



Fraser Valley Soccer League



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

Most teams in the Umbro Premier League hit the double-digit mark in games played this past weekend, though a few still need to get to double digits for points on the season. The big winner this weekend was Port Moody, both in terms of scoring and by way of the table in general. Nearest rivals Coastal and Langley split the points which means the Gunners now enjoy at least a four point lead at the top.

Here's a recap of all the action:

Surrey United Firefighters 2-0 Chilliwack FC – Friday 8:45pm; Cloverdale Athletic Park #2

A classic hardnosed, FVSL match up with the only major difference being that Surrey finished their chances, while Chilliwack were once more left ruing missed chances. Reigning Brown's Social House Player of the Week **Ethan Clayborne-Collins** continued his superb form as ECC notched his ninth goal of the season for the Firefighters. A standout midfield performance by **Raq Amijee** was also rewarded with a goal and **Josh Gould** also played well, despite missing an empty net late after doing all the hard work to round the Chilliwack goalkeeper. **Dale Long** ran miles for Chilliwack, as usual, and looked certain to claw a goal back late in the game only to be stymied by **Nuno Jesus** in the United goal as he preserved his second clean sheet of the campaign. Adding to Chilliwack's problems, their keeper went down late in the game with what looked to be an injured finger and the East Valley side will be hoping that it is only jammed and not broken. The visitors did not have a spare goalkeeper on the bench so an outfield player was forced between the sticks, however he asserted himself well by turning aside a couple of ECC shots. **Rajan Bains** made his debut for Surrey after completing his college season with the University of the Fraser Valley and 18-year-old **Zach Scott** got a chance for a run out late for United, though he may still be blushing as he managed to send a wonderful chance from inside six yards miles high over the net. Rumour is they are still waiting for it to land out at Cloverdale Athletic. The result marks the first time this season that Surrey have been able to earn back to back victories, and they are their first two shutouts of the season, so they will be hoping they have righted the ship and are poised to climb back up the table. Chilliwack, however, are heading in the opposite direction after back to back losses.

Langley United 2-2 Coastal FC – Friday 9pm; Willoughby Turf #3

It was a tale of two halves in Langley Friday night. Coastal began the evening brightly and were rewarded with an early goal from **Justin Turner-Pierce** after a nice set up from **Adam Staschuk**. Those two would combine again just after the half hour mark with Staschuk the provider once more, slipping in Turner-Pierce who left Langley keeper Andrew Hicks for dead before tucking into the open cage. It was a dream start for Coastal who were without talisman **Jake Starheim** due to yellow card accumulation. Langley were without coach Mike Wagner who was serving the second of a six-match ban, but the home side were still able to make the necessary tactical adjustments at half time. An error from Coastal's goalkeeper gifted **Colin Jones** a goal and Langley a lifeline. Once they were within one, Langley were able to tilt the field and ultimately get their reward with a spectacular **Tyson Keam** strike to level things up. Coastal assistant coach, Nour Fathy, summed proceedings up nicely saying that it was a "great game from both teams" and that after Langley tied it late, "Both teams continued to push and had a couple chances to win the match but the game ended 2-2." **Cameron Parkes** also stood out for Coastal on this



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night and while it was surely an entertaining match from a neutral stand point, this was likely a result that neither side would have relished as both teams lost ground on first place Port Moody.

Temple Vancouver United 3-5 Abbotsford United – Saturday 6:15pm; Hjorth Road Turf #1

Abbotsford manager Alan Alderson described this as a “fun game to watch.” Not sure how much fun it would have been to coach, given that it could not have been comfortable to watch each defense concede give up scoring chances so readily, but eight goals between the two sides certainly rated high on the entertainment metre for the neutrals. Beleguared Temple were out to avenge the 9-0 hiding they took when these sides first met back in Week 3 and they got off on the right foot with **Amar Takhar** opening the scoring early. It was all one-way traffic after that however, and perhaps the home side would have begun fearing a repeat of their trip to Abbotsford. **Kree Byron** had a goal and two assists to get Abby back on track and into the ascendancy. No surprise that **Tyson Hunter** and **Colton O’Neill** were influential as usual and both popped up with a goal in this one. There was a debut goal for **Brady Weir** and **Elijah Sampson** rounded out the scoring for the visitors on this day. There was yet another standout performance for **Roshan Gosal** in midfield and **Junwon Choi** also stood out for Abbotsford. Credit to Temple however, as they refused to quit on this one and a pair of late goals for **Karn Sanghera** pulled them back into the match, but they ran out of time to complete the unlikely comeback. **Jassa Sanghera** turned in his usual excellent play for the Surrey side, though it once more came in a losing cause. Manager Brad Dhillon was happy to see the improvement, noting this was a “much better game by Temple,” but those performance will need to start turning into points soon if the FVSL newcomers are to remain in the league. Meanwhile Abbotsford are up to second place, though Coastal are breathing down their necks with a game in hand. Still, such lofty heights allow manager Alderson to look past the goals his side gave up in this one, say that he was “was really pleased with the way we moved the ball and the number and execution of tidy passes involved in both the creation of opportunities and the scoring of our goals.”

