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**In this week's edition, the Feds First Grade make amends for last week's performance, whilst the Youth Sides have mixed results across the Easter Weekend Double Header.**

### Back to Winning Ways

After last week's horror performance, the First Grade were keen to go some way to making amends against Hurstville Minotaurs on Sunday at Hensley.

Faced with growing criticism over the inconsistent results despite fielding a spectacular team on paper, Coach Mark Robertson was eager to dispel the sceptics and see his side return to their frightening form that they are capable of.

With a growing injury list, the side welcomed back Pat Darvill from an extended period off the pitch with a knee injury. Robertson sent his side out as follows:

Adam Sonnabend

Greg Moss

Simon Weiss

Pat Darvill

Michael Randall

Jon Pillemer

Nathan Kosmina

Deklan Gilmartin

Rani Rimmer

Neil Jablonski (c)

Adam Joseph

Bench: Moshe Wakil, Brett Rosenberg, Zac Rabin, Josh Grunfeld, Gil Pollak

Setting the scene from the Hakoah kick off, a quick play out wide to Neil Jablonski saw a pinpoint cross find Rani Rimmer at the back post.

1-0 up after 30 seconds.

The frenetic pace continued as Hakoah added another through Simon Weiss, who showed the touch of a striker as he chested on the edge of the box from a corner, before volleying into the top left corner of the net.

Despite dominating the play, some lapses at the back gave Hurstville at least one clear chance, which was wasted. On the stroke of half time Hakoah wasted a three-on-one chance, and the proceeding counter attack from Hurstville found the back of the net.

2-1 at half time.

Robertson must have been furious about the timing of the concession, and the boys were obviously keen not to avoid another embarrassing performance, coming out of the blocks firing in the second half.

It wasn't long before the goals started piling on, with Hakoah dominating possession and bossing Hurstville around the park.

Jablonski showed his class on three separate occasions, taking yet another hat-trick, whilst Adam Joseph and Deklan Gilmartin also both found the net.

The end result was a 7-2 thumping that went some way to redeeming the abysmal performance of the prior week. The big question will be if the side can continue this form and remain consistent, as this has been lacking in the past rounds.

The Reserve Grade side put in a sloppy performance, but still came away with a 1-0 victory over the Minotaurs. Fielding three Under 18s players on the bench, the boys were patchy during the match, falling into a long ball game at times that wasn't effective.

Hakoah grabbed the lead on the stroke of half time after some persistent lead up work from Steve Filler found Daniel Rabinowitz on the edge of the box, who calmly slotted home into the bottom corner.

The side were forced to withstand enormous pressure towards the end of the match, however stood tall and took home an important three points.

The Feds Opens match against Hawkesbury FC was washed out and will be rescheduled for later on in the season.

### The Easter Weekend Double Header

The Youth sides were faced with a double header this week, up against Mount Druitt Rangers on Saturday, before facing Balmain East Tigers.

After last week's impressive performances from all teams, there was eager anticipation to see how the sides would hold up against the might of Mt. Druitt, a

stereotypical tough side that has given Hakoah few points since the Club's first season in 2008.

The Under 13s began the day with a strong performance that saw them draw 2-2. The boys bossed the first half, playing some fantastic football and creating chances. However defensive lapses saw the side go into half time 0-2 down. The character of the boys was evident in the second half as they put two away to level the scores. In the end, a dubious offside decision against Hakoah saw the side forced to settle for the draw.

The Under 14s were lacklustre in a 0-6 loss to Mt. Druitt. The boys, who have been in exciting form, were poor in this performance, but will be looking to make amends as soon as possible.



The Under 14s battle the might of Mt. Druitt.

The Under 15s battled against a top class Rangers side, going down 0-4. The boys put in a lot of effort, with special mention to Dale Palte, but were unable to break down their opposition.

The Under 16s took home the only win of the day, comfortably demolishing Rangers 4-0. A dominant performance was epitomised by four high class finishes from Josh Shubitz (2), Gareth Milner and Sam Wrublewski.



Josh Shubitz (number 9) puts away his second in the Under 16s victory

The Under 18s fell to a 1-3 loss to Mt. Druitt in the late match of the day.



Dion Markovic in action for the Under 18s

But the weekend was not over just yet, with the match against Balmain a certainty (despite the rain) as it was being held at Hensley. This is where the character of the players would come into play, as backing up three days after a match is no easy task.

Balmain is a new team in the competition and share Hensley as a home ground. This made the match-up a rivalry over who would reign supreme at Hensley!

The Under 13s kicked the day off in style, polishing off a 5-0 win over the Tigers. In another dominant performance, the side were eager to take all three points and convincingly hurt the Balmain side in a thrashing they won't be forgetting any time soon.

