



Fraser Valley Soccer League



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

After Week 3 in the Umbro Premier League, the table is beginning to look somewhat stratified. If some of the current bottom half teams want to keep pace with the big boys at the top, they will need to start putting the points on the board rather quickly. One side did just that in a big way this week!

Here's a recap of all the action:

Chilliwack FC 1-2 Surrey United Firefighters – Friday 9pm; Tzeachten Turf #1

With a late start time out in the Valley, as well as players missing due to suspension from their heated encounter with Langley the previous week, Surrey travelled to Chilliwack and, in the words of assistant coach Dave Hleucka, "it almost felt [like they were] 1-0 down before kickoff." Despite the tough travel assignment, United managed to control the play for a decent portion of the first half, but were unable to capitalize on any chances they created. They would be made to pay for their cavalier finishing when Chilliwack opened the scoring after a direct ball caught Surrey one on one at the back. It quickly became a two on one when the pacey **Dale Long** caught up to the play and was slipped in for a routine finish, thus fulfilling coach Hleucka's prophecy of Surrey being 1-0 down. The visitors would answer though, pulling level before half time. **Ethan Claibourne-Collins** would cap off some tidy play by putting a ball behind the Chilliwack defense for **Will Grayson** to fire home. The second half was nip and tuck, with Surrey controlling the ball and Chilliwack looking to hit them on the counter. In the end, this match would be decided by a penalty earned when Claibourne-Collins burst through the Chilliwack penalty area and was brought down. Having earned the penalty, Clayborn-Collins stepped up to do the business and ensure Surrey would be taking all three points back down Highway 1 with them. The home side did surge late, looking for a last gasp equalizer for the second week running, but some solid play from **David Adams**, who had been a rock for Firefighters in the midfield all night, as well as makeshift centre back **Vince Stewart** did enough to see it out. For Chilliwack, **Tyler Epp** at the back, along with goal scorer Long, were standout performers.

Coastal FC 3-0 Langley United – Saturday 4pm; South Surrey Athletic Park #10

We expected this one to be a good game to watch and, depending on you point of view, it likely was just that. Coastal had bounced back last week with their first win of the season after a surprise draw in their opener. However, Langley were 2-0-0 after coming out on the right end of a heated encounter with Surrey United in Week 2 that saw three players sent off between the two sides. That meant a win in this one would give Langley an early five point lead over defending champions Coastal and that was surely a fate the home side were keen to avoid in this one. Things were tight in the early going, as you might expect in a big match such as this, but the discipline issues from the previous week seemed to follow Langley into this game. The big talking point came when **Steve Gaffney** was shown a straight red card for being judged to have denied an obvious goal scoring opportunity. The Langley United staff and players were less than amenable to this decision, but were forced to live with it nonetheless. In a fast and physical game, the cautions also began to mount and the two teams combined for an additional five yellow cards! Up a man, Coastal were little match for Langley and goals by **Jake Starheim**, **Amardeep**



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Mander and **Sidrit Vekaj** powered Coastal to victory. Despite the loss, and the difficult circumstances being a man down, **Brett Weins** played well for Langley and it is nice to see him back after a year away from the FVSL. When Weins was last in action he helped Aldergrove United to the Provincial Cup final and Langley will no doubt be hoping he can help lead them back to that same stage.

Port Moody Gunners 2-1 Burnaby Firefighters; Saturday 4pm; Trasolini Turf

It was an early season meeting of first against last in the UPL standings when these two sides met on Saturday evening. Despite not having anything much to show for it, Burnaby have done decently well with a difficult schedule to start the season. After this week they will have played the top three teams and will need to make hay before this stretch of fixtures comes around again on the schedule. The first half was pretty much a saw off between the two sides with Port Moody shading the possession but Burnaby looking threatening on the counter attack. The home side would earn their moment of magic from some neat play at the top of the Burnaby penalty area and **Julian Katz** popped up to fire home and make it 1-0 to Port Moody. In the second half Firefighters were on top in the early going as they searched for an equalizer. They would get their just reward when **Trevor Hallam** got on the end of a classic cross from the flank and finished confidently in tight. The Gunners, however, led by the play of a stalwart **Monywiir Deng Dharjang**, would claim all the points for themselves late. After an initial save left the Firefighter's goalkeeper stranded, **Graeme Meers** latched onto the rebound and showed composure in slotting home the winner. Port Moody now boast the lone perfect record remaining in the UPL while Burnaby, and talisman **Tyler Rosenlund** who had another top performance, must continue the search for their first points of the season.

