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United look to Israel kid

IT WASN'T a bad day for the Israelis in the premiership at the weekend. Yossi Benayoun finally delivered this season in a Claret & Blue shirt as he scored West Ham's second goal in their vital 3-0 win at Wigan, while Idan Tal, in a rare start for Bolton, played his part in both of Bolton's goals at Chelsea.

Now, the champions-in-waiting Manchester Utd are all but set to bring another Israeli to our shores in Barcelona's whizkid Guy Assulin. Barca rate the player as a potential new Lionel Messi though United have supposedly tabled a far more lucrative deal to the player's parents which is why he's set to move. Another Cesc Fabregas? Time will tell...

CLOSER to home, another title in the MSFL has been decided though this time the defining result came off the pitch as opposed to on it. On Monday night, the League's Management Committee awarded in favour of AC Cricklewood in their appeal against Whetstone Eagles for fielding unregistered players. To paraphrase the committee's statement, they investigated a complaint regarding nine of Whetstone's players. One of the player's date of birth and signature didn't match his registration form and although the hearing was adjourned to allow the other players to turn up, they didn't. As a result, the committee decided to uphold the complaint, a fine was issued and the points awarded to Cricklewood meaning they leapfrogged FC Team A into top spot. And just for good measure Whetstone Eagles resigned from the league.

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Roberts strike seals Fulham win

Promotion for women



Hampstead Women FC team celebrating their promotion, virtue of a 1-0 win over Fulham FC

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HAMPSTEAD Women Football Club, sponsored by Maccabi GB, earned themselves promotion on Sunday, as a wonder strike from right-back Lins Roberts saw them defeat Fulham.

In what was their final league game of the season, an extremely tense match was settled by Roberts' 44th minute strike, which from fully 35-yards out, beat the resilient

Fulham goalkeeper.

In a game not for the faint-hearted, both sides created chances, and Hampstead could have enjoyed a greater winning margin, though it was the North Londoners who prevailed to seal their promotion by a superior goal difference of +3.

Manager Brad Solomon said: "The team had to be strong today. We were stopped from playing our normal fluid game in the first half but Roberts' goal helped us believe in ourselves and in the second half we played some good flowing

football at times.

"It was a scrappy game but it's the three points that matter and I'm exceptionally proud of what this team have achieved this season. Together they have reached the Quarter finals of the FA League Cup and won promotion, and I cannot fault the spirit of this team. It is a proud moment for anyone involved with the club".

The side commence their summer season on astro turf in two weeks time, before they resume the new FA season in August.

Treble joy

HMH Blue completed a superb treble on Sunday when they came back from a goal down to win the U9 Challenge Cup at Wingate & Finchley.

They found themselves a goal down when their top goalscorer Daniel Gubbay headed into his own net, though by the break were 2-1 to the good. Calvin Ovsowitz's free-kick found its way into the back of the net, before Jeremy Ben Nathan put them into the lead.

Gubbay then scored twice at the right end to put them 4-1 up while Rafi O'Dwyer finished off the scoring with a double of his own.

Lions title

LML U18's sealed the Watford Friendly League White Division title last Thursday with a convincing 5-0 win over VEP Knights.

Daniel Green put them ahead in the fifth minute before an own goal put them two up at the break. James Gershfield headed in the third to set off the title celebrations, Green claimed his second of the match before Jeremy Julius completed the scoring.

Cricket

ENGLAND'S recent Ashes and World Cup embarrassments won't have dampened the spirits of Jewish cricketers preparing for the start of the new season this weekend.

Most teams will be in friendly action on Sunday ahead of the Maccabi Sunday League kick off on 13 May.

Edgware and Belmont are favourites to claim top spot again having reinforced their strong squad during the winter, but they will face stiff competition from MAL, ever-improving Southgate Synagogue and former champions Casual Nomads.

The teams will also compete in the annual Twenty20 competition on 17 June and the Stuart Neil's national knockout cup which starts on 20 May.

Davis wins Maccabi ten pin bowling event

MACCABI GB recently held their second annual ten pin bowling tournament at the Airport Bowl, Heathrow.

Once more, the top Jewish bowlers from across the country participated, including five of the six individuals who will be representing Team England at the European Maccabi Games in Rome in July.

The tournament began with a five game handicap series, with the top 16 progressing to a best-of-three knockout format.

Sheffield-based Ian Davis excelled, rolling out eight 200+ games and averaged an

impressive 206 on the day en route to becoming national champion. In the final, he beat former Maccabiah bowler Matthew Plax.

In the third/fourth place playoff, Richard Kneip beat the defending champion Paul Loberman.

The committee have also organised a charity fundraising Fun Bowl taking place at Hollywood Bowl, Finchley on Sunday 20 May. The cost is £15 per person and includes two games, shoe hire, and food and drink. For more info and to purchase tickets, e-mail paul@maccabibowling.com



Richard Kneip, Ian Davis and Matthew Plax with their medals




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