



BYKI BOUNCINGS

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Harvester

1 : 9

Byki

Over 40 Team - Sportszone Over 30 League
Sportszone - 29 January 2007

Byki keep racking up the goals

The Byki were not sure of what to expect when they took the field versus International Harvester on Monday. The Byki had flattened them 13:4 in the Sportszone Over 30 League opener three weeks ago and Harvester's shellackings have continued ever since. Harvester improved their roster and their tactics, but it was not enough to overcome their thin bench and a Byki side that had a plan and stuck to it. The Byki prevailed by a 9:1 score, but Harvester made a game of it until the second half when they succumbed to tired legs.

The Byki have won three of four and sit in second place behind SportsZone. Coach Bernhard Kleine was impressed with his team's discipline. "I figured that Harvester would improve their team from the first game," he said. "They made things tough for us at the beginning, but we were the better team."

The Byki enjoyed the lion's share of possession in the first half, but a compact Harvester defense and timely saves from the goalkeeper gave Harvester hope of staying competitive. The Byki opened their account after only 3:09 when Stef Wiecek won a ball at midfield and played it long

to Bob Marvin at the top of the box. The keeper intervened by kicking the ball to the corner. Marvin, however, won the ball back and beat him with a low shot to the far post. Marvin recorded three goals and an assist on the night and was consistently a danger for the Harvester defense.

The Byki created several good opportunities in the first half, but were blunted by some impressive goalkeeping antics from the Harvester netminder. Even though they were not able to add to their lead, the Byki never felt that Harvester were in a position to mount a comeback.

With 3:29 left in the half, Wiecek found Dominic Demarets open in the box on a corner kick. Demarets picked his spot, but was denied by the goalpost. Just 1:10 later, the Byki scored the crucial second goal. Goalie Sal Farhan sent a long pass along the boards on the left wing for Marvin, who let the ball slide underneath his foot. Joe Gambino chased down the loose ball in the corner and slammed a hard shot past the keeper.

The Byki knew that they simply had to maintain their same level of intensity and more goals would come. Harvester, however, had other ideas and a clever play 1:16 into the second half cut the Byki lead to 2:1. The Harvester sweeper noticed Farhan wandering far out of his goal and launched a long shot from his own red line toward the Byki goal. The well-struck shot sailed over Farhan into the net.

Although a bid for a second straight clean sheet was lost, the Byki revved up the offense. With 15:50 left in the game, the Byki put pressure on Harvester deep in their zone. George Gorecki tipped a loose ball into the corner, where a Harvester player tried to clear it. He hit the ball poorly, right to George Siepiora. Balls served up in this fashion are old hat for an experienced scorer, and Siepiora did not disappoint, blasting a shot from outside the box through a maze of players.

Marvin looked to make it 4:1 shortly thereafter when he turned quickly and shot from the corner, but the ball hit the post. The Byki put things right with 13:10 left when Rick

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Bolesta stole the ball in the Byki end. He played the ball right away to Kleine in the center circle, and he slid a square pass to Marvin on the left. The rapid ball movement ignited a 3 v 1 situation, and Marvin slid an inch-perfect pass to Kleine, who calmly tapped the ball in at the far post.

Demarets got a late start on his hat trick, but he took care of business skillfully when he fired a free kick at the top of the arc past the Harvester wall and the goalie. The Byki had a 5:1 lead and were on cruise control, as the Harvester players were too pooped to chase anymore.

Marvin and Gambino successfully worked out of a 2 v 4 scenario when Marvin a hard shot on target. The keeper blocked it, sending the rebound back to Marvin, who laced a bouncing shot over the goalie's outstretched arms to give the Byki an unassailable 6:1 lead.

The five-goal advantage allowed Harvester to bring on an extra player, but the tactic didn't help because adding another pair of fatigued legs would not make their lives any easier. The Byki scored three times in the final six minutes of the match.

The aggressive Paul Mansur stole the ball along the boards near midfield and made a nifty pass to send Marvin on a

breakaway. Marvin did the rest, easily slotting past the goalkeeper.

The Byki made it 8:1 with 3:56 to go after a Gambino steal led to another breakaway. This time Demarets did the honors, as the goalie tried his best to get a hand to Demarets' shot. Demarets wrapped up the scoring with 2:23 left after he received Farhan's long pass in the corner and fired from a sharp angle. The goalie deflected the ball, but could not prevent from rolling in behind him.

The Byki have emerged as a solid competitor in the Over 30 League. Their true test will come in the big matches versus SportsZone, who are clearly the team to beat.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1st: Marvin 2 (Wiecek); 3:09; 0:1. Gambino 4 (Farhan); 18:49; 0:2.
2nd: Siepiora 2; 5:10; 1:3. Kleine 6 (Marvin); 7:50; 1:4. Demarets 9; 11:59; 1:5. Marvin 3; 12:50; 1:6. Marvin 4; (Mansur); 15:09; 1:7. Demarets 10 (Gambino); 17:04; 1:8. Demarets 11 (Farhan); 18:37; 1:9.

