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Byki

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Lemont

A Team - NSL 1st Division
Odeum - 25 January 2008

Early defensive gaffes sink Byki

A week off from league play did nothing to help the Byki last Friday, who saw their good spell of performances end with a whimper, as they fell to Lemont FC 3:2. The Byki made crucial mistakes at the worst times and it allowed Lemont to build a 3:0 lead at the break. The Byki staged a nice turnaround in the second half, but the combination of a big deficit and a short bench made the task a difficult one.

The Byki and Lemont have developed a sharp rivalry over the past couple of years, dating back to the days when both teams were still in the 2nd Division. The sides played two dramatic games in the 2007 outdoor season, with the Byki giving Lemont a 4:1 thrashing at Winnebago, and then Lemont replied with a 1:1 draw in Downers Grove. Neither side have been impressive this winter and the game turned out to be a back-and-forth struggle between two evenly matched teams.

The Byki started the contest with an intense flurry in the first minute of action. Dan Stanley and Kevin Biggs

pounded close-range shots on the Lemont goal, with Biggs coming closest when his attempt was denied by the crossbar.

Lemont took the lead 4:43 into the match when goalkeeper Nicoara Talpes misjudged the bounce on a long pass played over the top. He hesitated when he came out of his box to clear the ball and the Lemont forward lobbed a shot over Talpes.

The score went to 2:0 just 1:51 later when a Lemont player rushed past Chris Rose on the right wing and blasted past Talpes from a sharp angle.

Moments later, the Byki put in a bid to get back into the game when Biggs, Josh Taylor and Kevin Sphar drilled wide-open shots in rapid succession. The Lemont defense held firm and left the Byki still seeking their first goal of the contest.

Disaster struck again with 5:45 left in the half. Nicoara Talpes came out to the corner to clear a loose ball in the Byki end, but his weak pass went right to the feet of a Lemont player who was open in the Byki penalty area. He side-footed the easy opportunity into the empty net. It was a bitter pill for the Byki to swallow, following the excellent recent performances from Talpes, whose goalkeeping had made the difference in previous matches.

The Byki got back on track early in the second half. Biggs added to his team-leading goal total after 4:26. Stanley won possession of the ball in the Lemont area and found himself in front of the goalkeeper sprawled on the turf trying to make a play on the ball. Stanley slipped the ball to Biggs, who slotted home from close range.

The Byki got back to within 3:2 just 1:08 later. Crisan Talpes made a run along the left side and cranked a hard shot from distance that whizzed underneath the diving goalie's outstretched arm. Talpes has shown a healthy tendency to fire at will and his long bombs will keep any goalie on his toes.

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But the depleted Byki bench became a significant factor as the game wore on. With only two substitutes, there's only so much a team can do to maintain the pace that is necessary in the 1st Division. The Byki would get no closer, and only some goalkeeping heroics from Nicoara Talpes kept the Byki within striking distance.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Biggs 6 (Stanley); 23:26; 1:3. C. Talpes 4; 24:34; 2:3.

BYKI LINEUP (2-1-2): N. Talpes – Black, Rose – Taylor – Stanley, Biggs.
Bench: Sphar, C. Talpes.

Byki

3 : 7

Adria

Over 30 Team - NSL Over 30 Division
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Byki can't measure up to Adria

Every Goliath has to face a David once in a while. The Byki thought that they could successfully pull off the underdog role last Friday when they took on RWB Adria in an Over 30 match. Adria came into the contest with an unblemished record, and despite having just seven players in uniform, took advantage of every Byki mistake to cruise to a 7:3 victory. The 1-0-9 Byki remain in the Over 30 cellar.

After a 10:4 shellacking in their first encounter with Adria, the Byki thought they had learned some lessons about how to mark the Over 30 Division's leading scorer, as well as understand the importance of making sure that all players are behind the ball on defense. It turns out that the Byki did not learn their lessons all that well, as Adria jumped out to a 2:0 lead in the first three minutes and never really looked back.

