



# Fraser Valley Soccer League



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

It was a busy weekend as four of the FVSL's top sides duked it out to determine who would get the chance to play for the right to hoist the **Soccer City Premier League Cup**. In the end it will be a rematch of last year's final, but for a look at how exactly it came to this head on over to the [UPLReview](#) for a full breakdown. You can also catch up on the first match in this season's **Umbro Premier League**, as well as a look ahead to a full slate of UPL matches this week as the league campaign gets into full swing!

The **Division 1**, new boys **Port Moody Piranhas** have come out of relative obscurity to sit alone atop the early season standings. Goalkeeper **Terry Jackson** recorded his second clean sheet in as many weeks as the demon fish got goals from three different players in a comprehensive 3-0 win over current title holders **North Delta SC NEWWAY**. The Piranhas also got an assist from club mates **Port Moody Gunners B** as a goal from **Alex Baumann** secured a 1-0 victory over **Langley United B** who, until this loss, had held a perfect record just like the Piranhas. The Gunners will try to provide even more assistance when they play **Chilliwack FC** this week as the East Valley boys stayed hot on the heels Piranhas heels, remaining undefeated with a 3-1 win over **TSS FC Rovers II**. At the other end of the table a brace from **Nicholas Coulter** gave **TWU Spartans B** their first win over the season in 2-0 defeat of **Abbotsford United U21**, while **Langley FC** won an important basement battle over **North Surrey Mustangs** 4-1 which earned them their first points of the season and left the horsemen alone at the bottom. **Ryan Smith** had a pair for Langley who moved into a cluster of teams trying to establish themselves in the middle of the table.

There were a handful of eye-catching results in **Division 2** this week. The biggest surprise came in 2B where perfect **Surrey United SC** were defeated 1-0 by **TSS FC Rovers III U21** on a goal from **Benjamin Berg**. This allowed **Langley United Dynamo** to make up the ground that they had lost a few weeks ago by beating **WRU Vault** 4-2 on the back of a **Cameron Whitters** brace. Defending champions **Abbotsford SA Red Devils** had the chance to reclaim top spot in the division from Surrey if they could rebound from last week's draw. Instead, though, they ended up losing 3-2 to **Whalley Wakanda FC A**. At the bottom, **SAFC Hawks** are now the only remaining team across the division without a point to their name after a 4-1 loss to **Langley United Dragons U21** and the newly promoted Hawks are still looking to get their feet under themselves at this level. Across in 2A there was another somewhat surprising result with **Mission SC A** holding **Aldergrove United Lightning** to a 1-1 draw with goals from Mission's **Dan Hill** and Aldy's **Daniel Annett** canceling each other out, resulting in the Lightning dropping points for the first time this season. This means **Abbotsford United B** are the lone remain team with a perfect record in the division, sitting atop the 2A table following a 4-2 win over promoted **Langley City FC** in which **Sangheet Singh Sekhon** recorded a hattrick and Abby held on for the win despite having **Taylor Dickau** sent off. At the bottom on this side, it was an unsatisfactory draw for two teams desperate for points. **Josh Marcinkow** scored for **PoCo FC Royals** but there was also a goal for **Zack Scott** that ensured **Surrey United Elite U21** got at least their first point of the season, though both sides surely would have been targeting all three.

The last perfect record in **Division 3A** fell in spectacular fashion this past weekend with **Langley United Highlanders** found themselves on the wrong end of a 5-4 score line against **Tri City FC**. A brace from **Naim Nemat** help Tri City to the win and while Jeffery Keller had a pair of his own for Highlanders, they were hindered by a red card to **Ryan Ledbrook**. 3A remains very tight at the top where **Westcoast Rowdies** enjoy a one point lead after defeating **PoCo FC Rockets** 1-0 thanks to a goal by **Kenneth Blair**. Seven of the 11 teams in the group are within four points of the Rowdies thanks in large part to three struggling sides at the bottom who are yet to pick up a point. One of those sides, TWU Spartans C was smashed 13-0 this week by Westcoast FC Juventus who had a stats day with **Graham Colmer** and **Gerardo Gallegos** grabbing braces while **Zach Romeo** put up a hattrick. It is the opposite story over in **Division 3B** where **BCT Punjab FC** remain perfect after they beat clubmates **BCT Royals** 3-0 to open up an early four point lead over the field. The closest challengers are **North Delta SC Royals**, who drew 1-1 with **LOS FC** this week, while the other nine teams in the group are all within three points of each other.



