



Fraser Valley Soccer League



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

The **Umbro Premier League** is finally fully underway and there was a full slate of matches last weekend for the first time this season. A pair of teams made their UPL debuts, with mixed success while some familiar foes renewed their rivalries. How did it all shake down? Who has points on the board and who is still stuck in the starting blocks? Our [UPLReview](#) has those answers and more! Plus, don't forget that the **Soccer City Premier League Cup FINAL** is this Monday evening at 4pm at Cloverdale Athletic Park #1 as the FVSL is excited to award its first piece of silverware for the 2019/20 season!

This week in **Division 1**, leaders **Port Moody Piranhas** saw their stay alone atop the table be made a short one when they could not find a way past **Dylan Kelly** in goal for **TWU Spartans B**. Fortunately for the fish, their own **Terry Jackson** was also perfect and recorded his league leading third clean sheet of the season a 0-0 draw. This allowed **Chilliwack FC** to catch up to the Piranhas after they beat **Port Moody Gunners B** 5-2 thanks to a hat trick from **Malcom Stafford**. There were six different goal scorers for **Coastal FC B** in their 6-1 win over **Langley FC**, while **Henry Cromack** scored his tenth goal across all competitions on the season when he registered a hat trick for **TSS FC Rovers II** in a 7-3 defeat of **Abbotsford United U21**. There was also at last a win for two-time defending champions **North Delta SC NEWWAY** courtesy of a **Lucas Johns** brace in a 4-0 shutout of last place **North Surrey Mustangs** who will continue their quest to earn their first points of the season for at least one more week.

Both pools in **Division 2** had important top of the tables clashes this past weekend. In 2A, our Match of the Week saw **Sangeet Singh Sekhon** score twice for **Abbotsford United B** to bring him up to nine goals on the season and maintain his place alone atop the Div. 2 scoring charts, while, at the back end **Arturo Ortiz Silva** posted his second clean sheet of the season to give Abby a 4-0 win over second place **Aldergrove United Lighting**. The win now sees United take a five point lead in 2A as they look to defend their title from last season. Across in 2B **Langley United Dynamo** left **Surrey United SC** behind and took top spot all by themselves after a 3-1 to win. Current title holders **Abbotsford SA Red Devils** remain within striking distance, two points back, following their 3-0 win over last place **SAFC Hawks** in which **Cam Mackinnon** notched a brace. Back in 2A both of the recently relegated sides were relieved to finally record their first wins of the campaign. **Surrey United Elite U21** used a pair of goals from **Arthur Arnao** to get past **West Coast Black Knights** 2-0, while **PoCo FC Royals** beat **Mission SC A** by the same score line.

There was not much movement or too many surprises in **Division 3** this week. In 3A **Westcoast FC Rowdies** remain on top after beating club rivals **Westcoast FC Strikers** 4-1 on Saturday. Rowdies are one point ahead of promoted **Westcoast FC Juventus**, who edged **Port Moody Rangers U21** 2-1, and Juve are a single point up on **Langley United Impact**, who were 4-0 winners over **PoCo FC Rockets**. Lurking just behind the top three, both holding a game in hand, are **Tri City FC**, who cruised to a 5-0 win over **TWU Spartans C**, and **Langley United Highlanders** who handed **Mission SC B** a 4-1 defeat. Mission, TWU and Port Moody all remain without a point to their names in a group that is starting to have a very defined top half and bottom half. It is the opposite story over in 3B. **BCT Punjab FC** had distanced themselves from the pack, but they saw their lead at the top trimmed to five points when a goal from **Nigel Van Doorne** for **North Delta SC Titans** cancelled out a strike by Punjab's **Daljit Singh** in a 1-1 draw. The rest of the pool from second down to eleventh are all within six points of each other which can produce some great contests like the 5-4 win **BCT Westside United** had over **LOS FC** this week. LOS got goals from four different scores but it was not enough as BCT got braces from both **Gagandeep Singh** and **Diljot Singh** as well as a crucial goal from **Gurkaran Singh** to have them singing a happy tune after the win.

