



# Fraser Valley Soccer League



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

The Umbro Premier League was back to a full slate of matches this week with plenty of compelling results, as usual. The middle of the table is beginning to look quite compressed as we await to see if any contenders will emerge over the coming weeks to challenge Port Moody at the top of the league. At the bottom, Temple are looking in serious trouble as we hurdle towards the ten game mark after another frustrating week for the UPL new boys.

*Here's a recap of all the action:*

### **Langley United 0-3 Surrey United Firefighters – Friday 8:30pm; Yorkson Turf**

Langley United's run of stellar form came crashing to an abrupt end on Friday night when Surrey United evened the season series with their municipal neighbours at one victory each. The level of performance that had seen Langley put up an astounding 20 goals for, while conceding just once, suddenly abandoned them. Surrey, who were desperate for a win in their own right after going without one for three matches in a row, came flying out of the traps and controlled this game from the opening whistle. **Josh Gould** was dominant in the middle of the park for Firefighters, while stand in centre back **Vinny Stewart** (fresh off the plane from a holiday in Indonesia) excelled along with goalkeeper **Nuno Jesus** in rebuffing Langley's revitalized attack. Surrey's goal scoring, as usual, would fall to none other than talisman **Ethan Clayborne-Collins**. "ECC" hammered home the opening goal, leaving Langley keeper **Colton Keem** without a prayer of saving it and giving Surrey a 1-0 half time lead. Despite SU carrying the play, the game remained tight and one had to wonder if, given Langley's recent offensive prowess and Surrey's recent struggles, the home team might just knick a goal and perhaps a share of the points. That idea was put to rest with just over twenty minutes to play when Clayborne-Collins would double his and the visitor's tally with an absolute peach of a strike that again left Keem helpless in the Langley goal. **Josh Miles** would round out the scoring, breaking out of a personal goal scoring slump and hopefully signaling brighter days ahead for Firefighters. **Colin Jones** showed well for Langley in the loss, though that will come as small comfort to him and his teammates who had worked hard in recent weeks to charge back up towards the top of the table and now find themselves stalled once more.

### **Port Moody Gunners 6-0 Temple Vancouver United – Saturday 4pm; Trasolini Turf**

Notwithstanding the eventual score line, this match was nip and tuck for a large part of Saturday evening. In fact the first half was far from a Rembrandt for either side, with both teams struggling to create chances. The deadlock was broken just before the interval when the league leaders saw centre back **Kevin Comeau** find a loose ball after a corner kick and slam it into the roof of the net. Port Moody would regroup at halftime and begin to take the game over, but Temple remained resolute thanks to performances like that of **Amar Takhar**, which kept the Gunners at bay. There would be no denying the home side however, as they doubled their tally after 70 minutes thanks to a delicious corner kick, whipped in by youth call up **Aaron Colbourne**, that **Cole Almond** was able to oblige with a header at the back post. Temple were broken at this point and the flood gates opened. Almond would nod in another within a few minutes and looked to have secured a natural hat trick shortly thereafter, only for the referee's whistle to deny him the match ball. No matter for Port Moody though, as standout midfielder



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**Mark Talisuna** would get rewarded for yet another top-class performance by adding his name to the score sheet this week courtesy of a fantastic through ball from veteran Masters call up **Jeff Rogers**. There was still time for the Gunners main marksman, **Graeme Meers**, to add to his tally for the season. Meers would tuck away a pair of late partial breakaways to bring his total for the season up to eight, just one off the top of the Golden Boot chart. It was also a second clean sheet of the campaign for Moody keeper **Miguel Hof** and the Tri-Cities team's fourth overall on the season. Thanks to other results, the win gives Port Moody some breathing room on top of the table for the first time this season, while Temple are in danger of being completely cut adrift in their battle for survival.

