



BOUNCINGS

29 Feb 08



Lilies

6 : 7

Byki

Over 30 Team - NSL Over 30 Division
Odeum - 22 February 2008

Byki topple Lilies in pulsating win

The Byki Over 30 Team scored the upset of the season when they came out on top in a 7:6 seesaw battle with the second-place B-H Lilies last Friday. The teams traded goals back and forth and the Byki prevailed because of their determination to stay with their game plan of keeping possession of the ball. The Byki climb out of the Over 30 cellar and knock the Lilies into third, making their playoff run a bit more precarious.

“My teammates were magnificent with their discipline tonight,” said coach George Gorecki, who was forced to suit up due to a shortage of players. “We kept possession of the ball, we made the Lilies chase us, and they were lucky to be that close to us.”

Indeed, the Byki went into the match with several regular players missing, including goalkeeper Ray Najera. Joe Gambino stepped in between the pipes and managed to shrug off a couple of soft goals to come up with several critical stops down the stretch.

The Byki displayed patience, moved the ball quickly and took very few risks on offense. They waited until they could

catch the Lilies in a lull, and then pounced. Their seven-goal output (a season high) demonstrated the team’s ability to make the most of their scoring chances, a quality that has been sorely lacking too often this season.

The Lilies jumped out to the early advantage, scoring two goals in the first seven minutes of the match. The Byki replied with a forceful comeback, drilling home four unanswered goals. They cut the Lilies defense to ribbons with ten minutes left in the half. After moving the ball upfield methodically, the Byki made good on their opportunity, executing a silky sequence of one-touch passes between Steven Pedlow, Matt Fleming and Russ Haynes. Fleming made the final killer pass that sent Haynes behind the last defender. The striker fired past the sprawled keeper for his tenth tally of the season.

Moments later, Brett Frischmann alertly latched onto a loose pass in the Lilies end of the field and slammed a shot past the helpless goalie. With new life at 2:2, Frischmann was at it again a minute later. Gorecki ended a series of patient passes in the back by sending the ball up the right wing to Frischmann, who had shown for the ball. Rather than make the safe pass back to Gorecki, Frischmann surprised his marker by turning to the outside. That quick step opened up a path to the goal for Frischmann, who made no mistake, slotting past the onrushing keeper.

Haynes made it 4:2 to the Byki with seven minutes left. Pedlow sent the ball off the boards and Haynes did the rest, sliding the ball into the back of the net.

But the Lilies weren’t done. They scored three times in the final six minutes of the half to snatch a 5:4 lead. The last goal came on a breakaway in the final minute.

The Byki were undaunted at halftime and did not consider the spurt from the Lilies as a sign that they were about to collapse. “The guys understood that quick passes and hard defending were going to win this game,” said Gorecki.

The Lilies had other ideas after the break and increased their lead to 6:4 after four minutes when Gambino was fooled

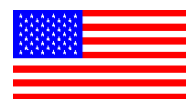
Sponsor Corner

The indoor season’s sponsor bar
for the Byki is

John’s Pizzeria
100 E Lake St in Addison

Support Byki sponsors!

Check us out on the Internet at www.starebykifc.org



on a shot from the corner. Gorecki appeared to have the man covered, but the shot grazed off of Gorecki's leg and the slight change in trajectory caught Gambino off-balance.

The Byki pulled one back a minute later. Frischmann played a delightful ball over the top to Haynes, who finished the play with style. Haynes leads the oldtimers' scoring parade with 12 for the season.

It didn't take the Byki long to create their second equalizer. Dan Jedrzejowski played the ball to Pedlow in the right corner. Pedlow could have made the safe square pass from that position, but chose instead to dribble across the top of the area. He picked his spot and drove the ball past the stunned goalie to bring the Byki even at 6:6.

The Byki took a lead they would never relinquish with 13 minutes to go. Haynes restarted with a free kick deep in the right corner and whizzed a pass across the face of goal. The ball found Tony Gallo making the run to the far post. With no one marking him, Gallo tapped the ball home for his first goal of the season.

