



# Fraser Valley Soccer League



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

Sadly, the devastating flooding in the Eastern Fraser Valley prevented the Abbotsford United and FCT Academy match from being played this past weekend. The FVSL is heartened to see the members of the affected communities coming together to rebuild and recover and hopes that Abbotsford United will be able to return to the field as early as this coming weekend. In the meantime, Abby got some help from Whitecaps U19, as they held first place FC Tigers in check. Elsewhere, crucial wins for both Langley and FC Flay saw them climb the table.

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

## **Surrey United 1-2 Langley United – Friday 8:45pm; Cloverdale Athletic #2**

It is always an intriguing fixture every time forever rivals Langley and Surrey meet. This particular encounter served up the classic “tale of two halves” with Langley coming out of the gate firing. **Brayden Gant** was leading the charge for the visitors and powering Langley at both ends of the field. Eventually, they were able to capitalize on their early superiority when **Steve Gaffney** and veteran player-coach **Azad Palani** found the back of the net. The match swung the other direction after the break with Surrey United motivated to answer and looking to fight back into this match. **Raq Amijee** was central for Surrey as they tried their best to dig themselves out of the hole and they were given life via a strike from **Dante Baniera**. However, Langley goalkeeper **Nuno Jesus** would stand tall the rest of the way to preserve a vital three points that, in fact, lifts Langley above Surrey in the table.

## **FC Tigers Vancouver 0-0 Vancouver Whitecaps FC U19 – Saturday 8:00pm; Cloverdale Athletic #3**

Surrey and Langley may be old rivals, but Whitecaps and FC Tigers are fast becoming new rivals, as they met for a third time already this season in FVSL play. Tigers came out on top in the first two meetings, but Whitecaps were determined to change that pattern. It did not necessarily look good early as Tigers, off to their trademark quick start, rattled the crossbar early on. From here things settled in, though, as the young ‘Caps showed a new maturity, giving as good as they got in every challenge along the way. Before the end of the first half they were almost able to take the lead when they nearly seized upon a goalkeeping error, but they were unable to force the ball home. In fact, it would be a night for the goalkeepers, with **Lukas Strauts** for Tigers and **Max Anchor** for Whitecaps stealing the show and keeping both teams off the scoresheet.

## **Micro Footie Academy 1-2 FC Faly – Sunday 6pm; Hjorth Turf #1**

The weekend wrapped up Sunday with a well-matched affair at Hjorth Road between host Micro Footie and visitors Faly. **Sairoob Sairoob** scored his fourth goal of the season to stake Faly to an early lead. From here the contest was very even, and MFA did pull back level thanks to talisman **Mawuena Mallet** scoring his seventh goal of the season, which is fully half of Micro Footie’s goals so far. **Talisen Kyle** did the hard work on this tally, though, as he made a great run before putting it on a platter for Mallet. MFA have developed a nasty habit, however, of conceding late goals and it has cost them points on more than one occasion already this year. This reared its ugly head once more as Faly youth callup **Elliot Riches** found the net for a fourth time this season and nabbed all three points for Faly, a result which pulls them level with second place Abbotsford, though Abby were idle this week. Despite the loss, **Isaak Kong Waller** was a top performer for MFA, who will look to make it a full 90 minute effort next time out.



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**Here's how the FVSL Premier Table looks after Week 8:**

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
 <b>FC Tigers Vancouver A</b>	9	7	1	1	32	7	25	22
 <b>Abbotsford United A</b>	7	5	0	2	25	11	14	15
 <b>FC Faly A</b>	8	5	0	3	16	15	1	15
 <b>Vancouver Whitecaps U19</b>	8	4	2	2	17	11	6	14
 <b>Langley United A</b>	8	3	1	4	12	15	-3	10
 <b>Surrey United SC A</b>	9	3	1	5	17	21	-4	10
 <b>Micro Footie Academy</b>	9	2	0	7	14	28	-14	6
 <b>Surrey FC Royals</b>	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	3
 <b>FCT Academy</b>	7	1	0	6	9	32	-23	3
 <b>TWU Spartans A</b>	2	0	1	1	3	6	-3	1

## **BROWNS SOCIAL HOUSE PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

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This week's Brown's Social House Player of the Week is **Elliot Riches** from FC Faly. Despite still being on a youth permit, Riches is proving week in and week out that he can perform at the senior level and has become a crucial cog for a Faly side that are currently enjoying the rarified air near the top of the table.

