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

Two fantastic semi-finals were played this past weekend in the Pakenham cup, one of which needed more than just 90 minutes to decide! We are now set for a thrilling final and, once more, a chance to see “old against new” as the best the FVSL has to offer will clash to determine who takes home the silverware. The relegation picture and Golden Boot race were also impacted by mid-week league results as the final few matches of the top flight schedule continue to be crossed off the list. Head over to the [FVSL Premier Review](#) to read all about how we got to where we are now!

While most of the FVSL spent the weekend determining their finalists, in the **Presidents Cup** they were still only at the quarter final stage. Division 2A winners **Mission SC A** were handed a walkover to the semis, but the other three matches proved highly competitive. The standout performance of the round, though, was clearly **Hans Schranz** who scored all three goals for **Aldergrove United Highlanders** as they edged **Ridge Meadows SC United** 3-2 to book a place in the semi finals. It was the end of the road for Division 3 side **Pacific United FC** who were beaten 1-0 by Div. 2's **Poco FC Titans** thanks to an **Evan Sinclair** goal. However, midnight did not come for the other Div. 3 side remaining in the competition, **Ridge Meadows SC Rowdies**. A **Conor Hadath** goal was enough to carry the Rowdies to a 1-0 win and stun Div. 2B champions **Langley United Dynamo**!

It will be finals in back-to-back weeks for **Surrey United SC** and **Langley United Knights** as they both progressed through their **Masters A Cup** semi finals to set up a carbon copy of the Bradner Masters A final, albeit with Provincial Cup qualification on the line for Surrey in the Masters A Cup. **Chris Roots** and **John Collins** scored for Surrey, alongside first goal of the season for **Matt Dobie**, to deliver a 3-0 win over **North Delta SC Rangers** and keep Surrey's chances of a spot in the big show alive. Meanwhile, Masters 1 champs Langley had their hands full with a plucky **Ridge Meadows SC Wolves** side, riding a high after winning Masters 2 and already knocking out higher division competition in the preliminary round. **Scott Butschler** scored for the Wolves to cause Langley some angst, but goals from **Jason Flint** and **William Folstad** ensure the Knights a chance for the domestic treble.

There was to be no Cinderella story for Masters 3 side **WRU South Surrey FC Bullets** in **Masters B Cup** play. Paired in a semi final against Masters 1's **Chilliwack Rapids**, they were unable to score as Chilliwack posted a 3-0 win to advance thanks to goals from three different players and a **Kris Reddemann** clean sheet. The other semi featured a highly entertaining tilt between Masters 2 runners-up **Whalley City** and Masters 1 side **Aldergrove United Players**. The game finished 3-2 with Aldergrove's **Matt Neal-Smith** and Whalley's **Bob Atwal** exchanging braces with the decisive tally coming from Whalley's **Varinder Ghuman** to send the Surrey side to the final.

Our Match of the Week came from the **U21 Cup** and it certainly lived up to the billing. With a Provincial Cup place on the line Div. 2's **Faly FC B U21** tangled with Div. 3 upstarts **Abbotsford SA Graduates U21** in a match that needed extra time to settle. Big time players rise to the occasion and that was the case for Graduates leading scorer **Ishminder Dhaliwal** who added a cup goal to his resume after running away with the Division 3 Golden Boot this season. Unfortunately for Abby it was not enough, as Faly had just a little bit more on the night and advanced with a 2-1 win thanks to goals from **Frank Amadasun** and



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Daniel Pinda. The other semi saw **TSS FC Rovers II U21** book a spot in the final and the Provincial Cup with a 5-1 defeat of **Surrey United SC Reds U21** led by a **Liam MacGowan** brace.

As the main cup competitions whittle down their field, teams get another chance at glory in the **Bradner Cup**. In the **Open** bracket a **Lee Higgins** hat-trick was not enough for Div. 2A champions **Mission SC A** as they were beaten 6-3 by Division 1 winners **Tzeachten FC**, thanks in part to a brace from **Dale Long**. In the **Div. 3/4** bracket the standout fixture saw **Nathan Wadwani** score twice for **Ridge Meadows SC Black Sheep** as the Div. 4 side took their local rivals from Div. 3, **Ridge Meadows SC Misfits** to penalties with a 3-3 draw. However, the Black Sheep were unable to complete the upset and were put out to pasture after the shootout. There was one noteworthy upset, though, as Div. 4 **Abbotsford Phoenix FC** rode goals by **Kyle Robson** and **Adam Houlihan** to a 2-1 win over Div. 3 **Poco FC Rockets**. As for the **Masters B** bracket, the goals were tumbling out as teams vied for semi-final places. **Ian Finch** scored a pair to lift **Langley United Benders** of Masters 2 to a 4-2 win over Masters 3 champs **Coastal FC Alumni** in a charged affair that saw Langley finish with ten men. It was **Jarris Neufeld** playing hero for **Bradner Redshirts**, scoring a brace to help his side come out on the right side of a 4-3 barnburner against **Langley United** while **Whalley City** are still alive in both cup competitions after a 3-1 win over **Xwelmexw FC C**.

League Play

There was one final **Division 1** match left on the docket and it was a big one with **Juba FC** needing one point to avoid relegation. Their opponents, **Surrey United SC B**, had nothing to play for, but they were at home and no doubt looking to finish their campaign on a high. Four different players added one final goal to their tally for the season as Surrey ran out 4-0 winners with **Tyler Jones** adding a fourth clean sheet to his numbers for the year. The loss sees Juba finish bottom after a frustrating season.

MATCH OF THE WEEK

There is only one main cup competition still awaiting its finalist – the Presidents Cup. Of the final four teams, the clear underdog, and potential Cinderella story, is **Ridge Meadows SC Rowdies**, who are the lone remaining Division 3 side in the competition. They have already knocked out a pair of Division 2 sides to get this far, including Div. 2B winners **Langley United Dynamo** in their quarter final. They will need to repeat the feat once again if they are to earn a place in the final, though, as a motivated **Poco FC Titans** side now stands in their way. The Rowdies are led offensively by **Curtis Smith**, whose six goals in all competitions have helped to power **Ridge Meadows** at the top end of the field. However, the heart and soul of their side is leading scorer **Conor Hadath** and his eleven goals. Hadath has seemingly saved his best for cup season as he has scored six goals in their four matches so far to get them to this point. The Rowdies had a middle of the road league campaign, but would love to cap it off with a finals appearance and a chance to perhaps extend their season into the Provincial B Cup.

Also looking for a Provincial B Cup berth are **Poco FC Titans** after a middle of the pack season of their own. The draw, though, has been kind to Poco, as, despite being one of the few Div. 2 teams required to participate in the first round, they have only had to face another Div. 2 side once in their third round defeat of **North Surrey Mustangs A**. The main man all season up front for Poco has been **David Peacock**, as he led the way in their league campaign, scoring 11 times. He has since added three more goals in



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the cup and the Titans will be looking to him to once again power their offense and offer them a chance to play for the trophy!

Poco SC Titans v Ridge Meadows SC Rowdies goes Friday night at 8:30pm at Gates Turf.

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