



Fraser Valley Soccer League



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

Things are becoming crowded at the top of the table as we once again have a new leader. After winning the Soccer City Premier League Cup on a great run of form, Coastal have climbed to the summit of the Umbro Premier League. There are three teams hot on their heels, but, defending UPL Champions Port Moody Gunners are not currently one of them. However, with another slate of top fixture this week the picture could change again in a hurry. Also, congratulations to CCB Azad on their first UPL and FVSL win.

Here's a recap of all of this week's action:

SAFC Red Bulls 0-4 Coastal FC – Friday 8:45pm; Cloverdale Athletic Park #1

It was a second chance for SAFC Red Bulls to play one of the UPL's heavyweights in Coastal FC after the two clashed in the SC Cup semi-final. It was Coastal getting the better of the newly promoted side on that occasion and it was a similar story on this night. SAFC were still without leading scorer **Emmanuel Ekeh** as he served the second of a two match suspension and the Red Bulls have also been hit hard by the injury bug. **Brad Heffey** and **Thomas Kargbo** played well up top for SAFC while **Brandon Nair** was his usual strong self at the back, but facing Coastal with a full squad is a tough task, never mind a depleted one. The visitors showed no mercy on this occasion with **Spencer Deboice** putting on a top class display. He did not get on the scoresheet directly, but he provided the primary assist for three of Coastal's four goals and was instrumental throughout the match. Coastal talisman **Jake Starheim** led the way with a two goal performance while **Justin Turner-Pierce** and **Adam Staschuk** rounded out the offense on this night. Thanks to other results, Coastal now find themselves on top of the league after this win, while SAFC, after a strong start, including a pair of UPL wins, are quickly headed in the wrong direction. Manager Brock Dybhavn described the match as one where "everything that could have gone wrong, went wrong." He and his squad will be hoping that they can indeed throw this one away and get back to the form they showed to begin the season!

Langley United 2-0 Port Moody Gunners – Friday 9pm; Yorkson Turf

Both of these teams came into this match on good runs of form with Langley having won back to back matches while Port Moody were on a three game winning streak. Unfortunately for the Gunners, that form completely eluded them in an overall poor team performance. **Vaughan Andrews** and **Nick Leonard** played well for Port Moody, but they were the exceptions rather than the rule. For Langley **Brody Thomas** continues to be almost unplayable. He scored for the UPL side last week and followed that up with a hattrick two days later for Langley's Division 1 side. For an encore this week he scored again for the A team and then followed that up with a four goal outing for the B boys the next day. **Tyson Keam** provided the set up for Thomas in this game and also added a goal himself while **Hudson Nelles** shut the door for his co-league leading third clean sheet of the season and his second in as many weeks. **Devin Gilroy** played well at fullback for Langley for the second week running while **Tyler Epp** was solid at the back for Port Moody, despite the loss.

Abbotsford United 3-1 Surrey United Firefighters – Saturday 6pm; Mouat Turf #3

Coming into this match Surrey United Firefighters had registered a perfect four wins from four UPL games and that record had lifted them to the top of the table. They were looking to maintain that perfect start, as well as their place in the standings when they journeyed out to Abbotsford on Saturday



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and they got off to the perfect start as well, opening the scoring after just ten minutes. **Ethan Clayborne-Collins** was alert to some sloppy Abbotsford defending and nipped in to steal a poor pass right at the top of the penalty area. He squared the ball for **Raq Amijee** who coolly slotted it into the bottom corner of the net. Surrey were flying and **Ryan Uppal**, who had another strong performance for the Firefighters, had a great look to double their lead, but scuffed his shot wide. It was a miss that Surrey would come to rue a few minutes later when **Brady Weir** stormed up the field with the ball before deferring to **Reece Branion** who, in turn, found **Roshan Gosal** who made no mistake to level the score. As usual, Gosal was a handful on the wing along with **Connor O'Neil**, who caused havoc for Surrey in the midfield all game long, constantly winning balls and releasing him out wide. On the other side of the ball **Dave Adams** put in a trademark workmanlike performance, but overall, after such a hot start, Surrey's level of play began to drop off. Following their early chances, Firefighters failed to test **Mike Haladin** in the Abbotsford for pretty much the rest of the contest. In contrast, the home side seemed to find their groove as the match wore on. **Colton O'Neil** joined his brother in the midfield and continued to set Weir through on dangerous runs in the final third. This was leading to a slew of free kicks that allowed **Ishwar Bhatti** to step up and try his luck. On one attempt the ball fell inside the penalty area but no Abby player could force it over the line. With just over a quarter of an hour remaining and the match still deadlocked Bhatti had another look as he sized up a free kick from out wide on the right. From fully 35 yards out he smashed a ferocious, curling effort into the back of the net that left Surrey keeper **Nuno Jesus** rooted to the spot. It was a goal worthy of winning any match and it gave Abbotsford the lead late in this one. With ten minutes to go there was yet another scramble in the Surrey area and this time **Ryan Liddiard** was able to apply their telling touch. "Really pleased with how we just got better and better as the night progressed" said Abbotsford manager Alan Alderson, adding that he was "excited to see us find ways to create chances from so many areas of the park and to be rewarded with the three goals and the three points." The loss will come as a disappointment to Surrey United who's tenure alone in first place lasted only a week. After what assistant manager Dave Hleuka described as a "very flat performance, even after making a few changes to bring life into it" and a match that "we didn't deserve any points from" they will be hoping to be back to top form and back to the top of the league as soon as possible.

