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Inter R-B

Senior Red Team - NSL 2nd Division  
Odeum - 9 January 2009

## Byki give teenagers a lesson

It took the Byki a while to find their groove, but when they got down to business, the youngsters from Chicago Inter R-B had no chance. In a comprehensive 8:1 shellacking, eight different Byki figured in the scoring. Josh Taylor registered a goal and two assists, while Minos Bouzoukis and Jesus Martinez each contributed a pair of goals. The Byki improve to 3-1-3 for the season, good for fourth place in the Blue Section of the 2nd Division, five points shy of the final playoff spot.

Inter have been competing in the NSL's indoor competition for a few years and have endured a large number of poundings. With a roster composed entirely of high school players, it is clear that many of these boys are simply not ready to play against adult players. The formation of the new 2nd Division for this season could have helped Inter by making the competition a bit easier for them, but the kids are still languishing near the bottom of the table.

The Byki grabbed the early lead when Bouzoukis and Taylor masterfully executed a give-and-go on the left flank. Taylor's pass put Bouzoukis in the clear and Bouzoukis poked

the ball past the sprawled goalkeeper.

Inter managed to keep the Byki at bay for most of the rest of the first half. The Byki were unable to find a good passing rhythm and the pace of the match slogged along, as both sides spent much of the time chasing down errant passes.

The Byki got things going in the final five minutes. Jason Sphar made a remarkable pass to Kvar Black in the Inter area. The pass slid between two defenders and Black made no mistake as he slotted the ball home.

With 2:34 left, Taylor spun away from a defender climbing all over his back and fired a shot from the arc. The keeper was fortunate to get his leg out in time to block the shot. Just 1:22 later, Chris Rose drilled a free kick from the right side, but the goalie made another desperate leg save at the near post.

The score went to 3:0 just seconds later, as Taylor pounced on the rebound of a blocked shot and cracked a missile past the befuddled keeper.

The intensity did not abate after the break. Jesus Martinez notched his third goal of the campaign at the 1:08 mark. Brian Lubeck supplied the pass to spring Martinez into the open.

Inter spoiled the Byki shutout bid only 0:27 later. Keeper Joe Gambino came outside of his box to clear the ball away, but mis-kicked it high in the air. An Inter player insightfully lobbed a header over Gambino, who fought valiantly to keep the ball out of the goal.

The Byki got that one back with 14:02 left in the match. Gabi Dziekiewicz made a terrific diagonal pass across the Inter penalty area, finding Sphar at the far post. It was easy pickings for Sphar to tap the ball home.

The intensity went up a notch as the Byki put their foot on Inter's throat and refused to let up. With 6:41 left, Taylor and Martinez worked a glittering 1-2 combo. Taylor's slick heel pass was the killer play and Martinez put the ball away from close range to make it 6:1. Lubeck went on a coast-to-coast dribbling run 0:41 later for his second goal of

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the season.

Bouzoukis wrapped up the scoring with 1:46 to go when he blasted a shot from the Inter red line after taking a pass from Black. The keeper had no chance on a rocket of a shot.

The difference in the match was the ability of the Byki to move the ball rapidly. Inter could not keep up and the outcome was academic.

#### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Bouzoukis 1 (Taylor); 1:06; 1:0. Black 2 (Sphar); 13:28; 2:0. Taylor 6; 17:55; 3:0. Martinez 3 (Lubeck); 20:08; 4:0. Sphar 1 (Dziekiewicz); 23:58; 5:1. Martinez 4 (Taylor); 31:19; 6:1. Lubeck 2; 32:00; 7:1. Bouzoukis 2 (Black); 36:14; 8:1.

**BYKI LINEUP (2-1-2):** Gambino – Bouzoukis, Rose – Taylor – Sphar, Martinez. **Bench:** Biggs, Black, Dziekiewicz, Lubeck, Najera.

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Over 30 Red Team - NSL 2nd Division  
Odeum - 9 January 2009

## Byki hang on for crucial win

Nearly letting a three-goal lead slip away in the final minutes is not exactly a blueprint for success, but the Over 30 Red Team got back on the winning track last Friday when they downed West Bosnia B 3:2. The Byki have been searching for ways to revive their moribund attack, and although the goals did not come in bunches, the team created a load of chances. At some point, the ball simply had to find the back of the net.

West Bosnia have had an enigmatic season so far. Winless and mired in the cellar of the Red Section, it would have been easy to write off the Bosnians, who were coming off a humiliating 12:1 pounding at the hands of Wisla's youngsters. But they did earn their only point of the season against the Byki Blue Team, who are among the contenders in the 2nd Division. Coach George Gorecki warned the players that they were in no position to take any opponent lightly.

