



MACCABI HAKOAH FEDS F.C.

In this week's newsletter, the Feds First Grade rack up another win, whilst the Youth hurt Northbridge in stunning fashion. We also get an update from Coaching Director Barry Walker as the season enters the home strait.

Save the Date - August 21, 2011!!

On Sunday, 21st August 2011, the Hakoah Feds Club have their last home games back-to-back. This is when the entire club, from Under 13s to First Grade, play one after each other at Hensley.

This fixture is vital to both the Youths and the Opens.

The Opens will be up against Chopin Park Rams, and could, in no uncertain terms, determine the minor premierships. **First Grade kicks off at 7 pm.**

The Youths will be up against Springwood, which is a massive game for some of the individual teams. The Club will also be looking to maximise points in the race for the Club Championship.

SO SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY

21ST AUGUST 2011

**HENSLEY ATHLETIC FIELD, CORNER CORISH CIRCUIT AND
WENTWORTH AVENUE, PAGEWOOD.**

The First Grade Pick Up the Points from Belmore

Report submitted by the Hakoah Feds Committee.

The Hakoah Feds First Grade were faced with the prospect of Belmore Hercules on Sunday in another must-win clash for the side. Belmore had mustered a 2-2 draw with Hakoah in the early fixture, and the boys were out to exact revenge on a physical, older Belmore side.

With injuries and absences, Coach Mark Robertson sent his side out as follows:

Terry DalBroi

Marc Kacen Neil Jablonski (c) Pat Darvill

Greg Moss

Daan Ranshuijsen

Nathan Kosmina Adam Joseph

Jon Pillemer

Justin Kosmina

Rani Rimmer

Bench: Seamus Dowd, Daniel Rabinowitz, Michael Randall, David Helfenbaum.

In a first half dominated by the clearly superior Hakoah, there were a multitude of chances created. However, despite this dominance, Hakoah were unable to find the net, with shots narrowly going wide and the cross bar proving a persistent annoyance.

What was said at half time must have done the trick, as Hakoah quickly broke the deadlock after the break. A classy cross from Daan Ranshuijsen found Adam Joseph, who headed hard and low into the back of the net.

The boys made it 2-0 shortly afterwards, with Neil Jablonski finding the net off a Jon Pillemer corner.

On the 70th minute a double substitution was made, with Michael Randall coming on for Joseph, and Daniel Rabinowitz on for Pillemer. This was Rabinowitz's debut after stunning form in the last two months for the Reserves.

Belmore grabbed one back on the 73rd minute after a free-kick was floated in to the back post, finding an unmarked Hercules player.

Hakoah, however, never looked in trouble, creating more chances in the back-end of the match. Rabinowitz was cruelly denied a goal on debut, after his diving header was saved by the fingertips of the Hercules' keeper in the 89th minute.

With the match ending 2-1, Hakoah remain the team to beat.

The Hakoah Feds First Grade still sit in 1st position on the ladder.

First Grade Table After Round 22

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Hakoah	22	13	4	5	55	29	26	44
2	Northbridge FC	21	12	4	5	57	32	25	41

3	Prospect United	21	13	6	2	45	21	24	41
4	Luddenham United	21	13	7	1	47	42	5	40
5	Roosters FC	19	11	7	1	46	34	12	34
6	Springwood	21	9	7	5	40	29	11	32
7	Hawkesbury City SC	22	8	7	7	38	38	0	31
8	Fairfield Wanderers FC	21	9	8	4	31	31	0	31
9	Hurstville City Minotaurs	21	9	10	2	39	46	-7	29
10	Chopin Park Rams FC	22	7	8	7	29	32	-3	28
11	Nepean FC	22	5	11	6	23	43	-20	21
12	Bathurst 75	22	6	14	2	30	38	-8	20
13	Belmore Hercules	19	1	10	8	21	44	-23	11
14	Gazy Lansvale	20	2	15	3	19	61	-42	9

The Reserve Grade dominated Belmore in the early game, winning 1-0 in a comfortable performance.

Haim Ayalon opened the scoring from a header in the 12th minute from a Justin Wendemuth cross.

Despite creating numerous clear-cut chances, the side were unable to double their lead. The match became more difficult when Josh Grunfeld was sent off for two yellow cards in the 55th minute.

Nevertheless, Hakoah were the better side and deservedly got the three points.

The Reserve Grade now sit in 6th place on the ladder.

