over 45 Division** saw **Sean Ordogh** and **Kevin Snowdon** both with three for **Aldergrove United** in their 8-1 win over **Port Moody Brewers**, while, in **Masters 2**, all three of the goals for **Langley United** against **White Rock United** in a 3-1 win were by **Dal Milin**. Outshining them all, though, was **Brian Noga** from **Bradner Redshirts**, as he smashed in six goals in his side's 11-3 dismantling of **PoCo FC Hawks**. That effort gets Noga back on top of the Golden Boot race with 22 goals and moves him into a tie with Div. 2's Cam Whitters for the most goals by a player across the whole of the Fraser Valley Soccer League!

It all went right in **Division 4B** for leaders **WRU Cloverdale FC** the week. **Richard Thomsen** banged in a hatrick for them in their 4-1 win over **Latin Strikers**. Meanwhile their two closest title rivals, **Offside FC** and **North Delta SC United SJ** both dropped points. Offside were held to a 1-1 draw by **Fraser Valley Athletic** and SJ were edged 2-1 by **Whalley Wakanda B**. There was a cracker of a game in Division 4A with **Sts'Ailes Chiefs** eventually casting out **Westcoast FC Black Sheep** 4-3 as they look to keep pace with **Westcoast FC Misfits** and **Port Moody Grizzlies** at the top of that pool. Both those sides were also winners this week with the Grizzlies out punching **Westcoast FC Strikers B** to the tune of 4-1 while Misfits put it altogether in a 5-0 win over **PoCo FC Rangers**. Those three teams have completely separated themselves from the pack in 4A, not only when it comes to points, as they are more than ten clear of the rest of the teams, but also in scoring. Chiefs, Misfits and Grizzlies have combined for 142 goals between the three of them while the other seven teams have only scored 139 together!

MATCHOFTHEWEEK

We are checking in on Masters Division 2 this week where first place is on the line between South Surrey FC B and Bradner Redshirts. Both teams sit tied for top spot in 28 points with identical 9-1-1 records. For Bradner they are led by offensive juggernaut Brian Noga who leads the league with 22 goals so far this year. He is not alone though, as Gurbir Atwal and Ritchie Lang have chipped in with ten and nine goals respectively. The Redshirts also feature a potent combination at the back with Andy Appeldoorn and Zoltan Bertalan operating as a platoon between the sticks, each having recorded two clean sheets already this season.

For SSFC, goalkeeper Nickolas Chalioulis and his division leading three shutouts set the tone from the back, while up front Adel Negm spearheads the attack with seven goals to his name. South Surrey will be relying on Jonny Whittam to continue his string of top performances, and for him to live up to manager Stu Fraser's description of him as a "perennial MVP candidate," alongside "unsung hero" Trevor Foulds. The first encounter between these sides saw Brian Noga give Bradner the lead before SSFC roared back to win 5-1. This time around with Bradner's league best offense against South Surrey's league best defense it is shaping up to be a much tighter encounter. SSFC have a gameplan though, says Fraser. "Our team will continue to play our style of game with lots of possession and ability to score from different areas while being wary of the Bradner counter attack." **South Surrey FC B vs Bradner Redshirts goes Friday night at South Surrey Athletic Park #9 at 8:30pm.**

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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