"The players finally got the game plan right by the middle of the first half," said coach George Gorecki. "But a team like ours cannot play from behind against a team like Adria. We have to execute perfectly and then also limit our mistakes."

The mistakes started early, as an Adria steal at their red line ignited a 3 v 2 counter. They ran the play to perfection, capping it with an unmarked tap-in at the far post. Just 2:08 later, the ball-watching Byki stood motionless as keeper Ray Najera made a save on a shot in the box, and then was helpless on the rebound.

The Byki then went on a mini flurry. Marek Ciszewski culminated a dribbling move on the right side with a hard shot from the right wing, forcing the keeper to make a tough save. Just 0:47 later, Brett Frischmann ran up to the Adria arc to win a weak clearance. He crushed a first-time shot hard and low, but the keeper dove to make the save. With 12:54 to go in the half, Russ Haynes launched a free kick from the red line near the boards and the keeper stuck a leg out to deflect the shot.

"We showed we could play some smart soccer," said Gorecki. "But we have to put away the chances when we

create them."

After an Adria player missed a sitter late in the first half, they upped their advantage to 3:0 moments later. Adria's striker fought through Matt Treter's tug of the shirt and managed to drive the ball past the diving Najera.

The Byki came out with renewed purpose after the interval. After 2:57 had elapsed, Tony Gallo dribbled up to the Adria red line and slipped the ball into the middle of the box for Nick Elkinssi. The unmarked striker tried to flick the ball past the keeper, but he was in the right spot to make the stop.

A terrific sequence of passes opened up the Adria defense at the 5:17 mark. The slick passes presented Andy Lane with a shot from the right wing. The keeper got a hand on Lane's shot, but the rebound fell to Ciszewski, who had the keeper beaten, but watched his shot ricochet off of the inside of the goalpost. Haynes got the ball back and promptly opened his account. He seized his opportunity at the red line and fired a shot past the goalie to make it 3:1.

But of course, few Byki goals leave much time for celebrating. The Byki fell asleep on defense and Adria were back to a three-goal margin just 0:28 later.

Adria started a wild run with 9:46 left as they somehow created a breakaway chance while killing a penalty. The Byki were saved by the post and then pushed the ball the other way. A shot from the right wing was palmed over to the left side by the keeper. Elkinssi got to the ball first and shot immediately from a sharp angle. The keeper saved that one, but couldn't hold on and Ciszewski cleaned things up with a simple tap-in. Adria needed 1:07 to get that one back and the Byki could simply get no closer.

The game went back and forth for the final six minutes, as both netminders put a on a tremendous show, making incredible saves. Najera denied an open shot from the top of the box with a spectacular leg save. The Byki got the ball back and came fast on the counter. Lane had the keeper beaten, but his shot rebounded off of the goalpost.

Adria scored twice with 0:40 to take a 7:2 lead with 4:27 left, but the action continued. With 3:57 remaining, the hustling Joe Gambino won a ball in the corner. He centered for the unmarked Frischmann, who shot right at the goalie.

The Byki showed no desire to quit and made the tired Adria defense pay when the team's forwards chose not to come back and help. The Byki used the man advantage to knock the ball around patiently, giving Adria a dose of their won medicine. Lane sent the ball into the middle for Haynes to finish off his seventh goal of the campaign.

Adria's victory clinched a playoff spot and complicated things for the Byki, who trail sixth-place HNNK Hrvat by eight points in the chase for the final slot. With only six matches left, there is no place for moral victories.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Haynes, 6; 24:28; 1:3. Ciszewski 8; 28:31; 2:4. Haynes, 7 (Lane); 36:08; 3:7.

BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1): Najera – Haynes, Treter – Frischmann, Gallo (c) – Elmkinssi. **Bench:** Ciszewski, Gambino, Jedrzejowski, Lane, Zhang.