The Youths Discard of Northbridge

The Feds Youths were up against Northbridge FC this week, with the clear intention of adding to their first round point tally against Northbridge of 12 points.

Under 13

Report submitted by Jeff Akres.

With the minor premiership in sight, the Under 13s came out firing against Northbridge from the outset. Their dominance was rewarded in the first half, when a Jordi Swibel corner found little Jordan Koton, who out-jumped his marker to head home. Koton quickly made it 2-0 after he tapped in a cross from Matteo Mangioni, who had beat three players in his run down the right flank. Northbridge grabbed one back just before the break, but Hakoah were not to be denied in the second period, with Ryan Blumberg heading home from another Swibel corner. The boys were unable to add any more, ending the match 3-1 winners.

The side now sits in 2nd place on the ladder.

Under 14

Report submitted by Jeff Engelman. Photos by Kevin Berkowitz.

In a see-sawing first half, the Under 14s were in control before they relinquished their hold of the game, conceding cheap possession and corners, of which Northbridge found the net. The boys quickly restored parity however, after Simon Rouse delivered a pinpoint cross from the left that found Greg Ellerine, who made no mistake. Coming into the second half, Hakoah were awarded a controversial penalty, which was missed. This Hakoah side are the epitome of determination, and this became evident once again as the boys lifted after the penalty miss to push again for the winner. It came with only three minutes remaining, when a Rouse cross from the right found Mark Filler, who calmly smashed his shot into the top left corner. The final whistle rang out shortly afterwards, ending the match 2-1.

The boys now sit in 4th on the ladder.



The duo of Mark Filler (left) and Simon Rouse (right) linked up to find the late winner for the Under 14s against Northbridge.

Under 15

Report submitted by Brian Bernard.

The Under 15s battled valiantly, but ultimately fell to Northbridge 0-1 in a tough hit out for the injury-ravaged side. Goalkeeper Max Nightingale put on a showcase in his determination to keep out the Northbridge attacks, aided by the tireless efforts of Aaron Sperber. Sadly, the boys conceded with only minutes remaining, ending their finals hopes.

The side now sits in 8th on the ladder.

Under 16

Report submitted by Gary Binskin.

The Under 16s were back to their frightening best against Northbridge, winning with a stunning 8-0 score line. The boys were simply outstanding against a shell-shocked opposition, who had no answers to the attacking flair of last year's minor premiers. Gareth Milner bagged a hat-trick, with Josh Shubitz (2), Gian Marc Binskin, Sam Wrublewski and a Northbridge own goal adding the rest. The side will be looking to continue this form into the finals, where they are striving to win both the Minor and Major Premiership.

The boys now sit in 2nd place on the table.

Under 18

The Under 18s were out for revenge on Northbridge, after they had lost the previous fixture earlier in the year. The scene was set for a big performance from the side, as they were in a must-win situation to keep their finals hopes alive. In what was the most dramatic match of the entire Club in the 2011 season, the score line seesawed for the entirety, eventually ending in a 5-3 triumph to Hakoah. Jack Watts, Brandon Chilchik, Mitch Hughes, Harry Mahoney and Luca Caruso all found the back of the net in this massive win for the boys.

The side now sits in 7th on the ladder.

Club Championship

Hakoah took home another 12 points from Northbridge in a boost for the Club's hopes of winning the Club Championship.

Hakoah now sits in 5th on the Club Championship.

	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	Total
Mt. Druitt Town Rangers	113	70	14	29	224
Gladesville Ryde Magic	113	67	18	28	219
Camden Tigers	110	63	13	34	202
Stanmore Hawks	108	62	16	30	202
Hakoah	110	62	15	33	201
St. George	108	62	12	34	198
Hurstville City Minotaurs SC	105	47	19	39	160
Hills Brumbies	115	45	18	52	153
Southern Branch	105	37	14	54	125
Balmain East Tigers	115	33	14	68	113
Springwood	103	30	22	51	112
Inter Lions	105	27	15	63	96
Northbridge FC	108	25	21	62	96
Nepean FC	110	20	17	73	77

We're Almost There: Barry Walker Gives Us an Insight into the Club's Chances Going into Finals Season

With just five games remaining for the Feds Youths, we thought it ample time to get the opinions of Director of Coaching Barry Walker on how the 2011 season has progressed, and the chances of the individual teams going into the finals.

