



MACCABI HAKOAH FEDS F.C.

In this week's edition, the Hakoah FEDS Committee's vision comes to light in a momentous day for the Club at Hensley.

The Showpiece Event for the Hakoah FEDS

It had been promoted for weeks, and finally, after intense planning and detailed preparations, the Hakoah FEDS Hensley Spectacular was upon us.

For those that aren't aware, last Sunday saw the entire FEDS sides, from Under 13s to First Grade, play back-to-back at Hensley Athletic Field. All players stayed back for the First Grade match, whilst many others, including past Hakoah and Maccabi greats, were invited to watch the First Grade side.

For the first time ever, Hensley's stands were full!! **Over 500 people** came down to watch the First Grade battle it out against Roosters FC.

As the prelude to the Reserve Grade match, two Small-Sided Games were contested between mixed teams of Under 8 and Under 9 Maccabi boys and girls. It was great to see the future of the Club on show all the way from Under 8's up!

With the pressure on the First Grade to put on a show, Coach Mark Robertson sent his side, still fighting injuries, out as follows:

Adam Sonnabend

Greg Moss

Simon Weiss

Seamus Dowd

Michael Randall

Jon Pillemer

Nathan Kosmina

Rani Rimmer

Neil Jablonski (c)

Justin Kosmina Adam Joseph

Bench: Deklan Gilmartin, Moshe Wakil, Jamie Marcuson, Remy Wolanski, David Helfenbaum

It was a horror start for the side, with the defence falling asleep within the first minutes of the game, gifting Roosters a goal after 90 seconds.

The early concession didn't seem to wake the side, with another lapse in communication between the boys, gifting another goal to Roosters.

0-2 after 20 minutes.

It seemed that the free flowing football that defines the side was buried under the weight of expectation, as passes missed their marks, communication was lacking, and, above all, the side seemed flat.

Going into half time 0-2 down, the side returned after what must have been a blasting from the coaching staff. However, it failed to wake the side, as they conceded another two soft goals in quick succession.

Ironically, after four goals had been conceded, the side woke up and began dominating the play. Two quick goals by Neil Jablonski, capping off some great passing moves, gave the crowd hope of a comeback of epic proportions.

Yet it was not to be, as the side missed a few chances in the dying minutes. The game ended 2-4.

It was a disappointing result for such a successful night off the pitch.

The boys will be looking to make immediate amends next week, so as to keep the pressure on the front runners. **The First Grade side are currently sitting in 7th position on the ladder.**

The Reserve Grade did everything but score in a match that was outstanding to watch and shows the class of the future First Graders coming through.

A slow first half saw the side go 0-1 down after an innocuous goal off a tame free kick.

However, the boys came out to play in the second half, dominating proceedings and creating a host of chances. Some great saves by the Roosters keeper left the side wondering how they weren't winning. Pushing for the equaliser, they conceded on a Roosters counter-attack.

The match ended 0-2, with the Roosters player's shell-shocked as to how they won a match that they were completely outplayed in. **The Reserves are currently 12th on the table.**

Earlier that Day

Before the Feds Opens sides went to battle against the Roosters, it was the youth sides that were putting on a show against Inter Lions. Inter are a new team in the competition, and the Hakoah sides gave them a frightening welcome to Hensley, taking 11 points out of a potential 15.

It all began with the Under 13s. Fresh off his 'Blunder' Award from last week, Coach Barry Walker must have stressed the importance of a win this week, as the side came out with all guns blaring. An early goal in the 2nd minute gave the boys the lead, and they never looked back, piling on the goals in a match that sent a clear message to the rest of the competition. The end score was 5-0, with goals to Ryan Blumberg (2), Alfie Jones, Harry Buch and Brad Paikin. **The Under 13s now sit in 5th position on the ladder.**

The Under 14s continued their run of good results with a 1-1 draw against the Lions. The side were lacklustre in the first half, conceding in the first five minutes to go 0-1 down. However, the boys dug deep and put on a solid performance, grabbing an equaliser from a Josh Goodman follow-up after Mickey Herman had struck the crossbar from a long range shot. The side almost stole a winner in the last minute, with the Inter keeper saving a one-on-one with Greg Ellerine. **The boys now sit in 3rd spot on the table.**

The Under 15s bounced back from a tough loss last week to storm to a 2-0 victory. An early finish from Jamie Kirwan gave the boys a much needed boost, before a 33rd minute finish from Luke Burke rounded off the scoring. The boys played some great football during the match, as they perfected a passing game that had obviously taken a lot of effort on the training pitch. Despite missing a host of chances in the second half, the 2-0 score line flattered their opponents, who were thoroughly outplayed. **The side now places 10th on the table.**

The Under 16s were lucky not to rue a host of wasted chances, as the side took home a 3-2 victory. From the offset, the boys dominated proceedings, quickly putting one away through Josh Shubitz. Shubitz capped off a magnificent passing move that began at the back and made its way through most of the team. Another example of the boy's passing game created their second goal to Gareth Milner. The game began to turn on its head though, as Inter clawed one back. A Brad Karpin second half goal restored the two-goal buffer, however a dubious penalty gave Inter their second, and resulted in a nervous finish for the boys. **The Under 16s are now placed 2nd on the ladder.**



Under 16 Sam Wrublewski (centre) challenges a header.