West Bosnia brought a totally revamped lineup to face the Byki. Rather than rely on a group of young players, the Bosnians brought in the vets and packed their defense, always keeping three men back, right from the start. After a 12-goal rout, any team could be forgiven for a hesitant approach. But the Byki defense has been solid all season, so any Bosnian counterattacking ideas were going to face a very stern test.

Newcomer Krzysztof Bajorek engineered the first good chance of the contest midway through the first half. His shot from the wing curled around the boards, fooling the goalkeeper. The ball pinged through the goal area, but no one was on hand to knock the ball home.

After the Byki killed off a penalty in the final five minutes of the half, they got serious about attacking the West Bosnia goal. Maciej Kekus fired a shot from the corner, forcing the keeper to make a leg save. Seconds later, Cardenas found himself with only the keeper to beat, but was stoned at short range.

With 1:46 to go, Jay Brough drilled a hard shot from the right side, blocked by the goalie. Kekus fought to control the

rebound and the keeper came up big once again. Just 0:15 later, Jakub Banbor shot from distance and was denied by a diving save. Bajorek was not far from scoring with 0:20 left, but a desperate kick save by the keeper kept things level. The Bosnians put a scare into the Byki just before the break when a wild shot from the corner ticked off of the far post.

The offensive pressure continued in the second half. The Byki created three great chances during a power play. Brough slammed a shot off the bar and the keeper made excellent saves on shots by Bajorek and Banbor.

The breakthrough came with 10:57 left in the match. Sharp passing put West Bosnia back on their heels. Andy Lane received the ball at the top of the arc and smartly moved out of pressure by dropping it off to Brough. Seeing Robert Dec make the overlap on the right side, Brough gave him the ball in stride and Dec did the rest, curling the ball in at the far post.

Dec made his bid for a second strike a minute later. Kekus laid the ball off to Nick Elmkinssi, who played it square to Dec, unmarked on the left side of the box. The keeper made a miracle save to deny Dec.

But there would be no miracles with 8:47 left, as the Byki worked the counter with speed and precision. Marek Ciszewski blocked a shot and sent the ball to the sprinting Cardenas on the left flank. Sizing up the 2 v 1 situation, Cardenas lured the defender away from the middle and slipped the ball to Ciszewski, whose tap-in made it 2:0.

The Byki looked to have the match wrapped up with 7:07 to go. Jon Silverstein won the ball on the right side of midfield and knocked an off-balance pass to Cardenas on the left. Cardenas brought the ball to his feet and set off looking for the goal. He picked his spot and beat the diving goalie at his near post.

Instead of killing off the remaining minutes, the Byki let the Bosnians off the hook. West Bosnia cut the lead to 3:1 with 6:29 left when Banbor was caught in possession in the

Byki half. Brough blocked the ensuing shot and the ball slithered past Dean Fukar. The Bosnians pulled to within 3:2 when they caught the Byki getting back slowly on the break. Suddenly, things got interesting.

The Byki, however, did not lose their nerve and secured the three points. Cardenas nearly gave the Byki a cushion when he sprinted to the goal, leading a 2 v 1. His shot hit the boards, the goalkeeper and the post before being cleared away. Fukar preserved the win with a tremendous save with 1:14 left. After three Byki converged on the ball, a Bosnian player slipped it inside the box to an open teammate. Fukar came out strong and smothered the shot attempt.

The victory came as a relief to the Over 30s, who were

growing anxious after a spate of narrow defeats. "We can play with anyone in the 2nd Division," said coach George Gorecki. "We're still seeking consistency."

#### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Dec 2 (Brough); 27:03; 1:0. Ciszewski 3 (Cardenas); 29:13; 2:0. Cardenas 1 (Silverstein); 30:53; 3:0.

**BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1):** Fukar – Dec, Pedlow – Cardenas, Banbor – Kekus.  
**Bench:** Bajorek, Brough, Ciszewski, Elmkinssi, Jedrzejowski (c), Lane, Silverstein.

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Szaflary

Over 30 Blue Team - CPSL Over 30 Division  
Max McCook - 13 January 2009

## 2nd-half collapse sullies opener

The Over 30 Blue Team had hoped for brighter prospects to their indoor season as they approached their second session in the Chicago Premier Soccer League. The Byki were buoyed by the hope of the formation of an Over 35 Division, which was expected to be more appropriate for a team loaded with players over 40. But the idea was abandoned when enough teams could not be found and the Byki returned to Over 30 play on Tuesday.