The Under 13s, the new-boys of the Feds Club, have had an outstanding season. However the race to the finish is clustered to say the least. As Walker explains, "The table in the 13s is so tight that a couple of losses will put them out of the top five, but if they can remain consistent and keep playing the great football they have produced all season, they may well end up Minor Premiers. They are primed for a huge end of season finish and looking good for semi final football."

The Under 14s have been the surprise packet of the Club this season, storming into the top five and absolutely unwilling to relinquish their position. As Walker says, "These boys have been fantastic all season and have exceeded our expectations. They can look forward to semi final football if they remain focused and consistent. Their coach and First Grade Vice-Captain, Neil Jablonski [Jabba], has done a tremendous job with these boys and if they play to their capabilities, they will not only be in the semis, but Jabba will have them primed for a huge go at the Premiership grand final."

The Under 15s have simply battled with consistency in an up and down year for the side. Walker elaborates, "Inconsistency on a week by week basis has cost the

15s any real chance of making the semis; but I am sure these boys will finish the season with a bang and will not only help us in the YDL Club Championship, but prove to everybody that with a little bit of luck and avoiding some crucial injuries, they would have been challenging for the top five.”

The Under 16s, despite losing their tag of the ‘glamour side’ are still poised to take home the minor premiership for the second year in a row. Walker is confident that the side has put behind them a frustrating month and are ready for a photo finish. “With First Grade Coach and 16s coach, Mark Robertson (Robbo) now beginning to get his full squad back together (injuries, suspensions, holidays etc), these boys will put there poor form (by there own high standards) of the last 3-4 weeks behind them and Robbo will have them ready to go one better and win the Minor and Major Premiership this season. The boys are top of the table and are determined to stay there!!!

The Under 18s are fighting for a finals berth, which could be decided on the last round of the regular season. Walker says, “These boys have lifted their game dramatically over the last four games, with three wins and one draw, which gives them a more than realistic chance of making the semis if they can maintain their form and follow Reserve and 18s coach, Alex Robertson’s, instructions. They are playing some fantastic football and the future of the club looks very secure.”

Overall, Walker is very excited with how the Club has progressed this season, and cannot wait for the finals.

“It has been a fantastic season for the whole club with four of the YDL teams in with a huge chance of playing in the semi finals, with two (13s and 16s) in with a chance of winning the Minor Championship. The Reserves are also well placed, with the First Grade in with a great chance of winning the Minor Premiership, and importantly, promotion to the first division.

Just as satisfying for the fantastic coaching staff we have at the club, ALL the teams play great football and are a joy to watch.

The next 4-5 weeks are an exciting time for everybody involved with the club!”



The Under 14s are one of the teams to watch going into the finals, according to Coaching Director Barry Walker.

The Race for the Golden Boot and Golden Glove

The race is very much alive for the inaugural Victor Sports Golden Boot and Golden Glove Awards. The tables will be places behind closed doors from next week, so grab your last look at the leaders.

The winners will be announced on the Presentation Night at the end of the season.

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	22
2	U16	Josh Shubitz	21
3	U16	Gareth Milner	19
4	Firsts	Neil Jablonski	19
5	U18	Jack Watts	11
6	U13	Sam Massis-Wolf	9
7	U16	Robbie Ezekiel	8
8	U16	Sam Wrublewski	8
9	U14	Mikey Herman	8
10	U13	Brad Paikin	8
11	Firsts	Rani Rimmer	8

The Victor Sports Golden Glove Award:

Team	Name	Goals Conceded	Games Played
U16	Harry Rosen	20	22
Reserves	Gil Pollak, David Helfenbaum Adam Sonnabend, David Helfenbaum	22	22
Firsts	& Terry DalBroi	29	22
U13	Brad Sarif	30	22
U14	David Booth	35	22
U15	Max Nightingale	37	22
U18	Liam Jeffreys	38	22

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.

Nominate the Best Blunder!!

With the regular season heading to a close, the Blunder of the Year must be selected. We here at the Blunder department have narrowed the choice down to five Blunders.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!

Email Sarah at hakoah.feds@gmail.com to vote for whom you believe should be the winner of the inaugural Blunder of the Year!!

Blunder 1

Pat Darvill: First Grader Pat Darvill was absent from a match earlier this year for the horrendous excuse of getting married. For missing football AND tying the matrimonial knot, Darvill has won nomination for the Blunder of the Year Award.



