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In this week's edition, the Finals heat up for the four remaining teams, with some big results for the Club. We also congratulate one of the youngest members of the Feds Youth for making the Under 13 NSW State team.

This Saturday at Hensley – WE NEED YOU!!!!!!

The Saturday, 10th September 2011, both Hakoah Feds Opens teams are playing in a knockout Semi Final.

The First Grade are up against Prospect United.

The Reserves are up against Northbridge FC.

Both these games are do or die clashes.

WE WANT EVERYONE DOWN AT HENSLEY TO SUPPORT YOUR FIRST GRADE.

THE BOYS NEED YOU THERE TO PUSH THEM HOME!!!!!!

Reserves kick off at 4.45 pm.

FIRST GRADE KICK OFF AT 7 PM.

SO BRING THE FAMILY AND COME CHEER ON THE BEST HAKOAH SIDE IN YEARS FIGHT FOR THE TITLE.

Full details:

Date: Saturday 10th September 2011

Venue: Hensley Athletic Field, Corner Corish Circuit and Wentworth Avenue, Pagewood.

Kick Off: 7 pm.

SEE YOU ALL THERE AT HENSLEY!!



WE WANT YOU!

AT HENSLEY ON SATURDAY NIGHT!!!

First Grade Stumble Against the Roosters

Report submitted by the Hakoah Feds Committee.

After last week's anti-climax against Northbridge, the Hakoah First Grade were out to get their Finals campaign off to a good start against Roosters FC on Saturday night at Hensley.

The last time these two sides met at Hensley was towards the start of the season, where the Roosters had ruined the Feds showcase event. The question this time around was on the mental strength of the Hakoah side, after their heartbreaking loss to Northbridge in the penultimate round of the season.

Coach Mark Robertson sent his side out to tackle the Roosters as follows:

Terry DalBroi

Marc Kacen (c)

Joe Vrkic

Pat Darvill

Greg Moss

Daan Ranshuijsen

Nathan Kosmina Neil Jablonski

Jon Pillemer

Justin Kosmina

Deklan Gilmartin

Bench: Seamus Dowd, Rani Rimmer, Michael Randall, Moshe Wakil, David Helfenbaum.

From the start, it was clear that Hakoah were struggling to lift for this game. The usual fast-moving football that has terrified teams this season was nowhere to be seen. Evidently, the hangover from last Sunday was yet to subside.

Despite this, Hakoah were still controlling large portions of the game, however it was at half-pace. A glorious chance fell to Justin Kosmina in the 37th minute, however he failed to make a connection between his head and the ball, with an open goal beckoning.

Coming out of the sheds for the second period, Hakoah had another great chance saved by the Roosters keeper almost straight after the kick off. A whipped cross from the left by Daan Ranshuijsen fell to the head of Jon Pillemer, who just couldn't make a strong enough connection to beat the Roosters shot-stopper.

The game continued to see-saw, opening up into a counter-attacking game from both sides. In one such move in the 70th minute, the Roosters capitalised on a defensive error from Hakoah to open the score.

Despite pushing for an equaliser, the boys were unable to find the net, going down 0-1.

The First Grade are still alive though. They play Prospect United this week in the Knockout Semi Final at Hensley.

The Reserves Keep the Dream Alive

The Reserve Grade were up against Gazy Lansvale in an elimination final on Sunday on the cow-paddock that is Luddenham Oval.

Despite the heat and poor conditions, the side rallied to crush Gazy 2-0 in a dominant display.

Captain Jamie Marcuson grabbed the opener in the 25th minute, rising high off a Ricki Friede cross to header home past the oncoming Gazy keeper. Both Marcuson and the Gazy keeper were knocked out from the collision, causing a minor delay to the match.

Marcuson found the second in the 85th minute, finishing off after a strong run from Haim Ayalon.

The Reserve Grade are now up against Northbridge in the knockout Semi Final this weekend at Hensley.

The Under 16s are Back in the Grand Final!!

The Under 16s put on a determined display to win 1-0 against Gladesville Ryde Magic to book their spot in the Grand Final.

It was a tight affair, with neither side wanting to give an inch to their opposition.