BYKI LINEUP (3-2): Farhan – Gorecki, Siepiora, Cooper – Gambino, Demarets. **Bench:** Ahrens, Bolesta, Kleine, LaForest, Mansur, P Sr, Marvin, Neighbors, Wiecek.

Byki

2 : 6

Real

A Team - NSL 1st Division
Odeum - 26 January 2007

Byki continue their sloppy ways

The Byki dropped their third game in a row last Friday when Real Independiente drubbed them 6:2. Real scored three times in the last 10:13 to break open what had been a close game. Real's aggressive play led to numerous Byki turnovers. The Byki had all kinds of problems controlling the tempo and were done in as the whole mess avalanched in the final minutes of the contest. The Byki stand at 2-1-7 for the season.

The Byki may have felt superior to their last two opponents, but they didn't do much on the field to demonstrate it. Poor execution of fundamentals at both ends of the field led to their undoing.

Real took advantage of a Byki turnover and drilled the ball past Ryan Eliasek just 3:54 into the match. Trying to make the difficult pass when an easy one was available led to the Real interception.

The Byki bounced back quickly. Josh Taylor stole the ball at the Real red line at the 5:02 mark. He worked a nifty give-and-go with Zach Dance in the corner. Dance set up Taylor for a shot at the right side of the box. The keeper made a stunning save to deny Taylor.

But Real's keeper was a bit stunned himself only 1:40 later. David Green launched a rocket from midfield that skidded into the corner of the net, leaving the keeper frozen

in his tracks. It is likely that the keeper was screened by all of the bodies in front of the goal.

The Byki had a great chance to take the lead with 5:42 left in the half. Paul Mansur swiped the ball at midfield and led a 3 v 1 counterattack. He dished the ball to Dance on the left, but the goalie made a tremendous save on Dance's shot from close range.

Another foolish turnover by the Byki in the defensive third of the field resulted in a breakaway for Real, whose striker easily slotted past the sprawling Eliasek.

Real picked up in the second half right where they left off. It took them only 3:48 to work a 2 v 1 counter, increasing their lead to 3:1.

The Byki replied 2:32 later when Joe Gambino played a tricky pass off the boards on the right wing to Taylor. The pass left Taylor's marker flat-footed and Taylor wasted no time to take advantage of his opening. His shot was struck right at the keeper, but Lady Luck was with the Byki, as the ball trickled through the five-hole. The Real netminder tried to reach back before the ball crossed the line, but the referee was on top of the play and signaled a goal for the Byki.

Even though the score was 3:2, the game did not seem to be that close. Real took firm control of the match midway

through the second half when the Byki defense botched a long clearance. The ball bounced over the heads of the defenders and a Real player drilled his open shot off of the upper glass. The rebound came back to the top of the arc, where a second player crushed a first-time blast past the stationary Byki defenders.

With 8:32 to go, Real thwarted the best chance the Byki had at a comeback. The Byki put huge pressure on the Real goal, leading to a bobble by the goalkeeper. Mass confusion ensued as the Byki had two chances to stab the loose ball home. On both occasions, the crowd of Real defenders kept the ball out of the goal.

The game fell apart shortly thereafter for the Byki. Real scored two late goals to put the game away. The Byki looked fatigued in the end and Real just kept playing at their normal pace. After a certain point, it was clear that the Byki lacked enough gas in the tank to get back into the match.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1st: Green 2; 6:42: 1:1.

2nd: Taylor 1 (Gambino); 6:20; 2:3.

BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1): Eliasek – Gambino, Mansur, P Jr – Stanley, Fleming – Dance (c). **Bench:** Bouzoukis, Ciszewski, Green, Moore, Taylor.

Slice

5 : 4

Byki

B Team - Soccer City C League
Soccer City - 23 January 2007

Up & down Byki seek consistency

The B Team dropped their second match in as many tries in the Soccer City C League on January 23 when they fell 5:4 to Slice. The team were plagued by a lack of organization, as fundamental defensive errors resulted in several easy goals for Slice. The Byki showed occasional flashes of competence, but excessive dribbling ultimately was their undoing.

Coach Joe Gambino was forced to play in the nets once again, which it made it tough for him to coach a team in desperate need of leadership on the bench. “We scrambled with our lineup right before kickoff,” he complained. “I thought that after last week, the guys would have learned that it’s important to show up early for the game and be ready.” It wasn’t until halftime that the Byki, with 14 players in uniform, got their substitutions organized.

Slice did not impress anyone with their technical skills, but they were smart enough to utilize their players in the best way possible. The rules at Soccer City allow passes to be made from any part of the field, and Slice pumped long balls into the Byki end of the field with great success.