Blunder 2

Barry Walker: Poor old Coaching Director Barry Walker! After coaching absences, Walker took over the reins of the Under 13s (his team), the Under 15s and the Under 16s against Gladesville earlier this year. Walker managed to pick up just ONE POINT from a total of nine, winning his nomination for the Blunder of the Year Title.



Blunder 3

Josh Grunfeld: Definitely the most publicised Blunder, Grunfeld chose to use banana's as a form of lubricant to stop his nards from chaffing in a training game for the Reserves. Nothing more needs to be added to show his credentials for the Blunder of the Year.



Blunder 4

David Helfenbaum: The imposing 6'3 figure of Reserve Grade keeper Helfenbaum was made to look miniature as he was chipped from halfway off the kick off by Fairfield Wanderers in the first half of the season. To be that size and to get chipped from 50 yards is enough to warrant his selection on this prestigious list for Blunder of the Year.



Blunder 5

Lisa Shabtay: Mother of Under 16s striker Toby, Lisa Shabtay sent a message to the entire team begging that any photos of her be deleted immediately as she professed to look “terrible”. Unfortunately the Blunder department were accidentally included in that email chain, and hence awarding Shabtay her nomination for Blunder of the Year.



Those are the nominees. **Let the voting begin!!**

Awards of the Week

Player of the Week: Charged with taking over three teams this weekend, Coaching Director Barry Walker rose to the challenge against Northbridge.

With First Grade Coach Mark Robertson unable to take his Under 16s due to a clash of times, and Reserve Grade Coach Alex Robertson also unable to help take the Under 18s for the same reason, Walker was put in charge of both these teams, as well as his own Under 13s side.

In a great showing of coaching ability (or so he will claim!), all three sides won in convincing fashion, with the 13s winning 3-1, the 16s winning 8-0 and the 18s winning 5-3.

For taking home nine points from nine, with a goal difference of 12, Barry Walker is this week's 'Player of the Week'.



Barry Walker (standing) is this week's 'Player of the Week'.

Blunder of the Week: It's rare that one game can give so many Blunders, and yet we here at the Blunder department were somewhat astounded with the tales that came out of the Reserve Grade match against Belmore Hercules from the weekend.

Firstly, there was the abysmal goal scoring proficiency of Captain Jamie Marcuson. Marcuson managed to blow three clear-cut opportunities with only the goalkeeper to beat. These came from a free header in the box, a one-on-one that he created, before rolling his shot straight at the flat-footed keeper, and an unnecessary diving header in the last minute of the game from point blank with no keeper in the goals.

Further to these horrendous misses, Marcuson also decided to help a Haim Ayalon shot find the back of the net, despite being allegedly three metres offside. It should be noted that Ayalon's shot was going in had Marcuson not intervened.

And yet, these Blunders were equalled by the performance of Josh Grunfeld. After picking up a yellow card in the first half, Grunfeld came out into the second period fully aware that any slip-up would result in his sending off. After leaving

the field of play behind the goals to remove strapping on his injured Achilles, Grunfeld decided to 'cut the corner' when making his way back to halfway so he could resume playing. The referee saw this, and judged that Grunfeld had entered the field without his express permission, which is punishable by a yellow card.

Yes, Grunfeld managed to get sent off for cutting a corner!!

As a result of these 'special' moments by both Marcuson and Grunfeld, they pick up the joint 'Blunder of the Week' Award.



Josh Grunfeld (left) and Jamie Marcuson (far right) are this week's Blunder winners.

The Upcoming Week

This week the Feds Opens are up against Gazy Lansvale on Sunday 7th August 2011 at Hensley Athletic Field, Corner Corish Circuit and Wentworth Avenue, Pagewood.

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

The Feds Youths have a double header, against Nepean FC on Saturday 6th August 2011, at Cook Park, Wilson Street, St. Marys, and Stanmore Hawks on Sunday 7th August 2011, at Arlington Oval, Constitution Rd, Dulwich Hill.

Game details vs Nepean FC are:

Under 13 – 8.30 am

Under 14 – 9.45 am

Under 15 – 11.10 am

Under 16 – 12.45 am
Under 18 – 2.30 pm

Game details vs Stanmore Hawks are:

Under 13 – 8.30 am
Under 14 – 9.45 am
Under 15 – 11.10 am

Please note that the Under 16s and Under 18s are NOT playing Stanmore this week.

That is this week's edition. For any comments, please email hakoah.feds@gmail.com.

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