## **Coastal FC 0-0 Burnaby Firefighters – Saturday 4pm; South Surrey Athletic Park #10**

It was a third draw of the season for both of these teams, though it is likely that those results are coloured rather differently in the respectively dressing rooms. For defending UPL Champions Coastal FC, they must surely be considering this as a cumulative six points dropped. This is especially true when you consider that all three of their draws have come against the current bottom three teams in the table. For Burnaby, it is yet another point towards safety as they look to establish themselves at this level after a tumultuous inaugural campaign last season. It is also another clean sheet for Burnaby and keeper **James Pistrin**, who has held opponents at bay in four of their last six matches. Firefighters started this match brightly, but could not take advantage and Coastal had come into the game by half time. In the second period, the teams played some appealing football, but seemed to neutralize each other. **Isaac Kyei** and **Jake Starheim** were finding joy down the flanks, but could not produce anything of substance. An **Amar Mander** shot of the frame of the goal would be as close as Coastal would come on this night. Meanwhile, midfielder **Adam Staschuk** was locked in an epic battle with Firefighter's talisman **Tyler Rosenlund**. The former professional, Rosenlund, was pulling the strings as usual for Burnaby, but was forced off with just over a quarter of an hour left to play with what appeared to be a hamstring injury. Firefighters will be desperately hoping he does not have to spend much, if any time, out of the lineup as once he was removed things really tilted in Coastal's favour. That being said, the absolute best chance of the night fell to **Cole Rosenlund** in the dying minutes as he looked certain to score online for a ten-bell save from **Toscanny Pandu-Oesman** in the Coastal goal to preserve his clean sheet and get his side at least a point!

## **Abbotsford United 2-1 Chilliwack FC – Saturday 6pm; Mouat Turf #3**

The beat goes on for this season's pleasant surprise story out in the East Valley, Abbotsford. They knocked off their closest geographical rivals, the only team more East of them in the Valley Chilliwack FC. The win keeps Abby in the top four, and they are within striking distance of the teams ahead of them going into next week's meeting with bottom of the table Temple. **Tyson Hunter** continued his run of top form for United, with another strong performance in midfield and by opening the scoring for Abbotsford on the day. Youngster **Roshan Gosal** also carried on in his recent solid play by notching his second goal of the season for the senior side, to go along with the five tallies he has for the U21 group in Division 1. For Chilliwack, it was another outing where they gave themselves a chance to earn some points but just could not get the bounces when they needed them. **Tyler Epp** continued his strong play into the second third of the season and the visitors will be looking to him to turn these performances into the results they will require to ensure safety. Another positive for Chilliwack was **Nicholas Haywood** notching his first of the season as they look to find some momentum ahead of a trip to Surrey.



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Here's how the table looks after Week 9:

Umbro Premier (Fall) - Pool: A								
Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Port Moody SC A	9	6	2	1	27	8	19	20
Langley United A	9	5	1	3	25	10	15	16
Coastal FC A	8	4	3	1	18	8	10	15
Abbotsford United A	9	4	3	2	19	12	7	15
Surrey Utd Firefighters	9	4	1	4	12	14	-2	13
Burnaby Firefighters	9	2	3	4	6	14	-8	9
Chilliwack FC	9	1	4	4	11	22	-11	7
Temple VAN United FC	8	0	1	7	5	35	-30	1

## BROWNS SOCIAL HOUSE PLAYER OF THE WEEK



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This week's Brown's Social House Player of the week is Ethan Clayborne-Collins from Surrey United Firefighters. Ethan, or "ECC" as he is affectionately known scored two fantastic goals to earn Surrey and big win over rivals Langley. The win was also sorely needed for him and his teammates after a few hiccups in form over recent weeks. Congratulations Ethan, you have won a \$25 gift card courtesy of Brown's Social House!



## THIS WEEK'S UPL SCHEDULE

Fri 11/09/2018 8:30PM	<b>Langley United vs. Coastal FC</b>	Yorkson Turf
Fri 11/09/2018 8:45PM	<b>Surrey United vs. Chilliwack FC</b>	Cloverdale Ath. Turf #2
Sat 11/10/2018 6:15PM	<b>Temple VAN United vs. Abbotsford United</b>	Hjorth Road Turf #1
Sat 11/10/2018 8:00PM	<b>Burnaby Firefighters vs. Port Moody Gunners</b>	Burnaby Lake West #5

One to watch this week is Langley United's match up against Coastal FC. After recent strong runs of form, both teams failed to score last weekend. After finishing first and second place last season, these two sides will have been targeting another title run. However, after recent results, Port Moody are now starting to pull away at the top of the table and, for at least one of these sides, the gap is likely to get even larger after this week. Langley are likely to remain without the services of manager Mike Wagner into the near future, as the league is still yet to hand down their discipline sanctions following and unfortunate post-match incident two weeks ago. If their performance in their first match without



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Wagner at the helm is to be a harbinger of things to come, United may be in for a rough few weeks. That being said, there is no doubting the talent within the Langley locker room and, even after being shutout, the group is still averaging five goals a game over their last four outings. Coastal certainly won't be taking anyone lightly given that it has now been three weeks since they last tasted victory. A pair of draws bracketed around a postponement mean that a failure to earn three points this week would see the defending UPL Champions go an entire month without posting a win. The first meeting between these two teams this season was a spicy affair that kept the referees on their toes. It doesn't seem likely that either side will be any less ornery going into this one, so expect there to be plenty to keep an eye on Friday night in Langley.

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