The Under 14s failed to lift the burden of their loss to Mt. Druitt from Saturday, falling 0-3 to the Tigers. Although the boys were better in patches, and despite the outstanding performance of goalkeeper David Booth that saw two one-on-one's and a penalty saved, the boys were unable to beat the strong Tigers side.



Under 14s goalkeeper David Booth eyes a Balmain cross

Bouncing back from their loss three days earlier, the Under 15s put in a great performance, notching a 1-1 draw that could have very easily been a win. Dylan Bernard was a standout of the match in defence, with keeper Max Nightingale putting on another outstanding performance between the sticks. Anton Loutas was the lone scorer for the side.

The Under 16s notched up another three points with a 2-1 victory. The boys were again carving their opposition at times up through their quick passing game, and are looking unstoppable at the moment in this form.



Under 16 Wes Hamburger scores the winner against Balmain

The Under 18s put away a 1-0 victory over Balmain to recover from their loss to Mt. DrUITT. The side still is lacking consistency, and will need to improve this to cement their position as a top five side.

### The Race for the First Grade Golden Boot

It is the glory award for the glory boys of football; the prize for the most goals scored in a season. The Golden Boot award is legendary across all football clubs, and pays tribute to the player that consistently finds the back of the net.

At this early stage in the First Grade season, the race is very much alive, with ten different goal scorers.

Here is the tally so far for the Golden Boot:

9 – Neil Jablonski

3 – Justin Kosmina

2 – Adam Joseph

1 – Seamus Dowd, Deklan Gilmartin, Marc Kacen, Nathan Kosmina, Jon Pillemer, Moshe Wakil, Simon Weiss

**Get down to Hensley on Sunday night at 7 pm to see which players will make another step forward to the coveted Golden Boot as the First Grade battle Belmore Hercules!!**

## Taking on the Coaching World

To be a licensed coach, there are a series of courses that you must complete satisfactorily. These range from Junior Coaching licenses all the way to UEFA coaching licenses.

We at Hakoah are privileged to have some of the most accredited coaches working with the teams, with many holding professional licenses to coach at the highest levels.

First Grade coach Mark Robertson and his assistant, Hayden Foxe, will this week be flying to London to complete Part 1 of the FIFA PRO A License. To even participate in this course, you need to be cordially invited, and it is only a select few that are welcomed in this elite branch of coaches.

The entire club will benefit from this, as Robertson and Foxe are part of the senior academy for the Under 15s, 16s and 18s, not to mention the Feds Opens squad that will be experiencing the course's theories in practise.

The youth coaches will also be able to feed off Robertson and Foxe to get an insight into the new drills and programs that are being taught in Europe, and they can then apply these to their teams.

As you can see, it's a win-win situation for everyone involved.

The Professional Footballers Association (PFA) are sending Robertson and Foxe off to the UK to complete this course, and we wish them the best of luck in London.

## Awards of the Week

**Player of the Week:** There were a host of candidates for this week's 'Player' award, such as Neil Jablonski with his second hat-trick of the season, or Judd Felsher who was instrumental in The Under 18s victory over Balmain as well as playing for 40 minutes for the Reserve Grade in their victory.

However, this week we feel the clear winners are the dynamic duo, known also as Mark and Alex Robertson.

The Robertson's, and their respective teams, had four games in total this long weekend, and despite the quality of the oppositions, they took home a maximum of 12 points from 12.

This is no easy feat and they deservedly win this week's 'Player of the Week' Award.



Father-Son coaching team of Alex (left) and Mark (right) Robertson took home all 12 points this weekend, giving them the 'Player of the Week' Award

**Blunder of the Week:** Football is a cruel game, especially for a joint player/coach. If you don't believe us, just ask Neil Jablonski.

The man affectionately known as 'Jabber' felt the full range of emotions this week as he contributed to the First Grade's win with a hat-trick, whilst at the same time lamenting his Under 14's thrashings at the hands of Mt. DrUITt and Balmain.

Doing the math, Jabber scored three goals, yet conceded a total of nine. A goal difference of minus six comfortably wins him this week's 'Blunder of the Week'.



Jabber's up and down weekend wins him this week's 'Blunder'.

### The Upcoming Week

This week The Hakoah Feds side are again back-to-back at Hensley on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2011.

The Opens sides will be up against Belmore Hercules, and will be looking to secure another six points at home.

The Youth are challenging Stanmore Hawks earlier in the day.

**First Grade kick off at 7 pm and we want all of you down there to support your First Grade side!!**

Full 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

Reserve Grade – 5.00 pm

**First Grade – 7.00 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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