Byki Stats

A TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Biggs	6	1	7
Stanley	3	2	5
Talpes, C.	4	0	4
Samp	1	3	4
Black	2	1	3
Ruiz	2	0	2
Torossian	1	1	2
Taylor	1	0	1
Bouzoukis	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Talpes, N.	133	7	2.00
Eliasek	243	31	4.85
Samp	4	1	9.50

Current record: 2-1-7

O-30 TEAM, NSL O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Ciszewski	8	0	8
Haynes	7	1	8
Gambino	3	1	4
Pedlow	2	1	3
Jedrzejowski	1	2	3
Lane	0	3	3
Arredondo	2	0	2
Gallo	0	2	2
Elmkinssi	1	0	1
Fleming	1	0	1
Tower	0	1	1
Treter	0	1	1
Zhang	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Najera	380	60	6.00

Current record: 1-0-9

O-40 TEAM, SPORTSZONE LEAGUE

Player	G	A	Pts
Haynes	7	2	9
Kleine	3	4	7
Demarets	3	1	4
Farhan	2	1	3
Marvin	2	1	3
Towsey	2	0	2
Siepiora	1	1	2
Cooper	0	2	2
Bolesta	1	0	1
Neighbors	0	1	1
Pruim	0	1	1
Tower	0	1	1
Wiecek	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Pruim	168	27	6.75

Current record: 2-0-2

Chi Soccer go long to beat Byki

The Byki Over 40 Team saw their record fall to 2-0-2 when they suffered a 9:4 defeat to Chicago Soccer last Monday. Chicago scored six of their nine goals with long-range bombs, as the Byki defense displayed very little aggressiveness and was beset with lots of loose marking. The Byki wasted the second hat trick in as many games from striker Russ Haynes.

Coach Bernhard Kleine had the luxury of a 14-strong roster, but the lack of familiarity between several of the players contributed to a lack of continuity by the Byki. Despite those obstacles, there's no excuse for failing to play smart soccer and executing the fundamentals.

The Byki started out brightly, as they attacked the Chicago goal with vigor. Kleine fed the ball to Haynes at the top of the arc. Haynes made a clean trap, turned, and cracked a half-volley that crashed off of the upper corner of the goal.

Haynes drew first blood 8:25 into the match. After Stef Wiecek won the ball inside the Byki penalty area, he dinked a soft pass to Haynes, who immediately accelerated into space, sparking a 2 v 1 counterattack with Eric Tower. As the lone defender tried to patiently wait for Haynes to make the pass, Haynes simply sprinted past him and slotted past the sprawled goalkeeper.

Chicago leveled the score with 5:20 left in the half when a free kick from distance beat the wall and goalie Pete Pruim. As usual, Pruim was under unrelenting distress, and the Byki defense oftentimes left him out to dry. Several glittering saves from Pruim kept the Byki in the game in the first half.

The Byki regained the lead with 2:21 to go. Haynes split two defenders off the dribble and the second one stuck a leg out to prevent him from going in alone on goal. The referee whistled for a foul, although a two-minute time penalty might have been more appropriate for a foul of this severity. Haynes made it all academic when he launched a free kick from the left flank that the keeper never saw.

The Byki relaxed on defense at the worst moment, conceding an equalizer with 0:22 left. Chicago controlled

possession in a 2 v 2 situation and beat Pruim with a long-range shot from the left wing.

Chicago then turned the tables on the Byki, swinging the momentum their way right from the second-half kickoff. They held possession for long stretches and kept the Byki pinned in their defensive third. A missile from the right side made it 3:2 at the 4:32 mark and they increased the margin to 4:2 just 2:17 later when the Byki had trouble clearing the ball from the corner. A quick centering pass to the open man in the box made it the easiest goal of the night.

The Byki pulled to within 4:3 with 7:53 gone. Newcomer Luis Espinoza crashed a hard shot off the boards. The hard-working Haynes dug for the rebound and nailed an off-balance shot past the diving goalie.

The roof then caved in on the Byki, who let in three goals in a span of 3:10. The first goal in that sequence should have never counted, as a hard shot from Chicago clanged off of the upper corner and back into the field. Play continued for several seconds, but the referee then incredibly pointed to the center spot, following a litany of complaints from the Chicago bench. "That ball never went in the goal," snarled George Gorecki. "The dummy listened to them yell and then decided to go along with it."