The Byki engineered the first good opportunity of the contest in the early minutes. Marek Ciszewski laid a pass off to Chris Lewkowicz on the right wing. Lewkowicz pounded the ball off the boards into the middle, but Ciszewski blasted a wide-open shot well over the goal.

Slice put pressure on the Byki as they countered 3 v 2 at the 5:13 mark. A couple of quick passes caught the Byki flat-footed, as Gambino saved the day with a huge stop. But the Byki could not bring the ball under control. Gambino saved a second shot, but a Slice player headed the rebound into the net.

Slice went 2:0 up with 7:11 left in the first half when they converted on the power play. The pressure started when the Byki didn’t mark well on a corner kick. Gambino saved an

open shot on the doorstep of the goal, as the Byki were caught scrambling. Seconds later, Slice played the ball off the boards and a striker headed the ball home.

The Slice goalkeeper was instrumental in igniting counterattacks. He hit his targets downfield accurately, using either his feet or long throws. With the Byki not getting back quickly enough, the rapid run-outs put Gambino in constant peril.

The Byki pulled one back with 5:35 left. A very slick 1-2 combination between Luis Arredondo and Ivan Torossian made the Slice defenders look like statues. Torossian played the final pass off the boards and Arredondo finished with precision.

But the long ball continued to be a big problem for the Byki. With 4:54 to go, the keeper booted a long pass toward the Byki penalty area, where Gambino bravely came out to punch the ball. The unmarked Slice forward got there first and nodded a floating ball into the goal for a 3:1 lead.

The Byki responded 2:00 later. Dan Stanley threaded the needle with a great diagonal pass from the left flank. Andy Lane had made the far-post run and calmly slotted the ball home. The Byki had a great chance to nab an equalizer seconds before the halftime whistle when Arredondo stole the ball at midfield and snaked past two defenders to create an opening. The keeper stabbed at Arredondo’s shot with his outstretched leg and caught a break when the ball caromed off of the post and then off of his back. He covered the ball before Arredondo could make a try for the rebound.

It took the Byki just 1:08 of the second half to nab an equalizer. Ciszewski banged a shot off the boards and the ball caromed into the middle. Paul Mansur stuck his head into the path of the ball and nodded it past the keeper.

Slice took control of the match 3:18 later when the Byki

failed to clear the ball out of their end. Slice played the ball to an open man in the box and the quick shot gave Gambino no chance. Slice upped their advantage to 5:3 with 8:36 to go when they converted a power-play opportunity. A well-placed diagonal pass led to an easy tap-in at the far post.

But the Byki weren't done. With 7:46 left, Torossian executed a brilliant through ball for Kevin Biggs. The striker had a step on the defender and was hauled down from behind in the area, leading to a two-minute penalty and a penalty kick. Biggs sent the keeper the wrong way to bring the Byki to within 5:4.

With 5:12 to go Ahmad Harake stole the ball at midfield, initiating a quick counterattack. Harake took the ball in solo, but just missed with a strong shot from an angle. The Byki went on the power play with 1:38 to go and nearly pulled

even when Russ Haynes sent a free kick back fro Arredondo, but the striker was denied when his shot rammed off of the underside of the crossbar.

The B Team showed flashes of their capabilities in this match. Once they attain the proper level of consistency, they will see the results reflected on the scoreboard.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1st: Arredondo 1 (Torossian); 14:25; 2:1. Lane 1 (Stanley); 17:06; 3:2.
2nd: Mansur 1 (Ciszewski); 1:08; 3:3. Biggs 1 (pk); (pp); 12:14; 5:4.

BYKI LINEUP (2-1-2): Gambino – Moore, Casey – Lane – Arredondo, Stanley. **Bench:** Biggs, Ciszewski, Daniel, Harake, Haynes, Lewkowicz, Mansur, P Jr, Torossian.

Byki Stats

A TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Fleming	5	4	9
Haynes	6	1	7
Dance	4	2	6
Mayer	3	2	5
Mansur, P Jr	0	5	5
Green	2	1	3
Bouzoukis	1	2	3
Dziekiewicz, G	1	2	3
Stanley	2	0	2
Ciszewski	1	1	2
Moore	1	1	2
Taylor	1	0	1
Gambino	0	1	1
Rose	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Gambino	38	2	2.00
Eliasek	171	17	3.78
de la Cruz	171	19	4.22

Current record: 2-1-7

B TEAM, SOCCER CITY C LEAGUE OVER 30 TEAM,SCHAUMBURG

Player	G	A	Pts
Lane	1	1	2
Arredondo	1	0	1
Biggs	1	0	1
Mansur, P Jr	1	0	1
Pirrilis	1	0	1
Ciszewski	0	1	1
Stanley	0	1	1
Torossian	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Gambino	80	10	5.00

