



Fraser Valley Soccer League



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

Things were slightly one-sided in Week 6 of the Umbro Premier League, with the winning sides outscoring those on the losing end by a combined 16-1 margin. Langley accounted for almost half of those goals, as they bounced back to winning ways. There was also a first win of the season in the bottom half of the table.

Here's a recap of all the action:

Langley United 7-0 Chilliwack FC – Friday 8:30pm; Yorkson Turf

Evidently Langley was not pleased with their recent form. With no wins and just a single point and goal to their name over the past three weeks, the frustration that United were feeling all came to a head on Friday night. The eastern most team in the league had been trending upwards over the past couple of weeks, picking up four points and came into this fixture just a point behind their hosts. A further win in this one would have seen Chilliwack vault Langley, a scenario that would have been nigh unthinkable just a few short weeks ago. In the end however, Chilliwack would instead walk unequipped into a raging storm as United fully put the boots to them. It was also the end of some personal frustration for **Connor Hildebrant** on this night as he finally potted his first goal in Langley United colours. Once the former TSS Rovers man got the taste for goal scoring back he did not let up. The midfield maestro who led the now defunct Aldergrove United to the UPL title, the Provincial Cup final and the Pakenham Cup title over the past two seasons hit for four in this game. **Josh Brown** also bagged a pair for his first two goals since his brace against Surrey United in Week 2 earned him Brown's Player of the Week honours. There was also a goal for **Scott Barling**, the only man who had been able to find the net over Langley's recent downturn in form, as he took his tally to three for the season. Deputizing for the unavailable **Andrew Hicks**, **Colton Keam** earned a clean sheet, while **Tyler Epp** did what he could on an otherwise forgettable night for Chilliwack. The win vaults Langley back up the table with a chance to keep climbing against bottom of the league, Temple Vancouver United, when the sides meet this weekend.

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

A scrappy first half that was far from easy on the eye finished with the home side up one to nil thanks to **Cam Parkes** finishing off the only shot on target for either side through the first 45 minutes. An Abbotsford roster that, according to manager Alan Alderson, was "stretched to its limits" due to college and other club commitments was left kicking itself after clawing its way towards a stalemate during the first period, only to see an errant pass gobbled up and deposited in their net by the aforementioned Parkes. In the second half Abby's thin roster was exposed as the defending UPL Champions, Coastal, showed their class. **Dalton San** notched his first of the season while **Justin Turner-Pierce** too broke his duck for the campaign, adding a brace. **Toscanny Pandu-Oseman** became the third Coastal keeper to earn a clean sheet this season and **Sid Vukaj** also turned in a top-level performance. For Abbotsford, it is back to the drawing board as their stay among the UPL's top four lasted but a week. Alderson characterized rather simply as a "tough day" but gave his group credit for "displaying the character to keep working until the final whistle." Particularly the play of brothers **Colton O'Neill** and **Connor O'Neill**



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along with **Tyson Hunter** was worth highlighting, however, they will likely want to turn the page on this game as quickly as possible. The road does not get much easier though for Abby, as league leaders Port Moody Gunners are on the docket for next weekend.

Port Moody Gunners 3-1 Surrey United Firefighters – Saturday 4pm; Trasolini Turf

In the only game that saw both sides find the net this weekend, Port Moody maintained their three-point lead atop the UPL, as well as their undefeated record. A handful of regulars were missing for Surrey United, which is never easy at the best of times, but certainly less than ideal when you are playing the league leaders. Nevertheless, football has little time for self-pity, so it was a case of next man up for the Firefighters and, to their credit, the first half was ostensibly a saw off. It did not start all that brightly, though, for Surrey as some early defensive miscommunication allowed **Cole Almond** to nod home the opening goal for Port Moody early on in proceedings. Surrey fought back into the match though and created a handful of scoring chances as well as a claim for a penalty when **Ethan Clayborne-Collins** was bundled over attacking a corner kick. United would get rewarded with their leveler before the interval however, when **Josh Miles** was chopped down roughly 20 yards out from goal. Clayborne-Collins, the man they call "ECC", rocketed it home to knot things at one heading into the break. It was to be an entirely different story in the second half, as the home side made the necessary adjustments to take the match over. The Gunners would get the decisive marker with roughly a quarter of an hour left to play before icing things in injury time. Goals by **Graeme Meers** and **Monywiir Deng Dharjang**. **Mark Talisuna**, who is becoming a regular to be singled out in these reports, continued his excellent form for Port Moody, while **Myles Davis** deserves a mention for his efforts in a losing cause.