A pair of losses for **Surrey United SC A** and **Surrey United SC B** in **Masters 1** saw those two sides relinquish their places atop the table. It was the first time either group had tasted defeat on the year as the "A" group fell comprehensively, 4-0, to well known rivals **Port Moody Rangers**. The Rangers got contributions by four



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different guys in the win while **Geoff Ayi-Bonte** shut the door for the clean sheet. Meanwhile, the “B” group were stunned by **PoCo FC Dominion** and **Kevin Woodhall** who registered a hatrick in a 3-1 win that not only ruined Surrey’s perfect record, but also earning PoCo their first points of the season. Those results leave **Chilliwack Rapids** as the only other team besides Port Moody to still hold a perfect record after their 3-0 over **Aldergrove United Knights B**. There was one big score line in the division this week with **North Delta SC Rangers A** laying a 9-1 beat down on **Abbotsford NATG Arsenal**. Only **Paul Bolina** had a brace in that one though, as North Delta shared the joy and saw eight different players add their name to the score sheet.

In **Division 4** there was a second hatrick of the season for **Brandon Null** of **Abbotsford Phoenix** in their 5-0 win over **Langley United Studs**. Null also bagged three back in Week 1 for his only other goals of the season as it seems it is either hatrick or bust for him! **Jeff McFarlane** also notched a triple this weekend in an 8-2 win for **PoCo FC Pacific** over **Westcoast FC Folly** in a match where **Tyson Schmidt** also had a brace for Pacific. At the top of the tables **Offside FC** bounced back in 4B after dropping their first points of the season in a draw last week. They beat **Aldergrove United** 3-0 to remain undefeated and stay a point ahead of **WRU Cloverdale FC** who bested **Whalley Wakanda B** 2-1 thanks to a pair of goals from **Kent Cooper**. On the other side **Roberto Juric** made it back to back braces for **Port Moody Grizzlies** in a 3-0 sheering of **Westcoast FC Black Sheep** and **Brent Durie** continued his streak of scoring at least a goal in every game this season for **Sts’ailes Chiefs**. This week he had a crucial pair in their 2-1 win over **PoCo FC Rangers**. Both Sts’ailes and Port Moody hold perfect records at the top of 4A. A pair of top performances from the older boys deserve a mention as **Norman Charlie** scored four goals for **Stolo Braves** to help them to a 6-1 win over **Westcoast FC Chargers** in **Masters 2** action. As well, in the **Over 45 Division** it was **Sean Ordogh** leading the way with a hatrick for **Aldergrove United** in the 4-1 defeat of **South Surrey FC bullets**.

MATCHOFTHEWEEK

We are headed back to Division 4 this week to check in at the top of 4A where two teams with perfect records, Port Moody Grizzlies and Sts’ailes Chiefs, are on a collision course. The teams look well matched on paper, as Eddie Verones and Roberto Juric lead the attack for the Grizzlies. Those two players have combined for nine goals in just five games, however, their opponent this week, Brent Durie, leads all the FVSL with 13 goals through five matches for Sts’ailes. Each team has 20 goals for so far this season, so it is safe to expect goals in this game.

Unfortunately for Port Moody, Verones is suspended for this match, along with Alexander May for the Grizzlies. Sts’ailes are also missing a pair of bodies in Kelsey Charlie Jr. and player-coach Mike Daly meaning this game could turn on which side adjusts better to playing at less than full strength. That being said, the match could well turn on the play of the goalkeepers. The Chief’s Dylan Hugh gave up his first goal against last week while Port Moody’s Paul Serres has only seen the net behind him breached on three occasions so far this year. Even if the two offenses are in top form, this match may well come down to which team can get the crucial save at the crucial moment!

Port Moody Grizzlies vs. Sts’ailes Chiefs goes Friday night at Trasolini Turf with kickoff 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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