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

The weather threatened to ruin a great week of football in the FVSL Premier Division, and it did indeed cancel a pair of games, including the much anticipated SC Cup semi-final between Abbotsford United and Whitecaps FC U19. Fortunately, the games that were played more than made up for this with a number of great contests that shook up the table at the top and the bottom. Head over to the [FVSL Premier Review](#) and catch up on the results and the performances from a stellar week in the top-flight!

After back-to-back cancellations **Division 1** leaders Tzeachten FC were back in action, picking up where they left off and maintaining their perfect record with a 3-1 win over **FC Tigers Vancouver B**. There were two goals for **Zenow Renaerts** in a game that turned a bit ugly as FC Tigers ended up with three players sent off before all was said and done. Tzeachten are five points up on second place **TSS FC Rovers II U21** and hold a game in hand. TSS posted a fairly straightforward 3-0 win over **Juba FC** with Golden Boot leader **Jack Cluff** notching a brace to take him to 13 for the season. Behind them there was a bit of an eye-catching 3-3 tie between **TWU Spartans B** and **Langley United B**, which leaves TWU a point back of TSS, having played a game more. Six different scorers were on target in the draw! **Port Moody Piranhas** climbed the table thank to a 2-1 win over **North Delta SC NEWWAY**. It was **Alexander King** and **Eric Choi** getting the goals for Port Moody, while **Ryan Braich** managed the lone reply for North Delta. Elsewhere, goals by **Matthew Killick** and **Mohamed Koroma** kept **Surrey United SC B** hovering around mid-table after a 2-1 win over **Abbotsford United C** and **Jaden Versluis** scored twice for **Surrey United SC Reds U21** in their 6-1 rout of **Premier Academy U21**.

Things are starting to get very interesting in **Division 2** just as the season is building to a crescendo. 2B leaders **North Surrey Mustangs A** dropped points for a second straight week after **Langley United Young Guns** forced them to settle for a 3-3 draw. **Jordan Hatchwell** and **Robert Bond** scored for the Young Guns, along with **Bryce Wipp**, to cancel out goals for Mustangs by **Abdulrahman Alzaard** and **Joao Victor Carvalho**, as well as **Raman Alhamid**. Title challengers **Coastal FC** and **Langley United Dynamo** saw their game snowed out, but Coastal can now catch North Surrey if they win both their games in hand. **Surrey FC Punjab** are also in the conversation after their 6-1 thrashing of **Langley United Dragons** that featured an **Amandeep Singh** brace. Over in 2B, first place **Abbotsford United B** did not drop any points, but their match against **FC Faly B U21** was also postponed. This allowed challengers **Ridge Meadows SC United** and **Mission SC A** to pull within two points of Abby, albeit with Abbotsford holding a game in hand. **Dylan McKamey** led the way for Ridge Meadows, scoring twice in their 4-1 defeat of **Langley City FC**, while Mission were handed a walkover by **Greater Vancouver United**.

Our Match of the Week this week came from the compelling **Division 3A** title race. **Poco FC Rockets** got a goal from **Liam Eales**, but it was not enough to prevent them from succumbing to a second loss in a row. **Mission SC U21** talisman **Noah Falk** scored again, and **Jacob Carl** chipped in with a goal to give the youngsters a 2-1 win and move them within two points of first place **Langley United Impact**, who had their match with **Xwelmexw FC A** postponed. The loss keeps Poco three points back, having played a game more than the other sides at the top of the table. Also in the mix are **Ridge Meadows SC Misfits**, who sit level with Mission after they smashed **Tri-City FC** 7-1, and **Abbotsford SA Graduates U21**



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following their 2-1 win over **Ridge Meadows SC Strikers**. In **Division 3B**, leaders **Ladner FC** were pushed hard by **Surrey FC Royals**, but they maintained their five point lead at the top of the table after goals by **Cameron Dhaliwal** and **Andrew Jones**, plus a first of the season for **Josh Robinson**, supplied a 3-2 win. Second place **WRU Cloverdale FC A** did their best to keep pace as they beat **BCT Westside United** 4-0 on the back of goals by four different players.