Burnaby Firefighters 2-0 Temple Vancouver United – Saturday 8pm; Burnaby Lake West #5

Two teams without a win coming into Week 6 of the UPL season met at Burnaby Lake on Saturday night. Last year Firefighters were the new kids on the block, so they could likely empathize with Temple, who are new to the UPL this season. That being said, given their experience, Burnaby would know just how valuable these three points could be come the final accounting in the New Year. Despite propping up the table, both sides had been showing better form of late, with the Firefighters in particular showing glimpses. They came into this match on the back of a pair of draws and, other than a lopsided defeat to Coastal, have been just a bounce or break away from having a few more points to their name. Indeed, it would finally all come together for the Firefighters as a **Reese Miles** goal would put them in front after 20 minutes. Miles would later double his and Burnaby's tally in this one, with the home side never looking back. **James Pistrin** earned the clean sheet, with result moving Burnaby up into sixth based on their goal difference. It was another frustrating night for **Jassa Sanghera** and his Temple squad. Sanghera continued his run of strong performances, but could not drag United back into this match. Manager Brad Dhillon mirrored that frustration, remarking that his team "started the game well" but after they conceded the first goal, as they have done in every one of their matches so far this year, "it was all uphill for rest of the game." The Surrey based side are quickly learning that there are no easy games in the UPL and next week they will take on a Langley team that just hit for seven goals this week.



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Here's how the table looks after Week 6:

Umbro Premier (Fall) - Pool: A								
Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Port Moody SC A	6	5	1	0	17	3	14	16
Coastal FC A	6	4	1	1	16	6	10	13
Langley United A	6	3	1	2	12	6	6	10
Surrey Utd Firefighters	6	3	0	3	7	11	-4	9
Abbotsford United A	6	2	2	2	12	7	5	8
Burnaby Firefighters	6	1	2	3	5	9	-4	5
Chilliwack FC	6	1	2	3	6	16	-10	5
Temple VAN United FC	6	0	1	5	4	21	-17	1

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This week's Brown's Social House Player of the week is Connor Hildebrant. Connor brought himself, and his Langley teammates, in from the cold this week, exploding for four goals. The goals were his first of the season and that offensive outburst helped Langley earn a much needed three points, putting an end to a three-game winless skid. Congratulations Connor, you have won a \$25 gift card courtesy of Brown's Social House!



THIS WEEK'S UPL SCHEDULE

Fri 10/19/2018 8:00PM

Chilliwack FC vs. Coastal FC

Tzeachten Turf #1

Fri 10/19/2018 8:45PM

Surrey United vs. Burnaby Firefighters

Cloverdale Ath. #2

Sat 10/20/2018 6:00PM

Abbotsford United vs. Port Moody Gunners

Mouat Turf #3

Sat 10/20/2018 6:15PM

Temple VAN United vs. Langley United

Hjorth Turf #1

One to watch this week is Surrey United hosting Burnaby Firefighters. Firefighters finally earned their first win of the season last week against Temple which makes them unbeaten in their last three matches. In truth, the Burnaby boys have looked a much-improved side this season, compared to the one that finished bottom of the league a year ago and was only spared relegation via a league restructuring and a playoff win. Even if their record has not quite reflected their better performances, their play has perhaps deserved better results. Only once this season have they looked off the pace,



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that was in a 4-0 Week 2 loss to defending champions Coastal FC. Meanwhile Surrey United have been on a roller coaster so far this season, alternating wins and losses. They find themselves sitting in fourth place with Abbotsford breathing down their necks and a date with the East Valley side lined up for a week from now, when the schedule turns over. Their yo-yo like form would tip them to win this one, but Burnaby will be hungry and perhaps sense some vulnerability.

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