



# Fraser Valley Soccer League



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

All of a sudden there is a gap opening up at the top of the FVSL Premier Division. There is still plenty of time, and tons of matches, left before the season reaches a climax, but, for the first time this season, a team has some breathing room at the top. Which team is that? Check out the [FVSL Premier Review](#) to find out who it is and how they got there, plus see who might have a chance to reel them back in!

For the second week running **Division 1** had only for matches go ahead due to continuing weather-related challenges in the Eastern Fraser Valley. **TWU Spartans B** managed to maintain their tenuous hold on second place after two goals by **Lothario Milfrise** secured a 3-2 win over **Juba FC**. Spartans remain just a single point up on **TSS FC Rovers II U21** after Rovers tamed **FC Tigers Vancouver B** 6-3 thanks to, among others, a brace from **Evan Lycos** and a further goal for current Golden Boot leader **Jack Cluff**. TSS do hold a game in hand over Spartans though, so that should keep things plenty interesting down this second half stretch. Elsewhere, **Port Moody Piranhas** and **Langley United B** stayed level on points, and in the top half of the table, after both sides won at the weekend. **Ossman Palani** had a brace as Langley beat **Surrey United SC Reds U21** 3-1, while **Jeff Lee** had both goals for Port Moody and **Terry Jackson** recorded a fourth clean sheet of the year in their 2-0 defeat of **Premier Academy U21**.

Stop traffic, as not just one, but both, **Division 2** first place sides lost this past weekend. It was a first loss of the season for 2A's **Abbotsford United B** as a lone goal by **Taranjit Bagri** was bested by tallies from **Campbell McKinnon** and **Eric Vanderhoek** for **Mission SC A** in a 2-1 win. The result leaves Mission five points back of Abby with six games to play. Also five points back, after they beat **Surrey United SC Elite** 2-1, are **Ridge Meadows SC United**. Goals by **Dylan Jensen** and **Bela Piczka** secured the win for Ridge Meadows to help set up a possible title challenge over the final stretch. Elsewhere, **Aldergrove United Highlanders** were at the top of their game in a 9-0 thrashing of **Greater Vancouver United** that saw **Davor Rajhert** net a hattrick and move to the top of the goal scoring race. A 4-2 loss for **North Surrey Mustangs** atop 2B has also put the cat amongst the pigeons in that group's title race. Two goals by **Tyler Walters** were key in delivering that result for **Surrey United SC**. The outcome was welcome news to **Coastal FC** who now sit just five points back, with a game in hand, after goals by **Rahish Dutt** and **Mandeep Sara**, plus a clean sheet from **Arath Bello**, delivered a 2-0 win over **WRU Vault FC**.

Hattricks from **Cameron Dhaliwal** and **Vikram Puri** gave **Division 3B** leaders **Ladner FC** a comprehensive 6-1 win over last place **BCT Westside United**. In a battle between the teams trying to catch Ladner at the top, **WRU Cloverdale FC A** beat **Pacific United FC** 2-1, after the teams entered the weekend level on points in second place, five back of first. Goals by **Mitchell Kennedy** and **Euri Kim** for Cloverdale outdid a goal by Pacific's **Dharampreet Singh** in the win. A key top of the table tilt in **Division 3A** went the way of **Langley United Impact**, as they beat **Poco FC Rockets** 2-1 thanks to goals by **Jordon Wells** and **Adam Frost**. The result moves the Impact into first place alone and leaves the Rockets, who got a goal from **Pietro Nardone** in the loss, three points back. Also in contention are **Mission SC U21** after goalkeeper **Kyler Garza** stifled a potent **Abbotsford SA Graduates U21** offense allowing a **Noah Falk** goal to stand as the winner in a 1-0 victory. The result moves Mission five points back of first place with a game in hand.