A pair of teams look to be breaking away at the top of a congested **Division 4A** table. **Tri-City FC B** won a massive game, 4-2, over fellow title hopefuls **Mission SC B**. The heroes for Tri City in the win were **Stuart Chernoff** and **Ethan Silver**, who each scored a brace. That leaves Tri City in first place, level on points with **Poco FC Pacific**, although Tri City hold a game in hand. Pacific beat **Aldergrove United** 4-1 with two goals apiece from **Dan Babinski** and **Costin Ionascu** proving key to their success. Elsewhere, **Poco FC Athletic** lost ground after they were edged 2-1 by **Ridge Meadows SC Black Sheep** on goals by **Jonathan Candia** and **Graham Colmer**. In **Division 4B** it was status quo with all of the top four picking up wins. **North Delta SC United SJ** stay top after a 5-0 win over **North Delta SC Falcons**, although, perhaps surprisingly, Golden Boot leader **Jason Brand** only managed a lone tally in that one. **Grass & Hops FC** remain second, one point back, though having played a game more, following a 5-0 win of their own over **Langley United Studs**. Meanwhile, **North Delta SC 91s** and **Aldergrove United Lowlanders** had 3-0 and 2-1 wins over **Surrey FC Temple** and **Surrey FC United** respectively.

None of the matches in **Masters 1** went ahead this weekend. A pair of games did go ahead in **Masters 2** and leaders **Ridge Meadows SC Wolves** moved within one win of clinching the title following their 4-2 defeat of **Bradner Redshirts**. The Wolves worked as a pack to knock off Bradner, getting goals from four different players, and that win, coupled with a 4-2 loss to **Langley United Benders** for second place **Whalley City**, have put Ridge Meadows on the brink of the championship. The only hattrick of the weekend across the entire FVSL came in **Masters 3** for **Balint Stewart**, as he netted three for **Langley United Heat** in their 5-1 win over **Ridge Meadows SC Chargers**. However, the big result in that division came at the top where two goals by **Joe Battie** and two more from **Spencer Coppin** powered first place **Coastal FC Alumni** to a 4-1 win over second place **Ridge Meadows SC Thunder**, giving Coastal a four point cushion atop the table!

MATCH OF THE WEEK

All of a sudden the title race in Division 2B is heating up and that is where we check in this week. Not long ago it seemed that Abbotsford United B were well on their way to yet another division crown. However, an unexpected draw a few weeks back, followed by their first loss of the season to title challengers Mission SC A last time out have dragged Abby back down towards the back. Now they face the other team looking to catch them for first place, Ridge Meadows SC United. Abbotsford still control their own fate as they are two points up on both Mission and Ridge Meadows, and they hold a game in hand, but a further loss this week would see them replaced, albeit somewhat artificially, atop the table. Abby remain a juggernaut and their vaunted attack of leading scorer Taranjit Bagri, alongside Manveer Dhillon and Amrit Sidhu, have combined for 23 goals. That is more than three team in their group's entire total! At the back, Jiwan Sangha is the man holding the fort but, at least on most weeks, Abbotsford can generally score their way out of trouble anyway.



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For Ridge Meadows, they are led by the twin-headed monster of Bela Poczka, who has ten goals on the year, and Connor Hoekstra, with nine to his name. That might not be quite as potent as the Abbotsford offense but it a decent output. It can also help take the pressure off goalkeeper Matt Carson, although he has been able to come up clutch when required this season. Ridge Meadows had a minor dip where three draws in five games threatened to derail their title hopes, but they have clawed their way back into it now and this is their shot. The last meeting was a narrow 2-1 success for Abby, so hopefully this proves to be yet another enthralling contest!

Ridge Meadows SC United v Abbotsford United B is Saturday night 6pm at Pitt Meadows Secondary.

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