Burnaby Firefighters 1-6 Port Moody Gunners – Saturday 8pm; Burnaby Lake West #5

It seems to be all or nothing these days for Burnaby in terms of their defensive prowess. They have allowed 12 goals against over their last seven matches, however, all but one of those goals were allowed in just two games. This week was another case of the Firefighters finding themselves at the “nothing” end of the spectrum as league leaders Port Moody Gunners were in no mood to be trifled with Saturday night. **Graeme Meers** was set up by **Cole Almond** after just six minutes and then doubled his tally before the game was 10 minutes old. Things went from bad to worse for Burnaby as after falling behind 2-0, they then went down a man when **Cole Rosenlund** was sent off. Despite their numerical inferiority, Burnaby pulled within a goal, though it was thanks to a Port Moody defender turning a **Tyler Rosenlund** free kick into his own net! Burnaby may have hoped that their recent resolute defensive record would allow them to hunker down and keep the Gunners at bay before maybe knocking a late equalizer, but first placed Port Moody, up a man, were not to be resisted. Meers turned provider for Almond to restore the two-goal advantage and then **Moniy Darjhang** made it 4-1 before the break in what was his best performance of the season. The second half was all Port Moody with **Kevin Comeau** nodding home a corner from Meers, making it a four-point outing for him, and then **Jordan Marini** rounding out the scoring. **Tomislav Tomic** stood out for Burnaby on what was otherwise a night to forget for the home side. Port Moody’s win, along with other results, gives them some breathing room on top of the table.



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Here's how the table looks after Week 10:

Umbro Premier (Fall) - Pool: A

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Port Moody SC A	10	7	2	1	33	9	24	23
Abbotsford United A	10	5	3	2	24	15	9	18
Langley United A	10	5	2	3	27	12	15	17
Surrey Utd Firefighters	10	5	1	4	14	14	0	16
Coastal FC A	9	4	4	1	20	10	10	16
Burnaby Firefighters	10	2	3	5	7	20	-13	9
Chilliwack FC	10	1	4	5	11	24	-13	7
Temple VAN United FC	9	0	1	8	8	40	-32	1

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This week's Brown's Social House Player of the week is Graeme Meers from Port Moody Gunners. Graeme has been a consistent performer for the first place Gunners all season and this week exploded with a two goal, two assist performance in Port Moody's 6-1 win over Burnaby. His contributions came early and often, setting up Port Moody to earn a valuable three points that gives them a cushion on top of the table. Congratulations Graeme, you have won a \$25 gift card courtesy of Brown's Social House!



THIS WEEK'S UPL SCHEDULE

Fri 11/16/2018 8:00PM	Chilliwack FC vs. Temple VAN United	Tzeachten Turf #1
Sat 11/17/2018 4:00PM	Coastal FC vs. Surrey United	South Surrey Ath. #10
Sat 11/17/2018 4:00PM	Port Moody Gunners vs. Langley United	Trasolini Turf
Sat 11/17/2018 6:00PM	Abbotsford Untied vs. Burnaby Firefighters	Mouat Turf #3

One to watch this week is definitely Port Moody Gunners welcoming Langley United to Trasolini Turf on Saturday evening. Langley's draw last week with Coastal meant Port Moody could pull away from the pack with a win over Burnaby and they did just that. It will be crucial for Langley, who went through a rough patch earlier in the season but have clawed their way back towards the top of the table, not to let the Gunners pull even farther ahead. United managed to split the points with Port Moody at home in their first meeting, and then went on to eviscerate the teams sitting at the bottom of the table. That hot form has been quelled in recent weeks with Langley losing to rivals Surrey before their draw last week.



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They will surely be keen to get back to winning ways and avoid another tough stretch of results. Port Moody know that they can put a massive nine points between themselves and a main title challenger with a win, therefore expect another organized and motivated performance from the Tri-Cities side, especially on home turf. Of note, the college season has ended locally, so it will be interesting to see if either of these sides, and indeed any others across the Umbro Premier League, pick up any reinforcements and what roles they might play this weekend.

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