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**In this week's edition, we see the Feds First Grade grind out a win against Nepean FC, whilst the Youth win another day against Inter Lions. We also have a look at the new glamour side of the Feds Youth teams.**

## **The Feds Go Into Battle Next Week and We NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!**

This week, the entire Feds Club has fixtures that will be vital in the run home to the Club Championship and First Grade promotion prospects.

The First Grade are up against Roosters FC in a match that will, in no uncertain terms, determine the look of the table after Round 26. Roosters are an old rival of Hakoah, and are fierce competitors on and off the pitch.

**TO WIN THIS, WE NEED EVERYONE THERE TO PUSH HAKOAH ON!!**

The match is on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2011, at Valentine Park, Parklea. First Grade kicks off at 3 pm.

The Feds Youths are up against Mt. Druitt in a fixture that will greatly affect the Club Championship. Hakoah needs to win the day. Get down to Popondetta Park, corner Jersey Rd and Popondetta Rd, Emerton to help support the boys in this massive fixture.

## **The Fed Opens Nut Out the Points Against Nepean** **Report submitted by Hakoah Feds Committee.**

Hakoah came up against Nepean on Sunday night, a team who had been on an unbeaten run for the past several weeks. With Marquee player 'Jabber' and in-form Deklan Gilmartin benched due to suspension (5 yellows) and injury, the team came out as:

- Terry Dal broi – GK
- Michael Randall – L wing back
- Greg Moss – R wing back
- Mark Kacen – Stopper
- Joe Vrkic - Stopper
- Pat Darvil– Stopper

- Daan R- CM
- Nathan Kosmina – CM
- Raani Rimmer- Left winger
- Johnny Pillimer – right winger
- Adam Joeseeph – striker

Bench: David Hefelbaum, Mosh Wakil, Justin Kosmina, Seamus Dowd

Although Hakoah dominated the first half, with the Nepean side chasing shadows and looking as if on the verge of exhaustion, several missed chances saw the sides go level at 0-0 into the second half.

The Second half got underway with a Nepean midfielder tackling Rimmer from behind with studs up. The ref was quick to show him a straight red, and Nepean was down to 10 men. Hakoah continued to dominate the play, yet at times were left frustrated as passes went askew and shots missed the target. This was emphasised when Daan sent a one-on-one shot with the keeper inches past the outside of the post. Hakoah resorted to playing long balls as the clock neared 90, and although Nepean had had no clear chance all game it seemed as if they had done enough defensively to get the draw. The game was deep into injury time and Hakoah had a corner, in what could only be one of the final plays of the game. The ball was whipped across and headed away, only to find the right boot of Mossy, whom fired the ball into the box, hitting a Nepean player on the arm. "Handball!!", the ref pointing to the spot. Joe Vrkic stepped up to take the penalty, calm as ever, and slotted the ball home. Nepean fans could be heard swearing abuse at the ref from the stands, but it was barely audible above the Hakoah team song as the boys and fans celebrated their third win on the trot.

Hakoah sits in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

### **Reserves**

The reserves continued their run of good form with a 1-0 win against Nepean. In a game most memorable for its physicality, the Hakoah boys dominated a much larger and older Nepean side. James Israel scored the winner early in the second half, yet Hakoah had many chances that didn't find the net, the score line not a fair reflection of how the team played.

The reserves now sit in 6<sup>th</sup>, but are 4 points off 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

## **The Youths Win the Day, but Lose a Key Battle at Inter**

The Feds youths were up against Inter Lions away from home this week. Inter are a new club, who were promptly put in their place in the corresponding fixture at Hensley earlier in the year. However, with Inter out for revenge, this would be a test for all the age groups.

### Under 13

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

In a less than spectacular game, the Under 13s grinded out a 1-0 victory over the Lions. Inter had an early goal disallowed, before Mark Friedland scored sensationally midway through the half. The second half saw Hakoah improve, but were unable to find another. The side is now a genuine minor premiership contender.

**The side now sits in 2<sup>nd</sup> on the table.**



Jordan Koton, U13's, leaving another Inter player behind

### Under 14

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

Out for revenge after Inter had halted the Under 14's winning streak in their first meeting, Hakoah began strongly in what would be a tough encounter. Both sides balanced each other out, allowing for only a few clear cut chances during the entire first half. In the second, Hakoah found a way through the Inter defence, via a trademark Simon Rouse run, who cut back for Jonathan Solomon. Rouse's cut back deflected off an Inter defender and into the back of the net. Despite Inter throwing caution to the wind in the latter stages, the boys held on to notch up a significant 1-0 victory.

**The team is now placed in 4<sup>th</sup> on the table.**



Greg Ellerine running with the ball against Inter

### Under 15

The Under 15s drew 1-1 with Inter. Hakoah now sits in 7<sup>th</sup> position, yet only 5 points from 4<sup>th</sup>, and good form will see the boys seriously push for finals football this year.



The boys defending an Inter Lions corner

### Under 16

**Report submitted by Jeff Engleman. Photos by Rob Rosen.**

The Under 16s were out to secure their place at the top of the ladder after last week's loss to Gladesville. However, the side suffered a shock 2-3 loss, which could be crucial at the business end of the season. Hakoah were first on the scoreboard after a great team move was finished in style by Robbie Ezekiel. Inter found an equaliser, before a piece of individual brilliance by Gareth Milner gave Hakoah the lead again. But Inter found a way through, scoring twice to dent the boys' plans for back-to-back minor premierships. The boys will be eager to find form again this weekend against Mt Druitt.