The first half saw few chances falling to either side, with Gareth Milner having a goal disallowed due to a dubious offside call.

The tense atmosphere continued into the second half, until a Robbie Ezekiel cross caused a mix-up in the Magic defence, resulting in an own goal.

Despite Gladesville having a late-goal disallowed, Hakoah remained composed and in control for the rest of the match, deservedly winning 1-0.

The Under 16s are now back in the Grand Final for the second successive year.



Under 16 Sam Wrublewski (left) watches on as the Gladesville Ryde defender puts the ball into his own net.

The Under 13s are on the Brink!!

The Under 13s bounced back from back-to-back losses to put in their best performance of their season against Mt. Druitt Rangers.

Playing out at Mt. Druitt's home ground, the boys completely dominated the Rangers with their fast-paced, short passing game, which tore the Ranger's apart. The boys won 1-0, with the only issue that they couldn't put away more goals.

Sam Massis-Wolf was the sole scorer for Hakoah.

The Under 13s now play Camden Tigers for a spot in the Grand Final. Amazingly, this is the third time in a month that the boys will be playing Camden.

Under 13 Brad Paikin Makes NSW State

After an amazing season where he has been instrumental in his Under 13 side's run to the Preliminary Final, Brad Paikin had more reasons to celebrate this week after he was selected for the NSW State side.

Paikin, a member of the Project 22 squad, has been a constant performer this season for Hakoah, and this achievement is well-deserved for the hard-working, skilful midfielder.

Paikin will represent NSW as part of the Under 13s team at Nationals at Coffs Harbour, from the 3rd-7th October 2011.

Congratulations Brad on this massive accomplishment.



Under 13 Brad Paikin (number 9) has been selected for the Under 13 NSW State side to compete at Nationals.

Awards of the Week

Player of the Week: After putting in another dominant display in his side's comprehensive defeat over Mt. Druitt Rangers, Under 13 Brad Paikin capped off a big week with selection into the NSW State side to compete at Nationals.

Paikin has had a stellar season, where he has rarely put a foot wrong in the Under 13's run to the Preliminary Final.

For such a massive achievement, Paikin is this week's 'Player of the Week'.



Under 13 Brad Paikin (on the ball) is this week's 'Player of the Week'.

Blunder of the Week: With the Reserve Grade side 1-0 up against Gazy Lansvale in their elimination final, striker Haim Ayalon was subbed on with 25 minutes remaining.

Ever determined to make an immediate impact, Ayalon took a shot from halfway with his first touch of the ball.

Naturally, the shot went far and wide, away from the goal-mouth.

The ludicrous nature of this attempt can be described due to the following key facts:

- The Luddenham Oval is highly bumpy, making it an almost impossibility to make a good connection with a first time shot from 20 yards out, let alone 50.
- Ayalon can barely kick 30 yards on the full.
- The Gazy keeper struck an imposing figure at the height of 6"2.

To add to his credentials for the 'Blunder' award, Ayalon later attempted to nutmeg a Gazy player ... when Ayalon was the last man for Hakoah in defence. Although he lost the ball, Gazy luckily failed to find the net.

After putting in two such clangers, Ayalon is the deserved winner of this week's 'Blunder' Award.



Reserve Grader Haim Ayalon is this week's 'Blunder of the Week' winner.

The Upcoming Week

This week is another massive weekend for the four Hakoah Feds teams still alive in the Finals series.

The Feds First Grade are up against Prospect United at Hensley Athletic Field, Corner Corish Circuit and Wentworth Avenue, Pagewood on Saturday 10th September 2011.

The Reserves are playing the curtain-raiser against Northridge FC.

BOTH GAMES ARE DO OR DIE!!

Reserves kick off at 4.45 pm.

First Grade kick off at 7 pm.

GET DOWN AND SUPPORT YOUR FIRST GRADE SIDE IN THEIR PUSH FOR THE GRAND FINAL!!!!

The Under 13s are up against Camden Tigers in the Preliminary Final for a spot in the Grand Final on Sunday 11th September 2011 at Ron Dine Reserve, Cowper Drive, Camden.

The boys kick off at 8.45 am.

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

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