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

There was a rare week of stability this past weekend in the FVSL Premier Division. All four of the teams now in the top four of the table picked up wins. The question now is, can they continue? Certainly all four of those teams will not be winning again this week, as there is a marquee top-of-the-table clash on the horizon. Who are these top four sides, how did they get there, and who is playing who? Head to the [FVSL Premier Review](#) for all these answers and more!

The first big twist in **Division 1** came this weekend as **TSS FC Rovers II U21** handed second place **TWU Spartans B** their first loss of the season. TSS were powered to victory by goal from **Mattias Anderson**, who registered his first tally of the campaign, and a clean sheet by **Silas Boyden**. The win moves TSS into third place, just three points back of TWU, after **North Delta SC NEWWAY** were held to a 3-3 draw by **Langley United B**. A two goal performance by **Dallyn Simpson** was not enough for North Delta as three different Langley players scored to earn them a share of the spoils. The real winners, though, may have been division leaders **Tzeachten FC**, who grew their lead over TWU at the top of the table to five points. The Tzeachten machine continued to roll this past weekend as they mowed down **Surrey United SC Reds U21** 8-0 with **Dale Long** banging in a hattrick. Elsewhere, there was also a hattrick for **Jack Livesey** as he scored all three goals for **Port Moody Piranhas** in their 3-3 tie with **FC Tigers Vancouver B**. The points were shared as well between **Juba FC** and **Abbotsford United C** after those two teams played out to a 0-0 stalemate. Meanwhile, one of the more entertaining matches of the weekend saw **Surrey United SC B** narrowly escape with a 3-2 win over **Premier Academy U21**.

We have hit the halfway point in the **Division 2** schedule and in 2A **Abbotsford United B** are bang on course for another title winning season. This week their final victim of the first half of fixtures was an upstart **Langley City FC** side that entered the weekend in third place. Abby had three different players on target in the match and ran out 3-1 winners. Sitting six points back of them are **Ridge Meadows SC United** who edged **Aldergrove United Highlanders** 3-2 to keep their first-place dreams alive. Leading scorer **Connor Hoekstra** had a brace for Ridge Meadows in the win as he remains very much alive in the Golden Boot race with nine goals through nine matches. In 2B, **North Surrey Mustangs A** were looking to emulate the lead shown by Abbotsford over in 2A and sit comfortably atop the standings at the turn. Instead, though, they were handed a first defeat losing 2-0 to **Langley United Dynamo**. The Dynamo were spurred to victory by goals from **Austin Malnis** and **Shane Stewart**. The result left second place **Coastal FC** with the chance to move within two points of the Mustangs, but they too were beaten, falling 4-1 to **Surrey FC Punjab**. Therefore it is Surrey FC Punjab, along with **Surrey United SC C** who were 2-0 winners of **WRU Vault FC**, that sit closest to the Mustangs, as they are both four points back.

Our Match of the Week was in **Division 3A**, where leaders **Langley United Impact** were handed a second loss on the spin by **Ridge Meadows SC Misfits**. The crucial goal came from **Zach Carlson** and keeper **Chris Thomas** picked a great time to register his first clean sheet of the season to deliver a 1-0 win. The result leaves things finely poised at the top of 3A with Misfits just two points back of the now co-leaders Impact. Pulling into share of first place alongside Langley were **Poco FC Rockets** after a 2-1 success over **Ridge Meadows SC Strikers**. Goals by **Sean Byrne** and **Tommy Kirkley** secured the victory for Poco as



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they look to go toe-to-toe with the Impact in the second half of the season. Over in **Division 3B**, a 0-0 draw between **Pacific United FC** and **Surrey FC Royals** allowed **Ladner FC** to seize the initiative at the top of the table with an 8-1 trouncing of **North Delta SC Titans**. The results leave Ladner as the now sole leaders in 3B, two points clear of Pacific and three points ahead of **WRU Cloverdale FC A** who were 4-0 winners over **North Surrey Mustangs B**.

Another week, another top performance offensively for **Jason Brand** in **Division 4B** as he scored all three goals for **North Delta SC United SJ** in a 3-1 win over **Surrey FC Temple**. This was a big result for SJ as the two teams they are chasing at the top of the table, **North Delta SC 91s** and **Aldergrove United Lowlanders** played out a 2-2 draw. That sees SJ pull level on points with rivals 91s with Lowlanders just a single point ahead of both teams. Meanwhile, there are new leaders atop **Division 4A**. After a few weeks of back-and-forth between local rivals **Poco FC Athletic** and **Poco FC Pacific**, neither side was able to win on the weekend. Pacific were beat by **Ridge Meadows SC Black Sheep** 3-2 and Athletic had to settle for a 1-1 draw with **Abbotsford Phoenix FC**. This opened the door for **Mission SC B** and they duly obliged, beating **Ridge Meadows SC Dons** 1-0 on a goal by **Taid Rasti** and a division leading sixth clean sheet for **Jessie Frick** to jump into first place!

It was a frustrating week in **Masters 1** for title hopefuls **North Delta SC Rangers** as they were held by old rivals **Surrey United SC** to a 2-2 draw. The result was great news for first place **Langley United Knights**, whose game against **WRU South Surrey FC** was postponed, as they now sit two points up on Rangers with a game in hand. In **Masters 2**, first place **Ridge Meadows SC Wolves** beat the team who came into the weekend in second place, **Guildford FC Pacific United**, 2-0 to take a commanding eight-point lead atop the table. **Mark Frouws** and **David Morin** scored for Wolves in the win. Elsewhere, in **Masters 3** a 7-0 win for **Coastal FC Alumni** over **Ridge Meadows SC Chargers** moved them into first place when later in the weekend **Langley United Heat**, who entered the weekend in first place, were held to a 0-0 draw by winless **Abbotsford Arsenal** who are propping up the table. Go figure.

MATCH OF THE WEEK

We are in Division 1 for the first time this week as there is a titanic clash on the docket with Tzeachten FC putting their perfect record on the line against second place TWU Spartans B who, until this past week, were also unbeaten. The stats say it all about these two sides, as the Golden Boot standing are simply littered with names of players on both teams. For Tzeachten, both Dale Long and Kaelen Grell sit on eight goals through nine matches, while Matthew Aikema and Zenow Robert both have five apiece to their name. As daunting an offensive juggernaut as Tzeachten are with 39 goals in nine games, they might be even better at the back. They have allowed just two goals against this season, with number one goalkeeper Jonathan Vugteveen by far and away the leader atop the Golden Glove race with six clean sheets to his name. Tzeachten also have veteran talisman Tyler Epp to rely upon and his big game experience will be key for them in this contest.

With all that said about Tzeachten, TWU are now slouches themselves. They actually had scored more goals than their opponents until last weekend when they were held off the scoresheet for the first time this season. Alexander Roxborough, Lothario Milfrise and Kieran Eve have seven, six and five goals each so far this season. Charles Tchouya has also chipped in with four. And TWU have a trio of capable



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goalkeepers to call upon in any of Alexander Cordeiro, Yeshua Silwamba and Arman Hassannia. With two spectacular offenses and arguably equally solid defenses, this sets up as potentially one of the matches of the year across the whole of the FVSL. There is a five-point gap at the top coming into this match and one cannot help but feel that anything other than a TWU win will leave them with quite the steep mountain to climb if they are hoping to be champions this season.

Tzeachten FC vs TWI Spartans B goes Friday night at 8pm at Tzeachten Park #1.

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