Vancouver United SC 2-4 CCB Azad – Saturday 6pm; Hjorth Turf #1

It was a pair of winless sides locking horns at Hjorth Saturday night with both sides no doubt having their eyes set on a first UPL victory of the campaign. Both teams created some chances early but it was a moment of magic from youth call up **Ben Crowther** that opened the scoring as he smashed in a screamer from 25 yards to give Vancouver United their first lead of the year. That is how the score stayed through half time, but on the other side of the break United remained on the front foot. An early free kick was beaten away but the rebound fell perfectly for Maninder Dhillon and Vancouver United were in dreamland, up 2-0. Unfortunately for the home side, this was to be as good as things got. Soon thereafter captain, and midfield lynchpin, **Gurpreet Hundal** was forced off injured and from then on CCB controlled the match. **Harman Aujla** and **Navraj Purewal** each scored their first UPL goal while veteran midfielder **Gagan Josan** finally opened his account after coming close in recent weeks. **Jasdeep Gill** also added a second of the season as the visitors roared back with four unanswered goals. **Parm Aujla** and **Josh Banipal** were key as well in contributing to CCB's first win in the Umbro Premier League. No doubt CCB will be hoping that this success is just the first of many to come for a young group looking to establish themselves at the highest level of the Fraser Valley Soccer League.



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Here's how the UPL Table looks after Week 7:

Umbro Premier (Fall) - Pool: A								
Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Coastal FC A	5	4	1	0	18	3	15	13
Abbotsford United A	6	4	0	2	19	8	11	12
Surrey Utd Firefighters	5	4	0	1	13	6	7	12
Langley United A	7	4	0	3	15	10	5	12
Port Moody SC A	5	3	0	2	8	7	1	9
SAFC Red Bulls	6	2	0	4	11	17	-6	6
CCB Azad	5	1	1	3	5	11	-6	4
Vancouver United SC	7	0	0	7	3	30	-27	0

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This week's Brown's Social House Player of the week is Spencer DeBoice from Coastal FC. Spencer helped lead Coastal back to the top of the table with a dominant performance in a 4-0 win in which he provided assists on three of his team's four goals.

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



THIS WEEK'S UPL SCHEDULE:

Fri 11/15/2019 8:45PM	SAFC Red Bulls vs. CCB Azad	Cloverdale Ath. #1
Fri 11/15/2019 9:00PM	Langley United vs. Vancouver United SC	Yorkson Turf
Sat 11/16/2019 4:00PM	Port Moody Gunners vs. Surrey United	Trasolini Turf
Sat 11/16/2019 6:00PM	Abbotsford United SC vs. Coastal FC	Mouat Turf #3

Langley United will be looking to make it four wins on the spin against last place Vancouver United this week. Other than that match, though, there are not many clear favourites this weekend. Having taken over in first place Coastal face a tough trip to Abbotsford to face a United side that got back to winning ways by spoiling Surrey United's perfect record. That result was also the one that paved the way for Coastal to jump to the top of the table, so Abbotsford will no doubt be hoping to immediately collect on the favour they did for the South Surrey side. Meanwhile, Port Moody continue to simply ebb along after a second loss of the season. This is a team that only lost three matches total on route to becoming



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UPL Champions last season and took until Week 12 of the UPL schedule for them to pick up a second loss a year ago. They will not have an easy task again this weekend when they face a Surrey side who got their first taste of losing last week in Abbotsford. Port Moody could do with Graeme Meers rounding into Golden Boot winning for the way Surrey's Ethan Calyborne-Collins has for Firefighters after a slow start to the season. Finally, after recording their first UPL win last week, CCB have a chance to continue their climb up the table when they face SAFC Red Bulls on Friday night. SAFC turned some heads after posting a few eye-catching early results but have now lost four straight matches. Look for a few fireworks in this latest Surrey derby as both teams look to keep up with the established UPL sides.

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