



Fraser Valley Soccer League



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

The **Umbro Premier League** had plenty of action this week as there were six matches played with teams trying to make up matches postponed for Soccer City Cup play at the beginning of the season. There were also a whole host of goals scored this week in the top flight as well as some incredible individual performances. The best part? With six more games on the schedule this week, there is a decent chance it all happens again! For all the details on who played who, who is playing who and who played well, the [UPLReview](#) is the one stop shop.

The season of giving began early in **Division 1** when second place **Chilliwack FC** were handed the gift of leaders **Langley United B** dropping points in a 2-2 draw with **TSS FC Rovers II**. That meant Chilliwack could move within a point of top spot, which they did, though it was not a freebie, with the Eastern Valley boys only eking out a 3-2 win over **TWU Spartans B**. This leaves those two teams finely poised at the top with a head to head meeting still to come at the end of January. Elsewhere, **Juba FC** earned a 3-2 win over **Langley FC** despite having **Shukri Manzoul** sent off, while **Coastal FC B** got a first goal of the season from **Rizwan Rasheed**. It was not enough to beat **Port Moody Gunners B**, though, who saw **Nima Samiei** score for the second week in a row and the sides settled for a 1-1 draw. A pair of big scores on Sunday had **Port Moody Piranhas** beating basement dwellers **North Surrey Mustangs** 6-0 thanks to braces from **Jack Livesey** and **Josh Rogers**. Meanwhile, **Nikko Williams** led the way with a pair of goals for **North Delta SC NEWWAY** in their 7-2 defeat of **Abbotsford United U21**.

It was the final weekend of group play in **Division 2**, with crossover games set to begin this coming weekend. In 2A **Westcoast FC United** and **Mission SC A** traded body blows with Westcoast's **Ryan Cordoni** and Mission's **Dan Hill** exchanging braces. In the end Westcoast would edge it 4-3, but both sides remain behind leaders **Abbotsford United B**. Abby got a hattrick from **Justin Sekhon**, making him their third player to reach eleven goals so far this season along with **Sangeet Singh Sekhon** and **Tej Paul Kullar**, and United posted a 5-0 win over **Westcoast Black Nights**. At the bottom, a big 1-0 win for **PoCo FC Royals** over **Aldergrove United Lightning** courtesy of a **Chase Butler** goal moved them nine points clear of last place **Surrey United Elite U21** who lost 5-0 to **Langley City FC**. The role of hattrick hero for City was played by **Jesse Verseveldt** while **Leighton Johnson** had the other two goals. In 2B a **Tyler Walters** brace for **Surrey United SC** was not enough as **Abbotsford SA Red Devils** got goals from three different players to win 3-2 and remain one point behind first place **Langley United Dynamo**. It looks as though the battle for first place in 2B will come down to crossover play after Dynamo got a pair of goals from **Nikolas Wall** to help them to 3-1 win over **Whalley Wakanda A**. Elsewhere, **Nikola Crnjak** had an impressive four goal performance to lift **TSS FC Rovers III U21** to a 6-2 win over **Langley United Dragons U21**.

After two weeks off due to first their bye and then the weather, **Division 3A** promotion hopefuls **Tri City FC** got back in the saddle to beat **Mission SC B** 6-2 with **Jevon Guiseppi** banging in a hattrick. Things got even better for **Tri City** as well when their chief competition to go up, recently relegation **Westcoast FC Rowdies**, were held to a 2-2 draw by **Langley United Impact**, who have their own league title ambitions sitting just four points back. **Langley United Highlanders** cannot be counted out either as they remained in the hunt at the top with a 3-2 win over **Westcoast FC Juventus** that, unfortunately for Juve, put a solid dent in any back to back promotion plans they may have had. Over in **Division 3B**, the top of the table showdown between **BCT Punjab FC** and **Fraser Valley Blue Devils** was postponed. This allowed **Ladner FC** to catch up to Blue Devils on 21 points after they had five different players score in their 5-1 defeat of **North Delta SC Royals**. It is **North Delta SC Titans**, however, who are in control of second place in 3B, as they are also on 21 points following their 5-1 defeat of **Guildford FC Blues**, but hold a game in hand. **Nathan Ward** and **Michael Forintos** had braces in the win for Titans.

