



# Fraser Valley Soccer League



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

Every week the FVSL Premier Division continues to march towards its final act with three of the four league-based guaranteed Provincial Cup places now spoken for following this weekend's results. Abbotsford booked their place with a pair of emphatic wins over Langley, while Langley themselves also qualified, albeit as a result of Surrey failing to win. FC Faly also all but secured their place in the post-season tournament as well, while simultaneously putting FCT Academy's survival hopes on life support. FC Faly would have clinched their spot with their win, but it is not clear yet the outcome of their abandoned match with Surrey, which could affect the final count if the tentative result winds up not holding true. Elsewhere, FC Tiger have already locked up the team hardware for the league season, they have a couple of player chasing down individual honours, one of whom but on quite the display in their win over Micro Footie Academy.

*Here's a recap of all of this week's action:*

## **Langley United 1-6 Abbotsford United – Friday 8:30pm; Willoughby Turf SW**

A win for either of Langley or Abbotsford on Friday night would secure that team a place in this season's Provincial Cup tournament. Both teams would qualify with a Surrey United loss on Saturday, but there was an opportunity for one team to stamp its ticket of its own accord with three points. The first half was played at a high tempo and there were chances at both ends. However, it soon became clear that Abbotsford were on a different level on this night, as their clinical finishing in front of goal quickly put the result beyond doubt. **Daniel Davidson** led the way with a hattrick, and as the score line increased, Langley's resistance and resolve diminished. **Colton O'Neill** added a brace with **David Parfett** rounding out the scoring in what ended up being a one-sided affair. Veteran striker **John Craig** provided the best moment for Langley when he scored to keep things competitive for a time but, in truth, it was a night to forget for Langley who saw their recent run of top form abruptly halted.

## **Whitecaps FC U19 1-0 Surrey United – Saturday 6:00pm; UBC NTC**

In their penultimate game of the season, Whitecaps FC U19 took on FVSL stalwarts Surrey United and the two sides combined to put forth a top footballing display. Whitecaps are hoping to fend off a charging Abbotsford side and hold on to second place, while Surrey are in battle to possibly sneak into the Provincial Cup, benefitting directly from Whitecaps not entering that competition, even though they are simultaneously still trying to collect the points they need to make avoiding relegation a mathematical certainty. The action in this match was end to end with both teams producing chances and the goalkeepers getting their work in to prevent the score from being inflated. In particular, **Ben Alexander** was in top form for Whitecaps and recorded a very well earned third clean sheet on the season. **Brennen Fuerst** was at the heart of everything the Whitecaps had going on this day, although the lone goal of the match would be turned home by **Alesandro Comita**. Defender **John Kasper** was a steadfast presence for Surrey on this night, but there was nothing he could do on the goal as that tally would be the only difference between the teams after a highly entertaining match.

## **FC Tigers Vancouver 4-1 Micro Footie Academy – Saturday 8:00pm; Cloverdale Athletic #3**

The league title is already resting comfortably in their trophy cabinet, FC Tigers are free to focus on the personal ambitions of their squad members. Goalkeeper **Lukas Strauts** is one clean sheet away from



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ensuring himself at least a share of the Golden Glove award and striker **Farivar Torabi** is currently leading the Golden Boot race with just a handful of matches remaining. Strauts would not be able to move closer to his potential achievement on this night, though, as Micro Footie's **Louis Paul** saw to it that there would be no clean sheet for Tigers in this game. However, Torabi took a massive step towards claiming the Golden Boot as he was the sum total of the Tigers offence in this one, scoring all four of their goals. It wound up being a tidy bit of business for Tigers, who have their eyes on further silverware this season and continued to look sharp. Meanwhile, **Leo An** continued his strong string of recent performances for a Micro Footie side that can still slip into the Provincial Cup this season, but also still needs one more win to avoid any chance of relegation.