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It appears this season that **Division 4** is morphing from a free-scoring, barn-burning shootout league where scores vary wildly from week to week, to a hard fought, cagey and compelling tournament with several contenders for the title in each group. That is not to say that big goal scoring performances are entirely a thing of the past, just as 4B's **Elias Bircher** who potted a hattrick for his **North Delta SC Falcons** in their 7-0 thumping of **Surrey FC Temple**. However, at the top of 4B just two points separate first from fourth after leaders **North Delta SC United SJ** were beaten 2-1 by **Grass & Hops FC** as **Aman Grewal** and **Derek Jackman** scored in the win. The victory moves Grass & Hops into second place after **North Delta SC 91s** were held to a 1-1 draw by **WRU Cloverdale FC B**. This week brought yet further changes to the top of the 4A table. **Mission SC B** were idle which allowed both **Tri City FC B**, who beat **Abbotsford Phoenix** 6-2 in a match that saw **Stuart Chernoff** score an impressive four times, and **Poco FC Pacific**, who rode a **Michael Stevenson** goal and a sixth clean sheet of the season by **Sebastian Silva Madrigal** to a 1-0 win over **Ridge Meadows SC Folly**, to move into joint possession of top spot. Although, Tri City do hold a game in hand. Meanwhile, **Poco FC Athletic** lost ground in the title hunt when a **Dan Clement** goal consigned them to a 1-0 loss to **Aldergrove United**.

In **Masters 1**, first place has been reclaimed by **North Delta SC Rangers**. Goal number 13 on the season for Golden Boot leader **Jairo Rodriguez**, along with a tally from **Robert Burkmar**, provided the offense necessary for 2-0 over **Aldergrove United Players**. Their position at the top is tenuous at best, though, as rivals **Langley United Knights** are just one point back with two games in hand after another idle week. Meanwhile, **Surrey United SC** saw their hold on third place loosen following a 2-1 loss to **WRU South Surrey FC**, who got goals from **Stephen Dawe** and **Adel Negrn** in the win. **Ridge Meadows SC Wolves** are looking to clinch the **Masters 2** title before the holidays after they maintained their perfect record with a 3-1 win over **America United**, who had come into the weekend in second place. Elsewhere, there was a hattrick for **Ossman Palani**, to go along with his goals in Division 1 this week, as he helped **Langley United** to a 6-1 win over **White Rock United**. Our Match of the Week was the first-place battle in **Masters 3** between **Coastal FC Alumni** and local rivals **WRU South Surrey FC Bullets**. It was a tight affair but, ultimately, Coastal emerged as 3-1 victors with **Ashley Nicholson** netting a brace, alongside a further goal by **Aaron Johnson**, while **Oluwadotun Akinsiku** had the lone reply for the Bullets. The win opened up a four point lead for Coastal over South Surrey, but Alumni remain just a single point ahead of **Ridge Meadows SC Thunder** who got two goals from **Ken Laity** to post a 3-1 win of their own over **North Delta SC Phoenix**.

## MATCH OF THE WEEK

As the FVSL schedule start to build towards the business end of the season, we head back to Division 3 where the Group A table continues to remain in a state of flux. Langley United Impact have nudged ahead into top spot, but Poco FC Rockets and Mission SC U21 are lurking just behind them, and those two sides will tangle this weekend. Poco held a share of first place until they were beaten by the Impact last time out. They will be looking to bounce back this weekend, but, despite their youth, Mission have proved to be tough customers so far this season. Mission are led offensively by Noah Falk, whose dozen goals so far this year are by far the best on the team and good enough to have him in a tie for third place in the scoring race. To put their reliance on Falk in perspective, after him the next highest scorers, Nathan Leathley and Jacob Carl, have just three goals each. It is not all Falk though, Mission do also rely



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upon goalkeeper Kyler Garza who has posted a pair of clean sheets this season and made a number of timely stops.

For POCO, while some of their attention will no doubt be directed towards trying to nullify Falk, they also have offensive weapons of their own. While the Rockets have spread out their offense somewhat more than Mission, Farhang Behrouzi had still managed to put away five goals in twelve games. The real star of the season so far for POCO, though, has been goalkeeper Harvey Dutt. His three shutouts and numerous top performances have helped the Rockets grab points that they otherwise may not have earned. This includes their narrow 1-0 win over Mission in the reverse fixture. Neither of these teams will want to risk dropping further points on their chase for first place, so hopefully that produces a top contest and an entertaining affair.

***Mission SC U21 v POCO FC Rockets goes Friday night at 7:30pm at Mission Sports Park #9-10.***

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