Current record: 0-0-2

OVER 40 TEAM,SPORTSZONE

Player	G	A	Pts
Ciszewski	3	2	5
Youssef	3	2	5
Parra	1	4	5
Garcia	3	0	3
Frischmann	2	1	3
Geng	2	1	3
Treter	1	2	3
Hunter	1	0	1
Towsey	1	0	1
Zelinski	1	0	1
Jedrzejowski	0	1	1
Zhang	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Zhang	100	3	1.50

Current record: 2-0-0

OVER 40 TEAM,SPORTSZONE

Player	G	A	Pts
Demarets	11	2	13
Kleine	6	3	9
Gambino	4	3	7
Marvin	4	3	7
Bolesta	2	0	2
Siepiora	2	0	2
Ahrens	1	1	2
Neighbors	1	1	2
Farhan	0	2	2
Mansur, Sr	0	2	2
Treter	0	2	2
Wiecek	0	2	2
LaForest	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Neighbors	5	0	0.00
Farhan	163	11	2.83

Current record: 3-0-1

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

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MAJOR DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria A	10	7	2	1	42	21	23	SC BiH	10	9	0	1	43	18	27
FK Kozarac	10	6	2	2	42	29	20	West Bosnia SC	10	8	1	1	36	16	25
CKS Warta	10	4	2	4	29	33	14	B-H Lilies	10	3	2	5	31	30	11
NK Prijedor	10	3	3	4	31	37	12	Outlanders SC	10	3	1	6	30	34	10
HNNK Hrvat	10	3	2	5	21	23	11	SAC Wisla	10	3	1	6	26	34	10
RWB Adria B	10	0	2	8	16	40	2	Royal FC	10	2	0	8	15	47	6

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Romania	10	9	1	0	57	21	28	Albanian Stars	10	9	1	0	56	23	28
KF Ulqin	10	9	0	1	44	14	27	Honduras SC	10	9	0	1	50	14	27
Deportivo Colomex	10	6	1	3	34	28	19	West Bosnia B	10	7	3	0	29	11	24
Khaboor FC	10	5	2	3	30	18	17	Chicago Thunder A	10	7	2	1	49	18	23
FK Podrinje	10	5	1	4	36	27	16	Pitbulls	10	5	1	4	28	23	16
B-H Lilies B	10	5	1	4	29	25	16	Real Independiente	10	5	1	4	23	19	16
FK Bosanska Dubica	10	4	1	5	28	26	13	Lemont FC	10	3	1	6	29	37	10
SAC Wisla B	10	4	1	5	24	30	13	CKS Warta B	10	2	2	6	30	38	8
Oak Park Tricycles	10	2	3	5	22	33	9	HNNK Hrvat B	10	2	2	6	25	39	8
Stare Byki FC	10	2	1	7	27	38	7	Lake Shore SC	10	2	1	7	16	33	7
CKS Warta C	10	2	0	8	16	55	6	Royal FC B	10	2	0	8	21	55	6
Chicago Thunder B	10	0	1	9	9	64	1	Chicago Inter Bulldogs	10	0	1	9	19	42	1

OVER 30 DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria B	9	6	3	0	51	23	21
Outlanders SC	8	6	2	0	44	21	20
SAC Wisla	9	4	1	4	39	31	13
NK Prijedor	8	4	0	4	30	48	12
HNNK Hrvat	8	2	3	3	33	27	9
RWB Adria A	9	2	3	4	26	30	9
Hellas SC	9	0	0	9	22	65	0

SCHAUMBURG REC LEAGUE

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
The Wings	3	3	0	0	12	6	6
Stare Byki FC	2	2	0	0	18	3	4
Ballpark FC	3	2	0	1	16	8	4
Galaxy	2	2	0	0	14	7	4
Orange FC	2	1	0	1	8	5	2
Medicare FC	2	0	1	1	6	12	1
Real FC 57	3	0	1	2	10	17	1
Zoo	2	0	1	1	5	14	1
Stingers	3	0	1	2	9	19	1
Barrington Ortho	2	0	0	2	5	12	0

SPORTSZONE OVER 30 LEAGUE

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
SportsZone	3	3	0	0	28	7	9
Stare Byki FC	4	3	0	1	31	11	9
Team Demar	3	1	0	2	11	15	3
International	4	0	0	4	8	45	0

SOCCER CITY C LEAGUE

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Beer	2	2	0	0	9	5	18
Bari FC	2	1	1	0	8	5	15
United	2	1	1	0	11	9	15
Slice	2	1	0	1	8	8	12
Toe Bashers	2	1	0	1	7	6	11
Life Fitness	2	0	1	1	7	9	9
Bachirs Finest	2	0	1	1	7	10	8
Stare Byki FC	2	0	0	2	5	10	4