Only one challenge remains for **Port Moody Rangers** to defend their perfect record in **Masters 1** against before the Winter Break after they were 5-0 winners of **Surrey United SC B**. The team standing between them and fall perfection is second place **Chilliwack Rapids** who beat **Aldergrove Players** 3-2 with Mike Perry notching a brace



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in the win. Elsewhere, **Ryan Canavor** had a hatrick for **Aldergrove Knights** as they registered a 6-1 win over **Westcoast FC Milan**. There was also a hatrick hero in **Masters 2** this week with **Varinder Ghuman** from **BCT Tigers** scoring three against **Westcoast FC Chargers** in a 6-0 win. Meanwhile, our Match of the Week was at the top of this division and it saw **South Surrey FC B** come away 2-0 winners against **Bradner Redshirts**. Golden Boot leader **Brian Noga** was a non-factor for Bradner with South Surrey's **Johnny Whittam** the only man on the scoresheet after he scored a pair of tidy free kicks. **Evan Stewart** was also influential in the win, bossing the midfield with a strong two way performance. There was a top of the table clash in the **Over 45 Division** as well which resulted in **Coastal FC Alumni** taking control of that title race after a 3-1 success over **South Surrey FC Bullets**. It was **Bernard Baker** doing the damage for Alumni in the win with a pair and **Joe Battie** added another.

As usual **Division 4A** provided entertainment and this week there are new leaders. **Westcoast FC Black Sheep** made **Port Moody Grizzlies** the outcasts after a 1-1 draw cost the Griz their perch on top of the table. It feels like Port Moody have been in first place all season, but Westcoast's **Josip Feigelstock** scored and the Grizzlies were only able to counter with a goal from **Graham Miller** and no one else. Instead **Westcoast FC Misfits** are fitting right into first place following a sparkling 3-0 win over **Westcoast FC Champagne**. However, Misfits are not breaking out the bubbly just yet, Grizzlies are just a single point behind them along with **Sts'Ailes Chiefs** who saw **Brent Durie** finally score another hatrick as he scored all of the goals for the Chiefs in their 3-2 win over **PoCo FC Rangers**. It was quite the drought for Durie, with his last triple coming way back at the end of October! Those three goals move him back into sole possession of the Golden Boot lead. Other goal-filled results from the division this weekend included **Westcoast FC Folly** looking anything but foolish beating **PoCo FC Pacific** 5-4 and **Division 4B** leaders **WRU Cloverdale FC** emerging as 5-0 winners over **Langley United Studs**.

MATCHOFTHEWEEK

There are a host of top fixtures this weekend to close out 2019 in the FVSL but we are taking the opportunity to check in on the crossover match in Division 2 that has the two group leaders, Abbotsford United B and Langley United Dynamo duking it out. Abbotsford have a nice five point cushion atop 2A, as well as a game in hand. They also boast a deadly three-headed monster in attack with Justin Sekhon, Sangheet Singh Sekhon and Tej Paul Kullar, all of whom have scored eleven goals so far this year. Shoring up the back end, Arturo Ortiz Silva leads the division with five clean sheets. Abby are also likely to be seeking a measure of revenge against Dynamo after the Langley side came from three goal down last season to eliminate Abbotsford in cup play!

For Langley, it is a tough weekend for this match to be on the schedule as they are short staffed. Their top two scorers, Cam Whitters and Hassan Malik, are unavailable for this one, as well as stalwart midfielder Austin Manis who misses out through injury. Stepping up will be Art Glauser and Matty Nauta in midfield and Zahir Karim and Sameed Malik up front. Dynamo manager Chad Spurgeon knows that without some of their top guns Langley will need to be on the defensive side of the ball if they are to earn a result in this one against high powered Abby. "They are a very good squad," said Spurgeon, but he also noted that his side are "now considered a veteran team and manage to usually put in an effort regardless of the obstacles."

Abbotsford United B vs Langley United Dynamo goes Saturday night at Mouat Turf #3 with kickoff at 6pm.

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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