## **FC Faly 3-2 FCT Academy – Sunday 6:00pm; Hjorth Turf #1**

Both teams came into this match needing a win for very different reasons. For FC Faly, they were on the brink of securing a BC Soccer Provincial Cup birth, an impressive feat for a team in its first season at this level. Meanwhile, FCT are at the other end of the spectrum, coming into the weekend four points adrift of safety at the bottom of the table and in desperate need of points with just three fixtures left on their schedule. The game started brightly enough for both teams, with each side clearly intent on making a go of things. There was some slick play from both sides, but perhaps Faly were just shading the proceedings in terms of chances. However, the home side was unable to deliver any end product and they would be made to pay for that wastefulness in front of goal. Just past the half hour mark and long freekick forward from the Academy evaded the Faly defenders before FCT striker **Spencer Calderino** latched onto it and fired a low drive into the far corner to open the scoring. Things went from bad to worse for Faly before the break as in first half stoppage time **Eric Hatungimana** was left completely unmarked at the back post on an FCT corner kick and he made no mistake at all in heading it into the roof of the goal to double the visitor's lead. Whatever Faly said as a team at the interval seemed to have an effect, though, as the home side took over when play resumed. Ten minutes after the restart, FCT though they had the dagger, only to see the offside flag raised, and from the resulting freekick Faly caught their opponents out at the back allowing a cross to come in for **Athos Michellepis de Sequira** to turn home and half the deficit. Within minutes things were all square as this time it was Faly's turn to score off a corner kick, with **Soumaila Savane** the first to react to a ball that dropped in the area. It looked as though the teams were headed for a stalemate, but there was to be heartbreak for FCT late on as a defensive miscue was pounced upon by youth callup **Tim Michellepis de Sequira** and turned home from close range. It was jubilation for Faly, but frustration for FCT, who were unable to salvage anything from the minutes that remained. Despite the loss, there was yet another strong performance by **Jaekyeong Kwon**, who FCT will rely on immensely if they are to pull off a great escape over the remaining weeks.

## **Abbotsford United 6-0 Langley United – Tuesday 8:00pm; Mouat Turf #3**

Fortunately for Langley, after a frustrating result on Friday night against Abbotsford, they got another crack at Abby almost immediately. Unfortunately for Langley, this game was essentially just an extension of the first, as Abbotsford picked up right where they left off at the weekend and cruised to a comfortable victory. Abby leading scorer **Connor Hilderbrant** is locked in a heavyweight tilt for the Golden Boot with Farivar Torabi from FC Tigers and needed to respond after not factoring in the scoring on Friday and then seeing Torabi put up four on Saturday. Hildebrant came through with a pair of goals in this game that leaves him five back of Torabi with four matches left to play to Torabi's three. Also on



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target for Abby on this night were **Dan Goodey** and **Tyson Hunter**, while **David Parfett** was the only man to score on both Friday and Tuesday. **Atle Koellmel** rounded out the Abby offense, while **Mike Haladin** kept his hopes of winning the division's Golden Glove award very much alive by recording his fifth clean sheet of the season.

## Here's how the FVSL Premier Table looks after Week 20:

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
 <b>FC Tigers Vancouver A</b>	20	18	1	1	78	13	65	55
 <b>Vancouver Whitecaps U19</b>	22	12	5	5	46	22	24	41
 <b>Abbotsford United A</b>	19	12	1	6	65	30	35	37
 <b>Langley United A</b>	21	8	6	7	32	38	-6	30
 <b>FC Faly A</b>	19	9	0	10	33	40	-7	27
 <b>Surrey United SC A</b>	21	5	2	14	36	59	-23	17
 <b>Micro Footie Academy</b>	20	5	2	13	27	62	-35	17
 <b>TWU Spartans A</b>	9	3	4	2	17	12	5	13
 <b>FC Academy</b>	21	3	4	14	26	72	-46	13
 <b>Surrey FC Royals</b>	8	2	1	5	11	23	-12	7

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This week's Brown's Social House Player of the Week is **Farivar Torabi** from FC Tigers Vancouver. With just a few games remaining, Torabi is looking to lock up the FVSL Premier Division Golden Boot to go along with the FVSL Premier Division title he and his teammates have already secure. Torabi has been the focal point of the Tigers offense all season and he proved once more just how invaluable he is to his side scoring all four goals in their win over Micro Footie to take him to an impressive total of 26 goals through 20 games with three more matches still to come.