With everyone wondering how many goals it would take to win this game, the Byki picked up their defensive intensity. Tight, aggressive marking denied the Lilies time and space. Gambino stood tough in the nets, denying the Lilies any openings in his goal. As the final minutes melted away, the desperate Lilies resorted to diving and whining to the officials. Things boiled over in the final minute when a Lilies player

tripped over his own feet near the boards, to right of Gambino's goal. The Lilies player, knowing that Wei Zhang was right behind him, pounded the boards as he fell, in an attempt to get a penalty called on Zhang. The referees weren't buying it, but the Lilies players wanted a piece of Zhang. When one player kicked Zhang in the midsection during the ensuing scrum, Zhang replied with a kick of his own. Both players were shown blue cards, along with a Lilies player who couldn't stop complaining.

After the Byki killed off the final seconds, they had plenty to be happy about. "I guess that the Lilies didn't like dropping points to the last-place team; I hope they get used to it," noted Gorecki. "It just makes the victory that much more satisfying. Our passing game ran them ragged. It was nice to see somebody else with their tongues hanging out after the game."

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Haynes 10 (Fleming); 9:00; 2:1. Frischmann 1; 10:00; 2:2. Frischmann 2 (Gorecki); 11:00; 2:3. Haynes 11 (Pedlow); 12:00; 2:4. Haynes 12 (Frischmann); 24:00; 6:5. Pedlow 3 (Jedrzejowski); 25:00; 6:6; Gallo 1 (Haynes); 27:00; 6:7.

BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1): Gambino – Zhang, Tower – Frischmann, Gallo (c) – Jedrzejowski. **Bench:** Fleming, Gorecki, Haynes, McGrath, Pedlow.

Real

1 : 1

Byki

A Team - NSL 1st Division
Odeum - 22 February 2008

Byki nab a point, Talpes near-flawless

An early goal from Kevin Biggs and out-of-this-world goalkeeping by Nicoara Talpes appeared like it would be enough for the Byki to claim victory over Real Independiente last Friday. But Real equalized late and the Byki had to be content with sharing the spoils. The result put a dent in Real's flickering playoff hopes, as the Byki rolled up their sleeves and did the dirty work on defense.

At 3-2-8, the Byki won't impress anyone with their record. But their effort was top-shelf and denying an opponent with 13 more points on their account for the season was an accomplishment in itself. A few more goals on the board would have done wonders to complement Talpes' performance in the nets. "He was like a brick wall out there," commented George Gorecki, who watched the match with the rest of the Byki Over 30 players. Real's incessant offensive pressure kept the Byki on the back foot for long stretches, and Talpes repelled nearly everything that came his way.

The Byki drew first blood 2:44 into the contest when midfielder Chad Daniel threaded a slick pass behind the Real defense and the hustling Biggs slammed home the opportunity

for his seventh strike of the season. Daniel, who has not been seen much this winter, picked a good night to make a comeback, even if his fitness turned out to be the killer variable for him later in the game.

Real recovered from that early shock, but it wasn't until the middle of the first half when they finally put together a dangerous scoring chance. After a Byki defender overcommitted on a dribbling move by a Real player, the forward broke through alone on Talpes. The keeper came out aggressively, forcing the Real player to swerve off to the side. When he regained his balance and shot, it was an easy save for Talpes.

Both sides had chances in the final minute of the half. Real caught the Byki pushed too far forward and played a long ball over the top. Kvar Black hustled back and defused a simmering scoring chance. Dan Stanley was on the doorstep of the Real goal seconds later and watched in agony as his sitter hit off the boards.

Real showed that they meant business and came at the Byki with full force to start the second half. Talpes had to

face two point-blank shots and used sharp reflexes to save both attempts. After the second save, Talpes tossed the ball to twin brother Crisan, who sped in alone on the Real goal. The lanky Real keeper came out hard and snuffed Talpes' shot. Moments later, Stanley spotted Minos Bouzoukis open in the left corner. Stanley's accurate pass set up Bouzoukis for a clear shot and the keeper made a spectacular save to deny Bouzoukis.