The three-week break did little good for the Byki, who endured a 10:3 demolition by Szaflary, a team from the Polish Highlanders League. "We played a good 30 minutes," said coach Doug Towsey afterwards. That was about all the good that came out of this stinker.

And the game was a stinking mess even before kickoff. When Szaflary showed up wearing white jerseys, the Byki switched to red. But something was strangely wrong as players picked the damp shirts out of the bag and suspected that the shirts had not been washed since their last use. Towsey and Eric Tower, who are in charge of the gear, were at a loss to explain the stench. Things were so bad that the players retreated from the pre-game huddle. "I couldn't tell whether the shirts had not been washed or had simply been put away wet," said George Gorecki. "We hadn't worn them in a couple of months, so I think that they would have smelled a lot worse if they had been dirty this whole time. But the smell was pretty bad, regardless."

Szaflary got on the board after 2:32 had been played. Dean Fukar made a tough save on an open shot, but the rebound fell to an unmarked player, who slammed the ball home.

The Byki replied a few minutes later from a set piece.

Gorecki drove a kick-in low and hard toward the goal and Jay Brough executed a nifty back-heel shot past the startled goalkeeper.

Szaflary regained the lead 1:46 later. Fukar came out of his box to defend a long pass that got behind the Byki defense. He blocked the shot with his hands, resulting in a free kick. A Szaflary player buried it low inside the far post. Szaflary made it 3:1 just before halftime when they came 3 v 1 and the Byki were slow to recover.

The Byki pulled to within 2:3 on the ensuing kickoff. Brough touched the ball to Towsey, who took off on a winding run through the Szaflary defense, ending with a shot underneath the diving netminder.

The score at halftime was deceptively close, as the Byki wilted under the pressure that Szaflary put all over the field. Bad decisions on the ball, insufficient running into space and poor marking were plentiful in the first half and it would take considerable effort to turn things around.

The Byki appeared to be up to the task and leveled the affair within the first two minutes of the second half. Ted Piotrowski sent a kick-in toward the far post where Tony Gallo came tantalizingly close with an open header. Moments later, Dave Rout sent a kick-in low into the mixer, leading to a mad scramble for the ball. Defender Chris Qualiardi, making his Byki debut, flicked the ball over to Piotrowski, who slid it into the back of the net.

That goal could have been the catalyst for a genuine Byki comeback, but Szaflary had other ideas. They converted a corner kick into a power play goal at the 4:00 mark and then went up 5:3 five minutes later with a long blast that found the upper 90.

The game went downhill from there for the Byki. Szaflary scored five more goals in the final 10:15, each one seemingly with less effort than the previous one. The Byki seriously lost their defensive shape and were unable to right what had quickly become a sinking ship.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

Brough 1 (Gorecki); 6:04; 1:1. Towsey 1 (Brough); 24:00; 2:3. Piotrowski 1 (Qualiardi); 26:23; 3:3.

**BYKI LINEUP (3-2-1):** Fukar – Qualiardi, Rout, Gambino – Elmkinni, Gallo – Brough. **Bench:** Gorecki, Neighbors, Piotrowski, Stamatakos, Tower, Towsey.

# Byki Stats

**SENIOR, NSL 2nd DIVISION**

Player	G	A	Pts
Taylor	6	4	10
Black	2	4	6
Martinez	4	0	4
Sphar	1	3	4
Lubeck	2	1	3
Slaga	2	1	3
Biggs	2	0	2
Bouzoukis	2	0	2
Dziekiewicz	0	2	2
Najera	1	0	1
Samp	1	0	1
Rose	0	1	1
Team goals	1	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Gambino	266	16	2.29

Current record: 3-1-3

**O-30 RED, NSL 2nd DIVISION**

Player	G	A	Pts
Kekus	3	2	5
Banbor	2	3	5
Ciszewski	3	0	3
Zacarias	3	0	3
Dec	2	0	2
Cardenas	1	1	2
Brough	0	2	2
Najera	0	1	1
Silverstein	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Fukar	266	17	2.43

Current record: 2-1-4

**O-30 BLUE TEAM, CPSL**

Player	G	A	Pts
Brough	1	1	2
Piotrowski	1	0	1
Towsey	1	0	1
Gorecki	0	1	1
Qualiardi	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Fukar	50	10	10.00

Current record: 0-0-1