Congratulations Farivar, you have won a \$25 gift card courtesy of Brown's Social House!





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## THIS WEEK'S PAKENHAM CUP SCHEDULE:

Fri 3/4/2022 8:30PM	<b>Tzeachten FC vs. FC Tigers Vancouver A</b>	Tzeachten Turf
Fri 3/4/2022 8:30PM	<b>Langley United A vs. Surrey FC Royals</b>	Willoughby Turf SW
Fri 3/4/2022 8:45PM	<b>Surrey United SC A vs. FC Tigers Vancouver B</b>	Cloverdale Ath. #2
Sat 3/5/2022 8:00PM	<b>FCT Academy vs. North Delta SC NEWWAY</b>	Cloverdale Ath. #3
Sat 3/5/2022 8:00PM	<b>Langley United B vs. Abbotsford United A</b>	Willoughby Turf SW
Sun 3/6/2022 8:30PM	<b>TWU Spartans B vs. FC Faly</b>	Yorkson Turf

## THIS WEEK'S FVSL PREMIER SCHEDULE:

Tue 3/8/2022 8:00PM	<b>Abbotsford United vs. FC Tigers Vancouver</b>	Mouat Turf #3
Wed 3/9/2022 9:00PM	<b>Surrey United vs. Micro Footie Academy</b>	Cloverdale Ath. #2

There are a pair of important Premier Division games to look forward to mid-week with Abbotsford having one last chance to get a result against champions FC Tigers as they aim for a second place finish as well as a massive clash between Micro Footie and Surrey United with huge potential Provincial Cup ramifications. However, that will have to wait until after the weekend's Pakenham Cup action as the coveted 113 year old trophy is once again up for grabs! In a mouthwatering matchup to begin the weekend's play, Division 1 champions Tzeachten will jump straight into the deep end ahead of their return to Premier next season by hosting Champions FC Tigers A. After a season of being the hunters, it will be fascinating to see how Tzeachten respond to now being the hunted as Tigers try to keep their hopes of a domestic treble alive. The only all Premier matchup also goes Friday night with Langley A hosting *Challenge Series* side Surrey Royals. The other four opening round fixtures feature Premier sides against Division 1 teams. While the Premier sides will all be firm favourites, keep an eye on a strong TWU B side taking on FC Faly in their Pakenham debut, while veterans North Delta will have an intriguing clash against relegation threatened FCT Academy. Holders Abbotsford will begin their long overdue title defense trying to avoid a shock upset away to Langley B while the other tie sees Surrey United A taking on FC Tigers B.

### *The Challenge Series*

#### **Surrey United 0-4 Surrey FC Royals – Wednesday 9:00pm; Cloverdale Turf #2**

The frustration grew for Surrey United mid-week as they were once again held off the scoresheet, missing out on a valuable opportunity for bonus points in the *Challenge Series*. Instead, it was a motivated Surrey FC Royals side who rolled to the win thanks to goals by four different players. Ben Beaulieu and Leman Tavares scored for the Royals, along with Maslah Farah and Ayuob Yasin while Justin Bint notched the clean sheet. Matteo Falcone had a strong performance for the visitors and he and his teammates will hope to carry this momentum forward into their Pakenham Cup campaign. For United, Aryan Chauhan played well, but was unable to score on this night.

#### **This week's fixtures:**

<b>Thu 3/10/2022 8:30PM</b>	<b>Surrey FC Royals vs. FC Faly</b>	<b>Towncentre - Cunnings</b>
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