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New York Hakoah

Strength Through Soccer, Diaspora and Jewishness

New York Hakoah: 1929 National Champions

- Defeated St. Louis Madison Kennel
- Largest crowd for more than 80 years
- World Cup 2026



Vienna Hakoah

- Founded in 1909 as Jewish Sporting Club
- Variety of Jewish Sporting Clubs
 - Maccabees, Hapoel, Morgenschtern
- 1925 Austria Pro Champions
- International Tours
 - Beat West Ham FC in London



Morgenschtern football team at the field where the TOZ used to organize summer camps for poor Jewish children. The collection of glass plate negatives from 4 Rynek street in Lublin.

1926 Vienna Hakoah Tour of USA

- Women's sport in Hakoah organization
 - Anna Rosenberg, Tour Manager
- 250,000 fans attend tour games
- Distinct attire, on and off the field



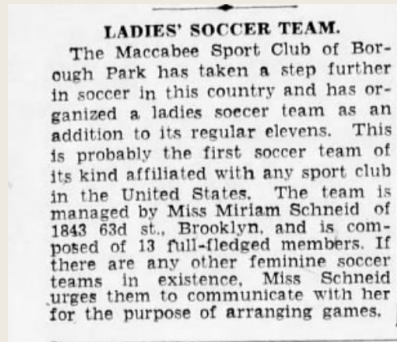
HAKOAH-DAMEN SIEGEN 1928 IM CUP.



USA Soccer After Vienna Hakoah Tour

Vienna Hakoah players...

- Immigrated and played on opposing teams
- Inspired soccer teams in USA
 - Jewish Soccer Leagues
 - Diverse teams: “Debs Soccer Club”
 - Girls and “Ladies” Soccer



SEVEN GAMES SLATED IN HEBREW AMERICAN— PROGRESSIVE PLAY DEBS

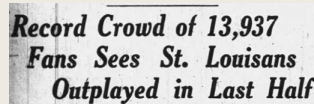
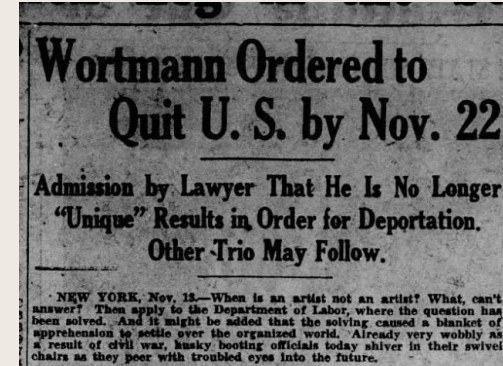
FIRST DIVISION.						
Club.	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.	
Hagibor A.....	12	9	2	1	19	
Trumpeldor B....	11	6	1	4	16	
Hapoel A.....	14	5	7	2	12	
Olympic A.....	13	4	7	2	10	
Pioneer	15	4	9	2	10	
Palatine A.....	11	4	6	1	9	

SECOND DIVISION.						
Club.	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.	
Hagibor B.....	14	10	2	2	22	
Olympic B.....	13	8	3	2	18	
Trumpeldor C...	10	7	1	2	16	
Hashomer	12	6	4	2	14	
Progressive	13	4	6	3	11	
Debs	14	3	7	4	10	
Self-Educational.	13	2	9	2	6	
Hapoel B.....	7	2	4	1	5	
Palatine A.....	6	0	6	0	0	

An interesting program has been scheduled for to-morrow in the Hebrew American Soccer League. Seven games will be played.

1927-1929 Hakoah, On and Off the Field

- Soccer Wars in the U.S.
- 1929 Challenge Cup Final
- Every player has a story
 - Siegfried “Siggy” Wortmann, and the vulnerability of an immigrant



Visitors Switch Lineup for Second Period and Tide Turns, Two Goals Being Scored in Final 10 Minutes of Play.

By CHARLES J. BARTLEY.

Two well-placed and accurate goals in the last ten minutes of play by Josef Eisenhoffer and Sigfried Wortman enabled the Hakoah football eleven of New York to take the opening battle of the three-game series for the U. S. F. A. Cup title from the Madison Kennels when the champions, due to superior performance in the final period, walked off the field with a 2-to-0 victory before an actual paid attendance of 12,227, thereby breaking all records in attendance in St. Louis at a soccer contest.

Not in the history of the game has there been more interest displayed than was seen yesterday at Sportsmans Park among the vast crowd which witnessed the battle as both teams fought fiercely from whistle to whistle in their efforts to gain the decision in the opening encounter of the series.

First Part Scoreless.

During the initial period of the two succeeding aggregations kept the ball going from one side of the field to the other in trying to get the advantage but after forty-five minutes in which the players had expended their club but forth all their strenuousness to break the deadlock, the whistle sounded at half time with neither club being able to

Burke	C.H.	Druckes
Flah	R.H.	Nicholsburgers
Hansen	O.L.	Kleenehoffers
Ward	C.E.	Wortmanns
Plavin	C.E.	"
Worden	I.R.	Hausler
Gresnan	O.H.	Schwartz
James MacFarlane ..	J.B.	Worman
Time of halves		
—James MacFarlane of Cleveland.		
Lineamen—Phil Kavanaugh of St. Louis, James Johnston of Chicago.		



The opening ceremonies prelude the game are just starting with a parade around the field. Directly behind the band are the officials of the U. S. F. A. and several veteran soccer players with the two contending teams following. A section of the huge crowd in the bleachers shown in the background.



Legacy of Hakoah Team

- **How did players see themselves?**
 - No oral histories uncovered
 - “We are here to play WITH Americans”
 - Dr. Koerner in Chicago Tribune (6 May 1926)
 - “America must now be accepted as the Promised Land for Hebrew followers of soccer.” Brooklyn Eagle (8 Apr 1929)
- **How many watching World Cup?**
 - Bela Guttman and Tactics
- **Influenced soccer around the world**
 - Imre Hirshle “The Wizard” - Argentina
 - Erno Erbstein - Torino, Italy



Thank you!



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