With 12:46 to go, Real ramped up the pressure and created an opening at the top of the box. The striker turned and shot, and Talpes reacted well to make the save. Just 2:16 later, Real ignited a breakaway and Talpes read the play perfectly, snuffing out the opportunity.

Seconds later, Real appeared to have their equalizer when they passed the ball to an unmarked player at the far post. The Real player was set to tap the ball in, but somehow flubbed a certain goal.

As time wore on, Byki marking got worse. Talpes was in the zone, however, reading every play as though he were one step ahead of Real's shooters, making three heroic saves down the stretch. In the end, Real would not be denied and caught the Byki scrambling to cover their men with 2:45 to go. They eventually swung the ball over the far side, where an open player slid the ball home.

The Byki showed plenty of grit in the face of unrelenting pressure from Real. Their effort was rewarded with a result that was well-earned.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Biggs 7 (Daniel); 2:44; 0:1.

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

Byki Stats

A TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Biggs	7	1	8
Talpes, C.	7	1	8
Stanley	4	2	6
Samp	1	3	4
Black	2	1	3
Haynes	2	0	2
Ruiz	2	0	2
Bouzoukis	1	1	2
Sphar	1	1	2
Torossian	1	1	2
Taylor	1	0	1
Daniel	0	1	1
Team goals	1	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Talpes, N.	247	17	2.62
Eliasek	243	31	4.85
Samp	4	1	9.50

Current record: 3-2-8

O-30 TEAM, NSL O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Haynes	12	2	14
Ciszewski	8	0	8
Pedlow	3	2	5
Gambino	3	1	4
Jedrzejowski	1	3	4
Lane	0	4	4
Fleming	2	1	3
Frischmann	2	1	3
Gallo	1	2	3
Arredondo	2	0	2
Elmkinssi	1	0	1
Gorecki	0	1	1
Tower	0	1	1
Treter	0	1	1
Zhang	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Najera	456	68	5.67
Gambino	38	6	6.00

Current record: 2-0-11

O-40 TEAM, SPORTSZONE LEAGUE

Player	G	A	Pts
Haynes	7	2	9
Demarets	6	2	8
Siepiora	6	2	8
Kleine	4	4	8
Farhan	3	4	7
Tower	4	1	5
Marvin	3	1	4
Bolesta	1	3	4
Towsey	2	1	3
Silverstein	1	2	3
Cooper	0	2	2
Espinoza	0	1	1
Neighbors	0	1	1
Pruim	0	1	1
Wiecek	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Pruim	294	46	6.57
Neighbors	42	10	10.00

Current record: 3-0-5

Force clobber shorthanded Byki

The lousy winter weather continued last Monday and it indirectly led to another poor performance for the Over 40 Team, who were manhandled 10:2 by Chicago Force. The defeat drops the Byki to 3-0-5 for the season.

With only seven players dressed for the game, coach Bernhard Kleine had to quickly reshuffle his lineup. Heavy snow probably prevented several others from making it, but the energetic Force squad had two full lines and made the most of their manpower advantage. Goalkeeper Peter Pruim, who has been a solid addition to the team this winter, was a late scratch due to sickness and some of the team's best attacking options, Dominic Demarets, Sal Farhan and Bob Marvin, were also absent, leaving the Byki in a bare-bones arrangement.

Despite the shortage of subs, the game started very positively by the Byki, who did a good job of holding the ball passing it around and made the Force chase after them. "This is a productive way of playing soccer and should be the model for the Byki for the next games to come," noted Kleine. The Force grabbed the lead in the 11th minute when they converted a free kick at the top of the penalty area. Detecting an opening in the wall, the Force player shot past emergency goalie Fleet Neighbors.

Rather than stay with the possession game to conserve energy and build confidence, the Byki began to move the ball more aggressively up the field to seek the equalizer. Good opportunities for George Siepiora and Kleine missed their mark. The Force made the Byki pay for their aggressiveness and launched several dangerous counterattacks. Loose

marking resulted in a five-goal spree in a span of 13 minutes to give the Force an insurmountable 6:0 lead at the break.

The Byki eventually pulled one back early in the second half when Kleine received a very good pass from Jon Silverstein and shot from 12 yards. The well-placed ball gave the Force keeper no chance, as Kleine scored his fourth goal of the campaign.