The Byki got one back with 5:56 left in the game. Kleine set up Dominic Demarets, who alertly spotted the keeper straying from his goal and lobbed the ball over his head. Demarets was returning from a knee injury and was still hobbled as he tried to help enliven the Byki attack. Chicago wrapped up the scoring with two late strikes, as the Byki defense always found themselves a step slow.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Haynes 5 (Wiecek); 8:25; 1:0. Haynes 6; 18:39; 2:1. Haynes 7 (Espinoza); 28:53; 3:4. Demarets 3 (Kleine); 36:04; 4:7.

BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1): Pruim – Cooper, Towsey – Tower, Kleine – Haynes. Bench: Espinoza, Demarets, Farhan, Gorecki, Lane, Siepiora, Silverstein, Wiecek.

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MAJOR DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
HNNK Hrvat	10	7	2	1	37	13	23	SC BiH	10	9	1	0	47	19	28
RWB Adria A	10	6	2	2	35	17	20	FK Kozarac	10	7	1	2	42	23	22
B-H Lilies	10	5	1	4	26	24	16	RWB Adria B	10	5	0	5	37	27	15
NK Prijedor	10	4	2	4	22	31	14	SAC Wisla	10	4	1	5	19	24	13
Albanian Stars	10	2	1	7	27	38	7	CKS Warta	10	2	1	7	20	35	7
KF Ulqin	10	0	2	8	16	51	2	Royal FC	10	2	0	8	16	42	6

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FK Republica Srpska	10	8	1	1	51	16	25	Podlasie	10	10	0	0	80	10	30
Deportivo Colomex	10	7	1	2	49	20	22	West Bosnia SC	10	8	0	2	44	29	24
Oak Park Tricycles	10	7	1	2	49	18	22	Capitol Czarni Jaslo	10	7	2	1	53	18	23
Stal Mielec	10	7	1	2	45	17	22	Real Independiente	10	6	2	2	22	14	20
CKS Warta C	10	6	3	1	42	26	21	HNNK Hrvat B	10	5	1	4	33	28	16
CKS Warta B	10	5	0	5	32	31	15	CD Taximaroa	10	5	1	4	30	27	16
Chicago Thunder	10	4	1	5	25	22	13	FK Bosanska Dubica	10	3	1	6	47	38	10
Khaboor FC	10	3	2	5	35	46	11	FK Podrinje	10	3	1	6	23	50	10
Lake Shore SC	10	2	2	6	39	36	8	Los Chasquis	10	3	0	7	28	76	9
Montenegro SC	10	2	1	7	27	51	7	Stare Byki FC	10	2	1	7	20	39	7
Juanacatlan	10	2	1	7	29	58	7	Lemont FC	10	2	0	8	27	44	6
Chicago Inter R-B	10	0	0	10	8	90	0	Pitbulls SC	10	1	1	8	25	59	4

OVER 30 DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria	10	10	0	0	73	23	30
B-H Lilies	10	7	0	3	44	34	21
SAC Wisla	10	6	0	4	42	43	18
Arabian FC	10	5	1	4	42	41	16
Polonia SC	10	5	1	4	52	33	16
HNNK Hrvat	10	3	2	5	31	40	11
NK Prijedor	10	1	0	9	29	64	3
Stare Byki FC	10	1	0	9	25	60	3

SPORTSZONE OVER 30 LEAGUE

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Deva Development	4	4	0	0	39	14	12
Chicago Soccer	4	2	1	1	23	17	7
Peaked Venture	4	2	1	1	21	17	7
Chicago Force	4	2	0	2	19	17	6
Stare Byki FC	4	2	0	2	21	27	6
Arsenal	4	2	0	2	26	21	6
Tornadoes	4	1	0	3	20	26	3
Team Demar	4	0	0	4	8	39	0