



Fraser Valley Soccer League



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

Week 4 proved to be a week of firsts. There was a first win, a first point and one team experienced not winning for the first time this season, though they still salvaged a draw. The first month of the Umbro Premier League season is in the books!

Here's a recap of all the action:

Langley United 1-1 Port Moody Gunners – Friday 8:30pm; Yorkson Turf

Port Moody were the lone remaining perfect record in the UPL, but Langley saw to that in their first game on actual home turf this season (they were technically the “home” side opening day against Burnaby). Port Moody started well as you might expect for a side that was sitting top of the table, but Langley slowly wrestled control of the match. It would be the home side who would find the opener with **Scott Barling** potting his second goal of the season and first since he had the very first UPL goal of the year back in Week 1. Langley continued to control the game into the second half with some stand out play by **Nick Cantelon**. The home side were defending well, but as the minutes ticked by it Port Moody were taking more and more risks. **Josh Craig** was at the heart of things for the Gunners as he dictated wave after wave of attack. It all looked to be for naught, however, as Moody were staring a first loss of the season square in the face as the clock rolled past the 90 minute mark. It was then that **Mark Talisuna** arrived on the scene to score a last gasp equalizer and ensure that the Tri-Cities side would maintain at least a share of top spot.

Surrey United Firefighters 0-3 Coastal FC – Friday 8:45pm; Cloverdale Athletic Park #2

About the best thing assistant coach Dave Hleucka had to say about his Surrey United team's performance in this game was that it was “a big disappointment.” That was about as colloquial as his assessment of this one got, after watching his Surrey side let Coastal talisman **Jake Starheim** “do literally what he wanted” all night. Indeed, Coastal manager Corrado Lenzi was signing a different tune after watch his star man, Starheim, bag a brace on the evening. The opener came late in the first half when he bullied the ball off the Surrey United defenders, who had doddled on it too long, and made no mistake, punishing them for their cavalier play. In the second half, Surrey would try to adjust with new personal and some tactical changes, but they never really looked like getting on top. With just over ten minutes to go Starheim's dogged effort paid off when he was fouled on the edge of the area. The resulting free kick was too much for United keeper **Nuno Jesus** to handle and centre back **Jeff Crawford** forced the rebound over the line. To round out the evening the man they call “Big Cat”, Starheim, ran through a handful of Surrey players before banging in his second. Lenzi was also thrilled with the play of 17-year-old goalkeeper **Declan Hunt** who was there when needed, though not called upon often, to earn his second shut out on the trot. “He came up with a couple of big saves for us” said Lenzi, who knew the game could have been much different had Surrey capitalized on an opening minute brain cramp from Coastal. It looked like the home side would take an early lead from a clear breakaway almost straight from the opening kickoff, but they would fire wide in a harbinger of things to come for Firefighters on this night. Despite his team's loss, **David Adams** turned in another rugged performance



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in the engine room for United and he, along with the rest of his mates will be looking to get back to winning ways this weekend against last placed Temple. Coastal's win, meanwhile, combined with other results, sees last seasons champions return to the top of the table for the first time this season. They are however currently being forced to share the penthouse with Port Moody whom they will look to evict when the two sides meet this coming Saturday.

Temple Vancouver United 1-3 Chilliwack FC; Saturday 6:15pm; Hjorth Turf #1

After a few weeks of nearly putting it all together, Chilliwack finally earned their first win of the season. They took control of the match early and did not look back with a brace from **Dale Long** and goal by **Tyler Epp**. It was a much-needed win for the East Valley team in what could well prove to be a tight relegation battle this season. However, Temple manager Brad Dhillon was left ruing his what he felt were his side's defensive errors. A goalkeeping error led to the home side conceding the opening goal and in the second half the Surrey boys compounded their challenge by conceding a penalty. Again, there was some perhaps questionable goaltending involved with Chilliwack's third goal, but, after a string of recent poor results, Dhillon felt that this performance was an "overall much better show by Temple." **Paul Bolina** would bag a consolation marker for United with 20 minutes left on the clock from a well-placed free kick, but any hope of an improbable late comeback was snuffed out five minutes later when **Rajvir Basi** was sent off for picking up a second yellow card. **Jassa Sanghera** put in his usual strong performance for Temple and **Amar Takhar** played well in the loss, but the new side's quest for their first UPL and FVSL win goes on.

Burnaby Firefighters 0-0 Abbotsford United – Saturday 8pm; Burnaby Lake West #5

The game that could have never happened, as both teams failed to score or have anyone's name taken into the referee's notebook. Other than both teams picking up a point in the standings, it is sort of like an "if a tree falls in the woods" scenario... Obviously, though, every game has its merits and while some fun can be poked at this fixture, Burnaby certainly will not be complaining as they finally got off the mark, earning a point for the first time in the 2018/19 UPL season. Goalkeeper **Eric Rassmussen** also earned a first clean sheet to his name after some previous good performances left him with nothing to show for his efforts. Of course, Abbotsford's **Mike Haladin** also had a shutout, his second of the season, and coach Alan Anderson praised him for his control of the penalty area. Anderson continues to be impressed with the crop of young players suiting up for United noting that they "represented the future of our club well" and specifically singling out the play of **Roshan Gosal**, **Arsh Gill** and **Mahek Gill**. As well, Anderson applauded his swiss army knife, **Colton O'Neill**, who has played in a different position each week for Abby, as needs dictate. The best chances of the game fell to his twin brother **Connor O'Neill** who hit the frame of the goal twice in quick succession, as it just was not meant to be on this night. **Jordan Leib** was a standout performer for the Firefighters and the home side almost knicked all three points right at the death when a cross was redirected agonizingly wide. In the end there was no separating the sides after 90 hard fought minutes (and a light night on paperwork for the referees).



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Here's how the table looks after Week 4:

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

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This week's Brown's Social House Player of the week is **Jake Starheim** from Coastal FC. Jake turned in another standout performance for Coastal in their game at Surrey United this week, as he scored a pair of goals and also drew the free kick that lead to Coastal's other tally. His goals now have him leading the way atop the Golden Boot standings with a remarkable seven goals through four games!

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



THIS WEEK'S UPL SCHEDULE

Fri 10/05/2018 8:00PM

Chilliwack FC vs. Burnaby Firefighters

Tzeachten Turf #1

Sat 10/06/2018 4:00PM

Port Moody Gunners vs. Coastal FC

Trasolini Turf

Sat 10/06/2018 6:00PM

Abbotsford United vs. Langley United

Mouat Turf #3

Sat 10/06/2018 6:15PM

Temple VAN United vs. Surrey United

Hjorth Turf #1

One to watch this week is Port Moody against Coastal. These teams sit tied atop the table and both are yet to taste defeat this season. Coastal have recovered from an opening weekend to forget when they were held to a draw by lowly Temple and have since won three straight games. Their current winning



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streak includes wins over the other two top four sides in Langley and Surrey. Port Moody came roaring out of the gates and threw down the gauntlet to the rest of the UPL by snapping off three straight wins to begin the season. That being said, those wins were all against teams currently in the bottom half. In their first test against a top four team last week, they dropped their first points of the season to Langley and, in fact, needed an injury time leveler to escape with a draw. A win here for Moody would really be a shot across the bow to the league, but Coastal, having now climbed back up to their perch on top of the league, likely have no intentions of taking their foot off the gas. This match will boast plenty of star power, but keep an eye on the league's leading goal scorer, Coastal's Jake Starheim, and Port Moody's midfield workhorse Mark Talisuna in particular.

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