The Byki then increased pressure in an effort to climb back into the game. Siepiora, Kleine, and Eric Tower created several good opportunities, but were unable to find the back of the net. The Force, realizing that the outcome was well in hand, smartly sat back and played for the counter, notching two more tallies to make it 8:1.

Siepiora set up Tower moments later to bring the Byki to within 8:2, but there would be no serious comeback by the Byki with just seven minutes left in the match. The Force completed the scoring by grabbing two late goals to add to their already gaudy total.

"We played cohesively in the beginning," said Kleine afterwards. "The outcome was not unexpected [thanks to] not having any subs."

Bernhard Kleine contributed to this story.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Kleine 4 (Silverstein); 25:00; 6:1. Tower 4 (Siepiora); 35:00; 8:2.

BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1): Neighbors – Silverstein, Wiecek – Tower, Bolesta – Siepiora. **Bench:** Kleine.

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

February 22, 2008

www.nslchicago.org

MAJOR DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria A	13	9	2	2	47	19	29	SC BiH	13	11	2	0	65	23	35
HNNK Hrvatska	13	8	4	1	50	19	28	FK Kozarac	13	10	1	2	63	31	31
B-H Lilies	13	6	2	5	34	36	20	RWB Adria B	13	6	2	5	47	33	20
NK Prijedor	13	4	2	7	26	55	14	SAC Wisla	13	4	2	7	22	32	14
Albanian Stars	13	3	1	9	36	49	10	Royal FC	13	2	1	10	21	51	7
KF Ulqin	13	2	2	9	24	61	8	CKS Warta	13	2	1	10	28	54	7

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FK Republica Srpska	13	10	2	1	62	23	32	Podlasie	13	13	0	0	102	12	39
Deportivo Colomex	13	9	2	2	69	26	29	West Bosnia SC	13	10	1	2	56	34	31
Stal Mielec	13	9	1	3	56	24	28	Capitol Czarni Jaslo	13	9	2	2	75	27	29
Oak Park Tricycles	13	9	1	3	56	22	28	Real Independiente	13	7	4	2	35	17	25
CKS Warta C	13	7	3	3	51	34	24	CD Taximaroa	13	7	1	5	41	37	22
CKS Warta B	13	6	0	7	41	42	18	HNNK Hrvatska B	13	6	1	6	39	39	19
Lake Shore SC	13	5	2	6	55	42	17	FK Bosanska Dubica	13	5	1	7	60	45	16
Chicago Thunder	13	5	1	7	36	33	16	FK Podrinje	13	4	1	8	36	66	13
Khaboor FC	13	3	2	8	40	61	11	Stare Byki FC	13	3	2	8	30	49	11
Juanacatlan	13	3	1	9	36	67	10	Los Chasquis	13	3	0	10	30	107	9
Montenegro SC	13	3	1	9	32	68	10	Lemont FC	13	3	0	10	35	58	9
Chicago Inter R-B	13	1	0	12	15	107	3	Pitbulls SC	13	1	1	11	29	77	4

OVER 30 DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria	13	13	0	0	99	28	39
Polonia SC	13	8	1	4	73	39	25
B-H Lilies	13	8	0	5	61	53	24
SAC Wisla	13	7	0	6	52	64	21
Arabian FC	13	6	1	6	56	61	19
HNNK Hrvatska	13	5	2	6	43	48	17
Stare Byki FC	13	2	0	11	35	74	6
NK Prijedor	13	1	0	12	35	87	3

SPORTSZONE OVER 30 LEAGUE

February 25, 2008

www.chicagosportszone.com

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Deva Development	8	8	0	0	81	32	24
Peaked Venture	8	4	3	1	46	37	15
Chicago Soccer	8	4	2	2	56	47	14
Chicago Force	8	4	1	3	45	36	13
Stare Byki FC	8	3	0	5	37	56	9
Arsenal	8	3	0	5	53	52	9
Tornadoes	8	2	0	6	32	42	6
Team Demar	8	1	0	7	19	67	3