



# Fraser Valley Soccer League



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

The Pakenham Cup took centre stage this week for teams in the top flight as well as those in Division 1. The competition provided some excellent entertainment and storylines, even at this early stage. Meanwhile, there was also league business to tend to in the Premier Division, with relegation and Provincial Cup qualification still very much at the fore. All the twists and turns from a very busy week can be found in the [FVSL Premier Review](#) ahead of the next round of cup action.

There were 32 teams remaining in the **Presidents Cup** at the beginning of play this weekend. It was also the beginning of the tournament for some of the “big boys” of Division 2 who had received byes in the first round. This includes **Abbotsford United B** who exploded for an 8-0 win over **Greater Vancouver United** as **Immy Bandesha** led the way with a hattrick. There were wins as well for Pool A and B Div. 2 title winners **Mission SC A** and **Langley United Dynamo**. Goals by **Noah Falk** and **Eric Vanderhoek** helped Mission be **Poco FC Rockets** 2-1, while a spicy contest between Dynamo and **Ridge Meadows SC Black Sheep** ended with both teams down to ten men and Langley walking away 1-0 winners thanks to a **Cam Whitters** goal. Perhaps the match of the round, though, saw 2A runners up **Ridge Meadows SC United** survive a shootout against Division 3 side **Surrey FC Royals**. Ridge Meadows advanced 5-3 in a game that saw United’s **Bella Poczka** and Surrey’s **Maninder Singh** exchange hattricks. **Ryan Cordoni** and **Adrian Moriconi** also scored for Ridge Meadows to help deliver the win. Elsewhere, Division 4 side **Ridge Meadows SC Folly** look to have locked up the title of Cinderella, at least for now. After upsetting Division 3 opposition in the first round, they did it again in round two, advancing with a 3-2 win over **BCT Westside United**. It was **Chris Richards** who led the way for the Folly, scoring a brace, while **Zach Hetherington** ensured there was a crucial third goal on the board to carry Ridge Meadows into the last sixteen where they will see if the clock strikes midnight as they take on a Division 2 side.

Our Match of the Week came from the **Masters B Cup** where a pair of teams who would have entered the tournament with eyes on the trophy clashed in the opening round when **Langley United** welcomed **Whalley City**. A goal by **Trevor White** for Langley not nearly enough as Whalley one again leaned on their team-based approach to offense. **Varinder Ghuman** and **Palmer Kartar** scored while **Evan Stewart** added a goal and **Trevor Foulds** fired home his first of the season to power the visitors to a 4-1 win and a spot in the quarters. Masters 1 side **Aldergrove United Players** eked out a 2-1 over a plucky Masters 2 side in **America FC** thanks to goals by **Amir Aghababai Zamani** and **Doug Hoffman** as Players look to bounce back from a lackluster season with a strong cup run. Meanwhile, a pair of Masters 3 sides are through to the last eight after **WRU South Surrey Bullets** and **Coastal FC Alumni** beat **North Delta SC Phoenix** and **Ridge Meadows SC Chargers** 3-1 and 4-1 respectively. The draw has been kind to these two sides as, after playing fellow Masters 3 sides in the first round, these teams will now meet each other in the quarter finals, ensuring that there will be a Masters 3 side in the semi finals.

As teams are eliminated from their respective cups, the **Bradner Cup** schedule will begin to come into being. There have already been a few matches, with powerhouse Div. 2 sides **Mission SC A** and **Langley United Dynamo**, the two pool winners, being drawn together in the first round. They settled their tie mid-week with goals by Missions **Mark Dait** and **Dan Hill** overcoming a tally for Dynamo’s **Cam Whitters**



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to give Mission a 2-1 win. The Masters A Bradner semi finals also went this weekend and produced a pair of tight contests. **Surrey United SC** from Masters 1 and Masters 2 champs **Ridge Meadows SC Wolves** could not be separated at full time, having reached a 0-0 stalemate. The game required penalties with Surrey holding their nerve and advancing by a narrow 3-2 margin. In the other match, two goals from **Ben Hadson** was enough to give Masters 1 title winners **Langley United Knights** a spot in the final with a 2-1 win over **North Delta SC Rangers**, despite a goal from Masters 1 Golden Boot runner up **Jairo Rodriguez**.

## League Play

There were a pair of league games this week, including an import **Division 1** with implications for the relegation battle. **TSS FC Rovers II U21** rode four goals from **Liam MacGowan** and brace from leading scorer **Jack Cluff** to a 9-2 win over **Premier Academy U21** which leaves Premier teetering on the edge of relegation. Premier own the tie breaker over **Juba FC**, but Juba still have two matches left to play. Elsewhere, **Jonathan Candia** and **Chris Thomas** both had braces as **Ridge Meadows SC Black Sheep** brought down the curtain on the Division 4 scheduled with a 6-1 win over **Xwelmxw FC B**.

## MATCH OF THE WEEK

The Masters A Cup gets underway this week with a preliminary round matchup featuring upstart, runaway Masters 2 champions Ridge Meadows SC Wolves taking on Masters 1 side WRU South Surrey FC. There were very few blemishes on the season for Wolves, with their first loss not coming until after they had secured the division title. However, their first match against a Masters 1 side, last weekend in the Bradner Cup, while competitive, did not go their way. Ridge Meadows lost on penalties, but, perhaps more worrisome, their vaunted offense was held off the board entirely for the first time all year. Rockstar goalkeeper Alex Andrew was solid keeping a clean sheet of his own, leading scorer David Morin, who had 13 goals during the league campaign, was shutout, as well as counterparts Jiri Zaspal and Dave Sambol. They will need to rediscover their shooting boots if they are hoping to make a better go of things in the Masters A Cup.

For South Surrey, the season could probably be described as less than hoped for, in that they had some wins, but definitely would not have been as competitive against the top sides as they would have been looking for this year. As always, though, the cup presents a clean slate and the WRU boys will certainly not want to see their season end at the hands of lower division opposition. Surrey will be hoping that Stephen Dawe, who has spent some time scoring for WRU's open teams during the season, can find his scoring touch for them in this one, as well as leading scorers Oluwadotun Akinsu and David Fotheringham. Wolves will be hunting for the upset, can South Surrey fend off the pack?

***Ridge Meadows SC Wolves v WRU South Surrey FC goes Sunday evening at 4pm at Westview Turf.***

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