

## **Maccabi Women Make History**

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WITH three games remaining for the season, North Caulfield Maccabi senior women (NCMW) have secured a promotion to State League 1 after a thrilling 6-4 finish against Mazenod Victory last Sunday.

The strong performance has ensured that NCMW will become the first senior Maccabi team to be promoted to the State League 1 division.

Maccabi took an early lead over the opposition, after Camila Fresneda penetrated through the Mazenod defence and slotted the ball into the back of the net.

Moments later pocket-rocket Nat Court tapped in a goal from a Rachel Kochen cross, bringing the score to 2-0.

Genia Avram and Tayla Karp continued to dominate the centre of the park and created several scoring opportunities for their forwards. But it was Kochen who continued her goal-scoring spree, finishing truly from close range.

Yet the blustering conditions began to prove difficult for the NCMW side and Mazenod kicked two goals off fast breaks.

Just before halftime, a stunning Fresneda free kick from outside the box saw NCMW lead 4-2.

The second half saw Mazenod up to their old tricks, being extremely aggressive and taunting Maccabi resulting in several yellow cards being shown.

A lapse in concentration from the NCMW defence followed by a strong free kick taken by the opposition saw the scores levelled at 4-4.

Coach Tim Purcell and captain Jeannie Susser assured the senior women to not stoop to the oppositions level and NCMW responded with their strong defence of Romy Sacks, Ricki Sher, Sophie Finger, Jessica Nash and Tamar Simai denying Mazenod forwards time on the ball.

The true hero of the game was Avram who kicked the goal-of-the-season, scoring a sublime goal from the halfway line.

The game ended in a 6-4 win after winger Nat Gabriel perfectly connected with a stunning Fresneda cross.

NCMW's 7s continued their winning streak defeating Eastern Lions 2-1, with Tia Blum, Rachel Wolman and goal scorer Belle Goldman Maccabi's best.

*NCMW play Seaford United away on Sunday August 26 at 11:30am and NCMW's 7s play Glen Eira at Caulfield Park on Sunday August 26 at 1pm.*