



# Fraser Valley Soccer League



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

There were a pair of **Umbro Premier League** games this weekend, with two others postponed. The games that did go ahead produced one rather straightforward result and one stunning comeback. Of course, the games that did not get played were put on hold for the **Soccer City Premier League Cup FINAL!** It was a rematch of last season's final between Port Moody and Coastal and there was little to choose between the two sides with the FVSL's first trophy of the season on the line. How little? Head on over to our [UPL Review](#) to find out as well as to catch up on all the action from the UPL matches that were played.

We were ensured an emphatic start to the **Division 1** schedule this week when **TWU Spartans B** defeated last place **North Surrey Mustangs** 7-0 with **Brennan Slawter** scoring four of those goals. League leaders **Chilliwack FC** and **Port Moody Piranhas** both picked up wins to stay deadlocked atop the table. Chilliwack cruised past **Juba FC** 5-0 thanks to contributions by five different scorers, while Piranhas goalkeeper **Terry Jackson** recorded his league leading fourth clean sheet in a 2-0 win over **TSS FC Rovers II**. Hot on their heels remains **Langley United B**, who still sit just a point behind the leaders following a 2-0 defeat of **Coastal FC**, a win which kept the South Surrey side just behind Langley in the table. Goals from **Nikolas Haave** and **Lucas John** gave two time defending champions **North Delta SC NEWWAY** a 2-0 win over **Langley FC** as they continue to climb the table while the remaining match in the division, **Abbotsford United U21** against **Port Moody Gunners B** had to be abandoned after an incident just before halftime with United holding a 1-0 lead via a goal from Aymen Alkma.

In **Division 2A** there was a chance for **Abbotsford United B** to increase their lead at the top after **Aldergrove United Lightning** were held to a 1-1 draw by promoted side **Langley City FC** on Friday night. Goals from Aldy's **Matthew Hupe** and City's **Riley Dornian** cancelled each other out in that stalemate. This gave Abbotsford the chance to make it a seven point lead over Aldergrove on Saturday but instead they too were held to a draw, this time 2-2, by the suddenly resurgent **PoCo FC Royals** who are now unbeaten in four matches after losing their first two games of the season following relegations. Elsewhere, **Westcoast Black Knights** were unable to field a team to play **Mission SC A**, handing Mission a second win of the season and their first since Week 1. Across in **Division 2B** things are much tighter as only four points separate first from sixth. **Matthew Mackenzie** scored a brace against **WRU Vault** to make sure **Abbotsford SA Red Devils** reclaimed top spot in the table by one point after a 5-1 win. Red Devils supplanted **Langley United Dynamo** who, despite getting a pair of goals from current Golden Boot leader **Cam Whitters**, were bested 4-3 by **TSS FC Rovers III U21** who got a brace of their own from **Henry Cromack**. Jumping up to third place were **Langley United Dragons U21** thanks in part to two goals from **Tha Taw Eh** in their 5-2 win over **Surrey United SC**, who fell to fifth with the loss. Meanwhile, **Whalley Wakanda FC A** dropped to fourth place when they were unable to solve **Jaskaran Singh Sohal**, whose clean sheet ensured a first point of the season for promoted **SAFC Hawks** in a 0-0 tie.

There are new leaders in **Division 3A** this week, though plenty of teams are in hot pursuit with games in hand. Early season Golden Boot leader **Zach Romeo** was on target with a brace to help new leaders **Westcoast FC Juventus** to a 4-0 win over **Langley United Benders**. A hattrick from **Jason O'Hara** kept **Langley United Impact** just a single point back of Juve after coming out on the right end of a 6-3 barn burner with **Westcoast FC Strikers A**. Two goals from **Jack Mason** were not enough to earn **Port Moody Rangers U21** their first points of the season, as **Tri-City FC** went one better in a 3-2 win which keeps them in the hunt at the top as well. The other side within touching distance of first place is **Langley United Highlanders** and a **Jacob Rothenbush** brace helped them to a 5-0 demolition of **TWU Spartans C** that was cut short. In **Division 3B** the class of the division continues to be **BCT Punjab FC**, but they were dragged back down towards a very congested field when they lost 4-2 to **Langley United C**. The hero for Langley in this one was **Jesse Reynolds** with two goals, while the win moved United onto eight points, right in the heat of the standings. Up to second place are **North Delta SC Titans** after they left **BCT Royals** with little to be thankful for in a 7-1 drubbing. **Deevesh Chundungsing** and **Jairo Rodriguez** both had braces for Titans in the win.



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No Masters action this week as the old-boys were allowed to take the long weekend off, but there was a full slate of **Division 4** games to keep us occupied. Our Match of the Week was in 4A and **Port Moody Grizzlies** managed to keep current Golden Boot leader, **Brent Durie** from **Sts'ailes Chiefs**, off the board as he went scoreless in a game for the first time this season. The Grizz also got a brace from **Graham Miller** in this one, but it was not enough to earn all three points with **Dallas James** and **Ryan Charlie** scoring for the Chiefs in a 2-2 draw. At the bottom, **Duncan Stefurak** made sure that **Westcoast FC Folly** were in no way foolish with a brace earning his side a draw with winless local rivals **Westcoast FC Strikers B**. Across in 2B **Gaganjot Dhillon** scored a pair for leaders **Offside FC** to keep them securely in first place with a 5-0 win over **Abbotsford SA Phantom**. However, **Lucas Howe** banged in two himself for **North Delta SC United SJ** to keep things close at the top, with SJ sitting four points back of Offside, but holding a game in hand after a 6-2 defeat of **Abbotsford Phoenix FC**.

## MATCH OF THE WEEK

It is over to Division 2B this week when veteran Langley United Dynamo head over to face new boys Whalley Wakanda FC A. Dynamo were in first place prior to their loss last week to TSS. Manager Chad Spurgeon notes that they felt unlucky in that match saying that this weekend they “hope to rebound from [that] loss where we felt we were the better team.” Of course, Langley will be hoping the top form of the division’s leading goal scorer, Cam Whitters, continues but they have also had strong contributions from throughout the lineup so far this season. Players in good form include Sameed Malik, Stephen Nicol and Conrad Lichota and Dynamo are looking to get a few new faces through the door as well, though possibly not in time for this weekend’s action.

Whalley won Division 4 last season and took the opportunity to jump straight into Division 2 when an opening presented itself. So far the move has looked to be a good fit, as the Surrey based side sit mid-table and a string of results could see them climb into the title race. It has been a balanced approach in attack for Whalley with eight different goal scorers on target through six matches and it has also been a platoon effort in goal where both Ali Alhalabi and Soko Soko have already earned clean sheet this season. This is the first ever meeting between the sides and Langley manager Spurgeon admits there is an element of the unknown coming into this match. “We know very little about our opponent,” he said, “but certainly will not take them lightly.”

***Whalley Wakanda FC A vs. Langley United Dynamo goes Saturday night at Newton Athletic #3; 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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