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**In this week's edition, the Feds First Grade continue their sublime form at Hensley, whilst the Youths comfortably win the day against Hills Brumbies to remain in contention for the Club Championship. We also take a look at some past pics of Feds players from many years ago.**

## **First Grade Need YOU at Hensley this Sunday!!!**

This Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2011, the Hakoah Feds First Grade are up against Fairfield Wanderers.

Fairfield are currently one place above Hakoah in 2<sup>nd</sup> position on the table, and a Hakoah win would send the side into direct contention for the title, and promotion to Division 1.

**This may be THE MOST IMPORTANT MATCH OF THE YEAR!!**

**We want the entire Feds family, whether it is parents, players, fans or families to come down and cheer YOUR team on.**

**Kick off is at 7 pm at Hensley Athletic Field, Corner Corish Circuit and Wentworth Avenue, Pagewood.**

**BE THERE TO PUSH HAKOAH ALL THE WAY INTO DIVISION 1!!!!**

## **In the Land of the Giants, the First Grade come through Unscathed**

**Report submitted by the Hakoah Feds Committee**

Under the soft glow of the Hensley lights, in perfect conditions despite a growing cold front, the Feds First Grade was up against Springwood FC. In the corresponding fixture at Springwood earlier in the season, the match ended 2-2 with Hakoah struggling to deal with the sheer height and power of the Springwood side.

But with a win the only option, the First Grade came out in style to keep their title challenge alive.

Coach Mark Robertson sent his side out as follows:

David Helfenbaum

Marc Kacen (c) Pat Darvill Seamus Dowd

Greg Moss

Michael Randall

Nathan Kosmina Neil Jablonski

Deklan Gilmartin Adam Joseph Rani Rimmer

Bench: Jon Pillemer, Moshe Wakil, Daan Ranshuijsen, Jamie Marcuson, GilPollak.

From the start it was clear that Hakoah were desperate for a win. Playing their stereotypically fast-moving passing game, Springwood was at lengths trying to stop the flow of attacks. The average size of the Springwood players was at least 6"3, with the side an imposing prospect, regardless of their footballing talents.

It took a moment of brilliance to open the scoring in the 30<sup>th</sup> minute, through Deklan Gilmartin. Gilmartin picked the ball up on the right flank, did a couple of step-over's to confuse his marker, before driving home into the top left corner from 25 yards out.

Coming out of the sheds 1-0 up in the second half, the side were not willing to let complacency creep in. A defensive mix up in the Springwood defence found Rani Rimmer one-on-one with the keeper in the 46<sup>th</sup> minute. Keen to dish out the rightful punishment, Rimmer slotted home to make it 2-0.

However, Springwood clawed one back through a defensive lapse in the 60<sup>th</sup> minute.

Suddenly Hakoah were forced to hold onto their lead with wave after wave of Springwood set plays causing chaos for the First Grade side.

In a nervy finish for the spectators, the First Grade remained composed and in control to record a vital win, as top placed Luddenham United were thrashed 4-0 at the hands of Fairfield Wanderers.

**The side now sits in 3<sup>rd</sup> position on the ladder.**

#### **First Grade Table After Round 16**

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Luddenham United	16	11	5	0	39	33	6	33

2	Fairfield Wanderers FC	15	8	4	3	24	18	6	27
<b>3</b>	<b>Hakoah</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>26</b>
4	Roosters FC	14	8	5	1	36	25	11	25
5	Hawkesbury City SC	15	6	3	6	27	24	3	24
6	Prospect United	14	7	5	2	25	16	9	23
7	Chopin Park Rams FC	15	5	3	7	21	16	5	22
8	Northbridge FC	14	6	4	4	32	27	5	22
9	Hurstville City Minotaurs	14	6	6	2	26	28	-2	20
10	Springwood	14	4	6	4	23	22	1	16
11	Nepean FC	14	4	6	4	17	24	-7	16
12	Bathurst 75	15	4	9	2	19	24	-5	14
13	Belmore Hercules	13	1	6	6	15	29	-14	9
14	Gazy Lansvale	15	1	12	2	15	50	-35	5

The Reserve Grade put on a stunning performance of attacking flair that had everything except a goal, finishing 0-0 in their match against Springwood.

The side dominated for the entire 90 minutes, but it seemed were destined to finish without a goal after Ricki Friede's first half strike from 25 yards rattled the inside of the cross bar, failing to fall into the net.

Missed chances in the second half gave reprieve to a Springwood side that were thoroughly outplayed.