Abbotsford United 9-0 Temple Vancouver United – Saturday 6pm; Mouat Turf #3

It had been a case of almost, but not enough for Abbotsford through the first two weeks of the season and the meant that, in the words of manager Alan Alderson, they “showed up extremely hungry to find our first win of the season.” When their guests arrived with only 10 players, it was the perfect storm for Abby, or, as Alderson put it colloquially: “A bad mixture for Temple.” It would be a stats day for Abbotsford as they ran out 9-0 winners. The heavy lifting was done by **Reece Branion**, who scored four times, along with **Colton O'Neill**, who added a goal of his own to go with three assists. Brother **Connor O'Neill** would add his name to the scoresheet as well as **Tyson Hunter**, **Kree Byrne** and **Arshkirith Gill**. Not to be forgotten, despite the one-sided score line, was goalkeeper **Mike Haladin** who was called upon to make a couple of sharp saves from Temple's ever dangerous **Jassa Sanghera** in order to earn his clean sheet. Temple manager Brad Dhillon was left lamenting the team's early season injury problems which saw the Surrey side finish the game with just nine players on the park. “Hopefully we will get our players healthy before next game,” said Dhillon and he will need them as next up for Temple is a Chilliwack side also desperate for its first win of the season.



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Here's how the table looks after Week 3:

Umbro Premier (Fall) - Pool: A								
Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Port Moody SC A	3	3	0	0	9	1	8	9
Coastal FC A	3	2	1	0	9	2	7	7
Langley United A	3	2	0	1	4	4	0	6
Surrey Utd Firefighters	3	2	0	1	4	4	0	6
Abbotsford United A	3	1	1	1	11	3	8	4
Chilliwack FC	3	0	1	2	2	7	-5	1
Temple VAN United FC	3	0	1	2	2	14	-12	1
Burnaby Firefighters	3	0	0	3	2	8	-6	0

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This week's Brown's Social House Player of the week is **Reece Branion** from Abbotsford United. Reece had a remarkable four goals in Abby's 9-0 rout of Temple this week, helping the East Valley side to their first win of the season. Regardless of the circumstances, it is always an impressive feat to score four goals in a single match. Branion now sits tied atop the Golden Boot race through three weeks.

Congratulations Reece, you've won a \$25 gift card to Brown's Social House!



THIS WEEK'S UPL SCHEDULE

Fri 9/28/2018 8:30PM	Langley United vs. Port Moody Gunners	Yorkson Turf
Fri 9/28/2018 8:45PM	Surrey Utd. Firefighters vs. Coastal FC	Cloverdale Athletic #2
Sat 9/29/2018 6:15PM	Temple VAN United vs. Chilliwack FC	Hjorth Road #1
Sat 9/29/2018 8:00PM	Burnaby Firefighters vs. Abbotsford United	Burnaby Lake West #5

One to watch this week would be Temple against Chilliwack. Both teams are stuck on just a single point and will be looking to assert themselves in what appears likely to be a relegation battle. Temple started the season so brightly, but hardly turned up (both literally and figuratively) this past week, getting



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thumped by Abbotsford. They will be at home in this one and one has to think that they will be eyeing this match as a chance to take three points. Chilliwack, however, will also likely have this one circled, given how the new Surrey side has struggled since their opener. "The 'Wack" has been close to putting it all together in their past two games, look for them to come out firing as they try to chalk up their first win of the season.

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