Riches' latest goal helped his team secure a crucial win over Micro Footie and will have him and his teammates beginning to wonder if competing for silverware may be a possibility this year.

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



## **THIS WEEK'S FVSL PREMIER SCHEDULE:**

Fri 11/26/2021 8:45PM  
Sat 11/27/2021 6:00PM  
Sat 11/27/2021 8:00PM  
Sun 11/28/2021 6:00PM

**Langley United vs. Micro Footie Academy**  
**Whitecaps FC U19 vs. Abbotsford United**  
**FCT Academy vs. Surrey United**  
**FC Faly vs. FC Tigers Vancouver**

Willoughby Turf SW  
UBC NTC Turf  
Cloverdale Ath. #3  
Hjorth Turf #1



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After avenging their loss to Surrey United from the beginning of the season and climbing the table into the top half, Langley United will be looking to extend their purple patch even farther this weekend and exercise additional demons from their loss to Micro Footie in that reverse fixture as well. Elsewhere, there is no easing back into things for Abbotsford United as they are slated to return to action against Whitecaps U19. It was a fairly straightforward win for Abby when the teams first met out at Mouat, but a trip to UBC to play a 'Caps side that seem to be settling in and becoming accustomed to the men's game presents a different challenge, as evidenced by the draw Whitecaps earned against first place FC Tigers last time out. Speaking of the Tigers, they will put FC Faly's newfound pedigree to the test this weekend. Faly are the only side to have beaten Tigers this season and are currently on a run of three straight wins which has seen them climb into a tie for second place. Finally, Surrey United will looking to end a run of four weekend losses in a row when they travel to FCT Academy on Saturday who have also lost four matches on the spin. Surrey can take some solace in picking up a mid-week challenge point against TWU, but they were unable to turn that into a winning performance against Faly on the weekend.

## *The Challenge Series*

### **TWU Spartans 1-4 FC Tigers Vancouver – Wednesday 7:30pm; Trinity Western University**

The second week of the Challenge Series for TWU saw the Spartans getting a chance to test themselves against the FVSL's current Premier Division leaders, FC Tigers. As is their blueprint, Tigers came out firing and nabbed the lead early before Luca Alberti levelled things up for TWU. A goal just before half time and two right after it for Tigers put the match to bed, though, and secured three bonus points in the table. Chris Jacovou and Arjun Mann scored for Tigers, along with Huty Mohiddin and an unfortunate own goal by TWU's Noah Kroeker.

### **Surrey FC Royals 3-2 Micro Footie Academy – Wednesday 8:00pm; Town Centre – Cunnings Turf**

The Challenge Series welcomed a new addition this week as Surrey FC Royals joined the fold. First up with a chance for bonus points was Micro Footie Academy who came into this match on the back three straight frustrating losses. Unfortunately for MFA, Surrey made a winning start to life in the FVSL, with goals by Matteo Falcone and Yianni Siafakas completing a tally from Ayman Sahmuddeen. Josh Ranjbar and Pierce Moore replied for Micro Footie, but it was not enough to claim any points from this one.

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

Wed 12/01/2021 7:30PM	<b>Whitecaps FC U19 vs. TWU Spartans</b>	UBC NTC Turf
Wed 12/01/2021 8:00PM	<b>Surrey FC Royals vs. Abbotsford United</b>	Town Centre – Cunnings Turf

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