**The side now sits in 7<sup>th</sup> position.**

#### **Reserve Grade Table After Round 16**

<b>POS</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>GD</b>	<b>PTS</b>
1	Fairfield Wanderers FC	15	11	2	2	30	14	16	35
2	Hawkesbury City SC	15	8	3	4	30	18	12	28
3	Northbridge FC	14	8	2	4	28	18	10	28
4	Chopin Park Rams FC	15	8	5	2	25	20	5	26
5	Gazy Lansvale	15	8	6	1	32	23	9	25
6	Hurstville City Minotaurs	14	7	5	2	27	23	4	23
<b>7</b>	<b>Hakoah</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>22</b>
8	Springwood	14	6	5	3	25	14	11	21
9	Luddenham United	15	5	6	4	24	23	1	19
10	Prospect United	14	5	7	2	25	34	-9	17
11	Belmore Hercules	14	3	5	6	19	18	1	15
12	Bathurst 75	15	3	9	3	12	27	-15	12
13	Roosters FC	14	3	10	1	17	40	-23	10
14	Nepean FC	14	2	11	1	12	33	-21	7

**The Youth Keep the Dream Alive**

It was a historic week for the Hakoah Feds Club this week, as, for the first time ever, the Club sat **FIRST ON THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP!!**

Make no mistake, this is a huge accomplishment, and is a credit to the tireless efforts of the coaches and players.

But now the pressure was on all the teams to win games and get the much-needed points to keep the Club Championship dream alive. It is well known that one bad week can end a Club's hopes, and so this week's matches against Hills Brumbies were watched with nervous anticipation from everyone at the Club.

### Under 13

**Report submitted by Jeff Akres. Photos by Kevin Berkowitz.**

In what was meant to be a comfortable game for the form side of the Under 13s comp, Hakoah were stunned early by the intensity and will of the Brumbies side. A quick goal found them 0-1 down, which seemed to wake the boys up. Harry Buch converted from a corner to equalise, before Sam Massis-Wolf put away a brace to end the half 3-1 up. However, the Brumbies refused to subside, managing a surprise comeback, eventually equalising at 3-3. The match ended this way, with the side disappointed at the lost points.

**The boys now sit in 2<sup>nd</sup> place on the ladder.**



Under 13 Jordi Swibel on the ball against Hills Brumbies.

### Under 14

**Report submitted by Jeff Engleman. Photos by Kevin Berkowitz.**

The Under 14s came out to a Brumbies ambush, pinned down in their half and eventually going down 0-1. But this side has built its reputation on their ability to fight back in any circumstances, and at home, they were always going to make a fight-back. The equaliser came from a Mark Filler 'cross-shot' that found its way into the back of the net. Jonathan Solomon soon found the lead with a strong finish from a Filler cross. With only 10 minutes of the match remaining, Solomon slotted home a sublime free kick to ensure a 3-1 victory.

**The side now sits in 4<sup>th</sup> place on the table.**



Under 14 Jonathan Solomon shoots to score Hakoah's second against Hills.

### Under 15

**Report submitted by Brian Bernard.**

Another strong outing from the Under 15s saw them come away with a 2-0 victory over Hills. Although the first half was somewhat disappointing by their standards, the side found the lead through a Kieran Montague finish, set up by Jason Cohen. James Puterflam found the second from a header off a corner in the second period, which is his first goal of the season. It was a victory though founded on defence, as the side withstood pressure from the Brumbies side, halting any potential threats in a structured, disciplined performance.

**The boys now sit in 6<sup>th</sup> position on the ladder.**

## Under 16

### **Report and photos submitted by Rob Rosen.**

The top-placed Hakoah side were up against a fiercely determined Hills team chasing the chance at finals football. In what became a disciplined, although unspectacular performance, the boys came through with a 3-1 victory. Toby Shabtay grabbed a brace.

**The side now sits in 1<sup>st</sup> position on the table.**



Under 16 Toby Shabtay attacks the Hills goal on his way to a double.

## Under 18

### **Report submitted by Gary Felsher**

The Under 18s were up against top of the table Hills in what was always going to be a serious challenge. The boys went 0-1 down midway through the first half, however were unlucky not to equalise when Jack Watts hit the crossbar. Hills found a second just before the break. Despite Hakoah valiantly fighting to get back in the game, it was not to be, with some key decisions going against the side and a failure to convert their chances.

**The side now sits in 8<sup>th</sup> on the ladder.**

## Club Championship

As a Club, Hakoah took 10 points from a potential 15 from the weekend's fixture against Hills Brumbies.

### **Hakoah now sits in 3<sup>rd</sup> position on the Club Championship.**

	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	Total
Gladesville Ryde Magic	80	48	14	18	<b>158</b>
Mt. Druitt Town Rangers	80	49	10	21	<b>157</b>
Hakoah	85	48	11	26	<b>155</b>
Stanmore Hawks	80	46	12	22	<b>150</b>
St. George	80	45	9	26	<b>144</b>
Camden Tigers	80	46	6	28	<b>144</b>
Hills Brumbies	80	32	12	36	<b>108</b>
Hurstville City Minotaurs SC	75	30	14	31	<b>104</b>
Southern Branch	80	30	10	40	<b>100</b>
Springwood	64	22	14	28	<b>80</b>
Balmain East Tigers	79	24	7	48	<b>79</b>
Northbridge FC	80	18	14	48	<b>68</b>
Nepean FC	85	16	13	56	<b>61</b>
Inter Lions	70	16	12	42	<b>60</b>

### **Where Are They Now?**

We thought this week we would take a look back in time at some of the Club's aspiring First Graders to see where they came from.