The Under 18s started slowly in their match, falling 0-2 down in the first 30 minutes. However, the midfield battle was being won by Hakoah, and it was widely thought that they weren't out of the game. A quality passing move found Max Kanikevich on the edge of the box, who made no mistake. Coming into the second half, the side dominated the play, which was eventually rewarded with a Brandon Chilchik finish after a goalmouth scramble. Hakoah were unlucky not to get a winner, with the only other downside a Judd Felsher red card in somewhat bizarre circumstances. **The side now sits in 7th position on the ladder.**

To sum that all up, three of the five teams are in the top five, with the two other sides at most 5 points behind the fifth placed side.

Hakoah sits in 5th on the Club Championship.

Waratah Cup

The Feds First Grade this week kept their Waratah Cup hopes alive with a comprehensive 6-2 defeat of Chullora Wolves.

Despite the score line, Hakoah went 0-1 down on the stroke of half time after wasting multiple chances in a dominant first half.

Playing a second string outfit, acting coach Hayden Foxe (in Mark Robertson's absence) went to his bench and put on Justin Kosmina and Neil Jablonski shortly after half time.

This seemed to do the trick, as Kosmina terrorised the tiring Chullora defence, netting a hat-trick in close to 20 minutes.

A soft foul on the edge of the box gifted Chullora another, however the side put away two more to reflect a dominant performance.

Kosmina got four, with Rani Rimmer adding the other two goals.

Awards of the Week

Player of the Week: With another strong performance this week, one of the Under 16s unsung heroes, Brad Karpin, is the deserved winner of this week's 'Player of the Week' Award.

Karpin scored the decisive goal in the Under 16's 3-2 victory over Inter Lions, before backing up as a substitute for the Under 18s in their 2-2 draw.

The hard-working midfielder has been putting in impressive performances week in, week out, and finally found his way onto the scoresheet this week. Congrats Brad on winning this week's award.



Brad Karpin (left), pictured here with fellow red Hayden Foxe, is this week's Player of the Week Winner.

Blunder of the Weeks: There were so many possibilities this week that we could write an entire newsletter just with Blunders. For example, Under 18s captain Judd Felsher getting sent off after *he* was

The Reserve Grade wins the inaugural 'Barry's Blunder' Award.

Our Blunder of the Week: For us here at the 'Blunder' department, the clear winner of this week's award is the entire Hakoah Feds Committee of Jon Marcuson, Perry Rabin, Jon Pillemer and Ron Malek.

After inviting Hakoah and Maccabi greats down to watch the First Grade side, the Committee were left with some massive egg stains on their faces after the First Grade put on an abysmal display.

In front of greats such as Terry Smith, Gerry Gomez, Steve O'Conner, Jules Forgach, Clive Barrett , Avrom Sank, Kimon Taliadorous, Peter Fuzes, Brad Maloney ,Jonny Foxman among many others, the Feds Committee were left red faced after the side's performance.

With over 500 people watching the game, the biggest ever for this side in all its history we feel that the Feds Committee are the deserved winner's of this week's 'Blunder' Award.



Jon Marcuson, Chairman of the Hakoah Feds Committee, shares this week's 'Blunder' award with his entire committee.

The Upcoming Week

This week the Hakoah Feds Opens are back at Hensley, corner Corish Circuit and Wentworth Avenue, Pagewood, on Sunday 24th April 2011. This time the sides are up against Hurstville Minotaurs.

We want all of you down there again to support the First Grade side in their quest for promotion.

First Grade kicks off at 7 pm. Reserves at 5 pm.

The Feds Youths go to battle against Mt. Druitt at ES Marks, corner Anzac Parade and Boronia St, Moore Park on Saturday 23rd April 2011 and then again on Tuesday 26th April at Hensley Athletic Oval against Balmain Tigers.

Game times for Saturday are:

Under 13 – 8.30 am

Under 14 – 9.45 am

Under 15 – 11.10 am

Under 16 – 12.45 pm

Under 18 – 2.30 pm

That is this week's edition of the Hakoah Feds Newsletter. Until next time, let your passes find the man, your shots find the goal, and your skills find the girls.

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