



Fraser Valley Soccer League



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

It was time for the FVSL's version of the "Final Four" this week as the Pakenham Cup semi finals were on tap! Both games provided top contests and showcased the league at its very best and we now have yet another mouthwatering final on deck. Elsewhere, in league action the relegation race was officially settled when FCT Academy failed to pick up a point in mid-week and the Golden Boot was all but settled after an offensive masterclass from FC Tigers leading scorer Farivar Torabi.

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

PACKENHAM CUP QUARTER FINALS

FC Faly 2-4 AET Abbotsford United – Sunday 6:00pm; Hjorth Turf #1

Holders Abbotsford were pushed all the way by newcomers FC Faly in defense of their title but, in the end, the veterans showed their savvy, although, albeit, thanks to some youthful exuberance of their own. Youth call up **Tobias Regehr** scored for the second match running for Abbotsford and the youngster's tally was complemented by a goal from Abbotsford's **Colton O'Neil**, who is fast becoming a wily veteran for the East Valley stalwarts. O'Neil has been in a personal purple patch of late and Abby will be relying on his heart and soul effort level as they try to retain their Pakenham crown. Before that, though, FC Faly had something to say about Abbotsford's participation in the FVSL's showpiece event, mainly to the tune of a pair of goals that saw these match pushed beyond regulation time. The sensational play of **Anastazi Nahayo** was crucial for Faly on the night, but it was **Rafael Elias de Oliveira Mont Alegre Jorge** who did the damage in front of goal, scoring twice to force the extra half hour. A brace from lethal striker **Daniel Davidson**, who had been a driving force all night, made all the difference in the final tally for Abbotsford though, as United emerged after a hard slog to claim a place in the final.

Surrey FC Royals 1-4 FC Tigers Vancouver – Sunday 6:00pm; Newton Turf #1

Having already captured the league title and booked a place in the Soccer City Cup final, FC Tigers were looking to add a chance to play for a third trophy in their debut FVSL season. Standing in their way was an ambitious and eager Surrey Royals side that knew its only path to a Provincial Cup place was through winning the Pakenham Cup. The match was competitive from the first whistle and the teams looked fairly even through the opening exchanges. The breakthrough came half way through the opening period when Tigers latched onto a long ball over the top. A pinpoint cross was lasered into the area where it was met at the front post by **Farivar Torabi** as the Tigers captain and leading scorer struck the first blow in this semi final. Royals, however, did not put their heads down and, after some solid defensive work, produced a telling through ball of their own which **Matteo Falcone** corralled before calmly rounding the keeper a slotting home to level proceedings ten minute before halftime. The score line remained the same until after the interval when Tigers turned up the heat. Within ten minutes of the restart Surrey did not do at all enough defensively to deal with a corner kick and **Arjun Mann** was there to slot home from close range to restore the Tigers lead. Minutes later Tiger bounced on some loose play at the back by the Royals and **Connor MacMillan** finished at the near post to double the Tigers advantage. To their credit, Surrey did not back down and gamely searched for a route back into the match. In particular, the play of **Ben Beaulieu** was outstanding on the night, but they would be not climbing out of this hole for the Royals. The final blow came from MacMillan again, although it was in



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somewhat controversial fashion as there was some confusion about whether the play was offside after the ball was played through by a Royals player. In the end, though, it was academic as Tigers had more than enough to advance and keep alive their goal of sweeping the domestic trophy offerings. **Gabriel Escobar** was a standout performer for Tigers in this match and they will need to continue to get quality efforts from their whole line up if they are to stock their trophy cabinet this season.