This week we focused on the Under 16s.

Please send us any old photos from the early football days to [hakoah.feds@gmail.com](mailto:hakoah.feds@gmail.com)



Under 16 sweeper Justin Malek takes a goal kick. Age 10.



Under 16 striker, and Club top goal scorer, Josh Shubitz in action. Age 10.



Under 16 Captain and goalkeeper Harry Rosen, before he found the gloves. Age 10.

## **The Race for the Golden Boot and Golden Glove Award**

We're approaching the home stretch of the season, and tensions are growing every week with the race to the Golden Boot and Golden Glove Awards heating up.

So everyone is aware, the official tallies will be placed behind closed doors from Round 19. This will add to the suspense on Presentation Night to find out who the winner's are.

Here are the rules for both awards:

- The player who scores the most goals across ALL seven Hakoah Feds teams is the winner.
- The goalkeeper who concedes the least amount of goals in the season, across ALL seven Hakoah Feds teams, based on the number of games played, is the winner.
- The Feds Committee reserves the right to adjust the criteria once they receive all the feedback from the coaches.

- The winners will receive \$500 worth of sports equipment thanks to **Victor Sports**.

Here are the current tables for both awards.

### **The Victor Sports Golden Boot Award:**

Rank	Team	Name	Goals
1	U16	Josh Shubitz	18
2	U13	Jordan Koton	18
3	U16	Gareth Milner	14
4	Firsts	Neil Jablonski	14
5	U13	Sam Massis-Wolf	9
6	U18	Jack Watts	7
7	U13	Brad Paikin	7
8	U16	Sam Wrublewski	6
9	U16	Robbie Ezekiel	6
10	U14	Simon Rouse	6
11	U13	Harry Buch	6
12	Firsts	Rani Rimmer	6

### **The Victor Sports Golden Glove Award:**

Team	Name	Goals Conceded	Games Played
U16	Harry Rosen	15	17
Reserves	Gil Pollak& David Helfenbaum (GP =10, DH =6)	16	16
U15	Max Nightingale	23	17
U13	Brad Sarif	24	17
Firsts	Adam Sonnabend & David Helfenbaum (AS =20, DH =4)	24	16
U18	Liam Jeffreys	30	17
U14	David Booth	31	17

Please note that the Victor Sports Golden Glove Award is organised by team. Hence, if two goalkeepers play in one team, they will share the prize if they win.

### **Awards of the Week**

**Player of the Week:** Touted as a major coup when he signed for the Club this season, Deklan Gilmartin has been coming into his own in recent weeks for the Feds First Grade.

However, this week Gilmartin scored potentially the goal of the season in another superlative display against Springwood.

With Hakoah yet to open to scoring, Gilmartin collected the ball on the right touchline, about 35 yards out. He cut in, wooing the crowd and his marker with a few quick step-overs, before placing the ball on his right foot and, from 25 yards out and at a tight angle, slammed it into the top left hand corner of the net.

It was the icing on a dominant performance from the midfielder, and as a result, Gilmartin is this week's 'Player of the Week'.



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**Blunder of the Week:** There is always a feeling of dread that comes from the 'Blunder' award. We here at the Blunder Department are constantly told of players fearing that they may be found to have committed an error of such magnitude in entertainment value that the entire Club should share in the joke.

However, this week, the only person that can be blamed is the actual 'Blunder' winner.

Responding to the Under 16 match report and photos emails is a dangerous exercise. Lisa Shabtay, mother of Under 16 striker Toby, will be wary should she ever choose to 'reply all' again.

Shabtay replied to the photos from the weekend, begging that all photos of her be deleted immediately as, she professed, "I look terrible".

Vanity is, for all our purposes here at Blunder HQ, a definite criterion for a 'Blunder' winner, and so, congratulations to Lisa Shabtay for taking out this week's 'Blunder' Award.



Lisa Shabtay will probably next time avoid responding to group emails, as she takes out this week's 'Blunder of the Week' Award.

## **The Upcoming Week**

This week the entire Feds Club is back at Hensley Athletic Field, Corner Corish Circuit and Wentworth Avenue, Pagewood, for another mouth-watering event on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

The Feds Opens are up against Fairfield Wanderers, with the First Grade in a match that will determine Hakoah's chances of winning the title and gaining promotion.

The Feds Youths are up against Gladesville Ryde Magic. This fixture will also determine Hakoah's chances at winning the Club Championship.

**We want you all down there for the Feds First Grade to cheer them on in this vital match.**

Game times are:

Under 13 – 9.00 am  
Under 14 – 10.15 am  
Under 15 – 11.40 am  
Under 16 – 1.15 pm  
Under 18 – 3.00 pm  
Reserves – 5.00 pm

## **First Grade – 7.00 pm**

That is this week's edition. For any comments, please email [hakoah.feds@gmail.com](mailto:hakoah.feds@gmail.com).

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