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

### Under 18

The under18's beat Inter Lions 6-1, continuing with their superb form of the past few weeks. The side now sits in 7<sup>th</sup> place, yet with these good results the gap between the top sides is narrowing with each week.

### Club Championship

Hakoah notched up another ten points against Inter Lions, which has continued the club's push for the Club Championship.

## **Hakoah now sits in 3rd on the Club Championship.**

Mt. Druitt Town Rangers	95	59	12	24	<b>189</b>
Gladesville Ryde Magic	90	53	16	21	<b>175</b>
Hakoah	95	54	12	29	<b>174</b>
Camden Tigers	90	53	8	29	<b>167</b>
St. George	90	52	10	28	<b>166</b>
Stanmore Hawks	90	50	13	27	<b>163</b>
Hurstville City Minotaurs	90	39	16	35	<b>133</b>
SC Hills	90	37	12	41	<b>123</b>
Brumbies Southern	90	32	11	47	<b>107</b>
Branch Springwood	84	26	19	39	<b>97</b>
Balmain East Tigers	94	28	9	57	<b>93</b>
Inter Lions	80	19	13	48	<b>70</b>
Nepean FC	95	18	16	61	<b>70</b>
Northbridge FC	85	18	15	52	<b>69</b>

## **The Glamour has Befallen the Under 13s**

At the start of this season, it was clear that the glamour side of the Club was the Under 16s. Last year's minor premiers and grand finalists were out to record back-to-back successful years. The Under 16s were always seen as the glamour side of the Feds Youth.

But now, after some shock losses, they are still placed 1<sup>st</sup> ... but only just. However, the glamour is definitely gone from this side, replaced by the new glamour Hakoah side.

The under 13s have been nothing short of brilliant in the last few months, notching up victories at will against quality oppositions.

Under the guidance and coaching of Barry Walker, this side is continuing to push for the minor premiership and is currently in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

The side plays a brand of attacking, technical football, with flair and discipline. They have found the vital ingredient of winning ugly at times, whilst thrashing oppositions at other times. It is a quality that only the best teams possess.

So, as a Club, we congratulate the Under 13s on their successes thus far, and hope the glamour continues in their run towards the minor premiership.

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

Its heating up now for the Golden Boot and Golden Glove Awards with the end of the regular season in clear sight. The tallies will be placed behind closed doors after Round 22.

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	U13 Jordan Koton	19
2	U16 Josh Shubitz	18
3	Firsts Neil Jablonski	16
4	U16 Gareth Milner	15
5	U18 Jack Watts	9
6	U13 Sam Massis-Wolf	9
7	U13 Brad Paikin	8
8	U16 Robbie Ezekiel	7
9	U18 Rami Tal	6
10	U16 Sam Wrublewski	6
11	U14 Simon Rouse	6
12	U13 Harry Buch	6
13	Firsts Rani Rimmer	6
14	Firsts Deklan Gilmartin	6

## The Victor Sports Golden Glove Award:

Team	Name	Goals Conceded	Games Played
U16	Harry Rosen	19	19
	Gil Pollak, David Helfenbaum & Liam		
Reserves	Jeffreys (GP =11, DH =6, LJ =1)	18	18
U13	Brad Sarif	25	19
	Adam Sonnabend, David Helfenbaum		
Firsts	& Terry DalBroi (AS =20, DH =5, TDB =0)	25	18
U15	Max Nightingale	27	19
U18	Liam Jeffreys	31	19
U14	David Booth	31	19

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:** With the Reserves undefeated in weeks, their form is in no doubt to be accredited to the superior coaching of Alex Robertson, as well as the quality football being played by the boys themselves.

It is with this in mind that we feel that Reserves striker James Israel deserves this week's award. Israel netted 2 last week against top of the table Fairfield, and continued with this great form, netting the winner this week in the 1-0 victory against Nepean.

Its good to see that Israel is no longer 'shooting blanks' , and for his success in front of goal we award him as this week's 'player of the week'. Well done James. (pictured below)



**Blunder of the Week:** With their grip on the minor premiership slipping, the Under 16's were out to take home three much needed points against Inter Lions.

However, despite leading twice during the match, the boys went down 2-3 in a heartbreaking loss.

The pressure is now solely on the side to take home maximum points in their next few games, whilst also watching the other results, in order to take regain their minor premiership.

After blowing the lead twice, and losing the ever important title of 'Our Glamour Club', the Under 16s are the clear winners of this week's 'Blunder of the Week' Award.



The U16's are in real danger of losing permanently the Glamour team title to the U13's.

## **The Upcoming Week**

This week the Hakoah Feds Opens are up against Roosters FC in a must win clash. The game is on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2011, and is being played at Valentine Park, Parklea.

This is a make or break match for the First Grade, and we ask everyone to come down to help push the First Grade through to the top spot!!

First Grade kicks off at 3 pm. Reserves kick off at 1 pm.

The Feds Youths are up against Mt. Druitt in a huge fixture for the entire Club on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2011, at Popondetta Park, corner Jersey Rd and Popondetta Rd, Emerton.

Game details are:

Under 13 – 8.30 am

Under 14 – 9.45 am

Under 15 – 11.40 am

Under 16 – 12.45 am

Under 18 – 2.30 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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