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A pair of lopsided score lines dotted the otherwise competitive landscape in **Masters 1** this week. **Port Moody Rangers** got four from **Venny Atwell**, a further two from **Sean Ross** and singles from five other in an 11-1 win over **Aldergrove Knights B** while **Kevan Gull** also notched four goals for **North Delta SC Rangers A** in a 7-1 defeat of **Westcoast FC Milan**. It is **Surrey United SC A** who remain on top of the table with ten points from four games after they beat **Aldergrove Players A** 3-0 this week. However, it is a tenuous lead at best with a trio of teams right behind them who have a perfect three wins out of three. **Surrey United SC B**, who beat **Abbotsford NATG Arsenal** 2-0, and **Chilliwack Rapids**, who edged **North Delta SC Rangers B** 2-1, have nine points and a match in hand along with **Port Moody Rangers** which should make for some compelling storylines over the next couple of months!

It was finally a much more traditional weekend in **Division 4** as the goals were flying in all across the division. **Latin Strikers**, in 4B, got three goals from **Robinson Jiminez** and two more from **Javier Jiminez** to earn their first win of the season; a 5-0 triumph over **Abbotsford Phoenix FC**. The goals were also flowing for **Fraser Valley FC Athletic** who hammered **Langley United Studs** 9-0 thanks in part to a **Lachlan Moon** hattrick. Athletic were also able to close the gap on the division leaders, **Offside FC**, who came into the weekend with a perfect record until **North Delta SC Pirates** performed a bit of a mutiny in holding them to an entertaining 3-3 tie. Across in 4A our Match of the Week saw **Sts' ailes Chiefs** defeat **Westcoast Black Sheep** 5-0 with the red hot **Brent Durie** only scoring one of those goals, which might be considered a slump given the early standard he has set this season! It was not enough to distance the Chiefs from **Port Moody Grizzlies** who also maintained their own perfect record with a 7-0 mauling of **Westcoast FC Strikers B**. There was also another big score with **Westcoast Misfits** beating **PoCo FC Rangers** 7-0 and **David Acheson** had a hattrick in that one. Once again the old boys were out to prove that goalscoring is not just for the kids. In the **Over 45 Division** it was **James Rosencrans** who had three for **South Surrey FC Bullets** in their 9-0 win over **Guilford FC Caps** and **Brian Noga** scored four goals for **Bradner Redshirts** as they beat **Langley United** 5-0 in **Masters 2** action.

## MATCH OF THE WEEK

This week we head to Division 2A for a top of the table tilt between Aldergrove United Lightning and Abbotsford United B. Abby are a perfect 4-0-0 to begin the campaign, but Aldy are within touching distance, just two points back. While they may not be perfect, the Lightning do boast an undefeated record as well with just a lone draw as a blemish on their record. With both these teams at the top of the table, it should add some extra spice to this already heated local rivalry.

The teams have formulated their strong start through different approaches. Aldergrove have found themselves showing they have the goods to deliver in tight matches, conceding only four goals so far this season, but only putting up just enough offense to earn results. While United certainly do not wish to concede goals, you get the feeling that they are not too bothered about it as they have already scored 14 goals through one month of play. Sangeet Singh Sekhon is tied atop the early scoring charts with seven to his name already, while teammate Tej Paul Kullar has scored five goals as well. Can Aldy shut down Abby's vaunted offense? Or will United be able to continue to score at will? Tune in to find out!

**Aldergrove United Lightning vs. Abbotsford United B is Friday night at Aldergrove Athletic #1 at 9pm.**

*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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