LEAGUE PLAY

Abbotsford United 2-0 FCT Academy – Tuesday 8:00pm; Mouat Turf #3

A loss in this match would confirm FCT Academy as the relegation side for this season, so it made a tough mid-week trip to Abbotsford that much tougher. Abbotsford have long been deposed of their FVSL crown; however, second place was still within their control and they were looking to build on having earned a place in the Pakenham Cup final at the week. Abby are also looking to peak at the right end of a tough season and carry that momentum into Provincial Cup play. To that end it made for a pair of motivated teams and the game was intense and competitive throughout. Despite a valiant effort from FCT, and, in particular Darius Motazed, Abbotsford did indeed remain hot. Perhaps it should not be surprising either that two of the players who have been crucial to Abby's recent resurgence were once more front and centre for United in this win. Veteran Colton O'Neil was once more on top of his game and scored again, as did potential starlet in the making youth call up Tobias Regehr. Regehr was joined on the call up front in this match by youth goalkeeper Jackson Lau, and the young man earned a senior clean sheet to add to his resume after a strong defensive outing. With this result, FCT cannot catch Micro Footie and end the season in the relegation place. Abby, though, can leapfrog Whitecaps for second place if they win their final league match.

Langley United 2-9 FC Tigers Vancouver – Wednesday 9:00pm; Willoughby Turf SE

Having been eliminated from Pakenham Cup contention, it would appear that Langley have shifted their focus to preparing for the Provincial Cup. **Brayden Gant** and player-coach **Azad Palani** both scored in this match, however, the goals came in a rather meaningless second half after Tigers had romped to a six goal first half lead. **Justyn Field** also played well for Langley, but, all in all, there was not much on the line for United in this one. Meanwhile, FC Tigers, it would seem, were motivated to help their captain and leading scorer, **Farivar Torabi**, capture the Golden Boot. After being in a tight race all season at the top of the scoring charts, Torabi may well have dealt a knockout blow to his challengers after his performance in this game, as he scored an impressive five times. That takes his tally to an astounding 34 goals on the season and gives him a 13 goal cushion on his nearest competitor. Also seizing the opportunity to pad his stats for the season was **Erik Edwardson**, who had the rare experience of seeing his hattrick effort have to settle for being the second best offensive performance on the night. The always influential **Ivan Mejia** rounded out the scoring for Tigers as they kept all systems firing during their late season charge for silverware.



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Here's how the FVSL Premier Table looks after Week 23:

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
 FC Tigers Vancouver A	22	20	1	1	92	15	77	61
 Vancouver Whitecaps U19	23	13	5	5	54	22	32	44
 Abbotsford United A	22	14	1	7	70	36	34	43
 Langley United A	22	8	6	8	34	47	-13	30
 FC Faly A	19	9	0	10	33	40	-7	27
 Surrey United SC A	23	6	2	15	43	70	-27	20
 Micro Footie Academy	22	5	2	15	31	72	-41	17
 TWU Spartans A	9	3	4	2	17	12	5	13
 FCT Academy	22	3	4	15	26	74	-48	13
 Surrey FC Royals	8	2	1	5	11	23	-12	7

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This week's Brown's Social House Player of the Week is **Tobias Regehr** from Abbotsford United. It has been somewhat of an explosion onto the scene for Regehr as he has made the most of some late season opportunities with the senior side in Abbotsford. Regehr scored a crucial goal for United on the weekend to help them book a place in the Pakenham Cup final after a hard fought semi against Faly. Regehr then followed that up with a goal in Abby's mid-week win over FCT Academy to make it goals in three straight appearances for United and to help preserve their hopes of a second place finish.

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



THIS WEEK'S FVSL PREMIER SCHEDULE:

Sat 3/26/2022 8:00PM

FCT Academy vs. FC Faly A

Cloverdale Turf #3

Sun 3/27/2022 6:00PM

Micro Footie Academy vs. FC Tigers Vancouver Hjorth Turf #1



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There is a week off before the big Pakenham Cup final goes down and this leaves time for some housekeeping in the top flight. After being relegated with their loss last time out, FCT Academy will have a chance to finish off their Premier campaign on a high against FC Faly, who are gearing up for the Provincial Cup. Meanwhile leading scorer Farivar Torabi will have one final chance to add to his Golden Boot tally when his FC Tigers take on Micro Footie who are out of Provincial Cup contention but can hold their heads high after achieving survival in their inaugural FVSL season. The *Challenge Series* will also wrap up this week when FC Faly take on Surrey FC Royals after both teams fell just short in their Pakenham Cup quest.

The Challenge Series

Remaining fixtures:

Thu 3/31/2022 8:30PM

Surrey FC Royals vs. FC Faly

Towncentre - Cunnings

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