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Wisla O-30	1 : 2	Byki	Senior Red Team - NSL 2nd Division Odeum - 6 March 2009

Byki stay disciplined and win

The Byki improved their indoor record to 6-2-5 last Friday when they outlasted Wisla's old-timers by a 2:1 score. The Byki stuck with a sound defensive game plan and netted a couple of timely goals to seal the result.

The Wisla team have employed a very conservative approach playing against 2nd Division competition this season, preferring to stay back defensively and looking for opportunities on the break. This strategy almost worked in the first meeting between the teams. Wisla snatched a 2:0 lead by catching the Byki unaware on a couple of occasions, but the Byki managed to get those goals back and split the points in a 2:2 draw.

Wisla nabbed the lead with 6:02 left in the first half when a long shot from inside the red line got past goalkeeper Joe Gambino. The Byki had repelled a couple of shots earlier in the sequence, but a clearance landed at the feet of an unmarked Wisla player and he blasted a low shot just inside the corner.

The Byki leveled the affair a couple of minutes later. A Wisla defender handled the ball in his own area when he blocked a Byki shot and the referee whistled for a penalty kick. Wisla's players argued vehemently that the ball played the hand, but the call stood. Minos Bouzoukis continued his revelatory season when he knocked home the spot kick for this eighth goal of the campaign.

There were some nervous moments at both ends in the final actions of the first half. An open Wisla striker took aim when he received the ball in the box and Gabi Dziekiewicz intervened with a well-timed block. Gambino was in good position for the rebound and came up huge when the striker came hard for the second shot.

The Byki then made a steal and Jesus Martinez led a 2 v 1 counterattack. With the keeper hopelessly out of position, Martinez laid the ball off to Jeff Samp on the left wing. The timing of the sprinting players and the pass was off a bit and Samp fired his shot wide of the target.

Wisla had a great chance to take the lead in the early going of the second half, but squandered it when they sent two gift opportunities off the glass instead of on frame.

The Byki scored the gamewinner with 14:06 to go. Jason Sphar made tremendous diagonal pass across the Wisla penalty area. Josh Taylor had made the supporting run and was in perfect position to slide the ball home for his team-high ninth goal of the season.

The Byki went into lockdown mode and made certain that no silliness could lead to a Wisla equalizer. They accomplished their mission with aplomb and even weathered a game-ending Wisla power play to secure the points. The Byki maintained their composure and gave Wisla no hope of getting back in the game.

The victory was comprehensive on both sides of the ball. The Byki refused to give an inch and did not get sucked into Wisla's defensive tactics. By taking care of their jobs, the players made certain of bringing home all three points.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Bouzoukis 8 (pk); (pp); 14:18; 1:1. Taylor 9 (Sphar); 23:54; 1:2.

BYKI LINEUP (2-1-2): Gambino – Fleming, Bouzoukis – Samp – Martinez, Sphar. **Bench:** Dziekiewicz, Rose, Slaga, Taylor.

Byki	3 : 4	Wisla B	Over 30 Red Team - NSL 2nd Division Odeum - 6 March 2009

Byki comeback too late

The Byki oldboys spotted the young Wisla team a 4:1 lead in their match last Friday, setting the stage for a furious comeback that ultimately fell short in a 4:3 defeat. Rather than let the ball do the work, the Byki retreated to the highly unsuccessful formula of dribbling too much and forcing the ball forward. One can only imagine the type of comeback that might have occurred had the Byki used their heads a little better.

Wisla needed just 1:15 to take command in the match. Dean Fukar made the save on a long shot and Dan Jedrzejowski tried to corral the rebound near the boards. The Wisla player won the ball and poked it into the back of the net. Five minutes later, Fukar was called upon to make a massive save when the Byki defense allowed a Wisla player to dribble unimpeded to the top of the box.

The Byki knotted the score with 12:12 left in the first half. Marek Ciszewski won the ball in midfield and dribbled into the corner. He sent a perfectly weighted ball back into the middle, where Jay Brough promptly buried a first-time bomb.

Wisla's goalkeeper proved his value with 8:47 to go. Ciszewski cleverly played a free kick from the Wisla red line to Maciej Kekus in the area. Kekus turned his defender and fired from close range and the keeper made an incredible reflex save to keep the ball out of the net.

Two minutes later, Fukar matched that save with a piece of his own brilliance. The Byki allowed a free dribbler for Wisla yet again, but Fukar snuffed the opportunity.

Wisla put their stamp on the contest when they scored twice in the final 2:14 of the half. They came 3 v 2 on the Byki and a shot from the red line screamed into the upper corner. The score went to 3:1 when a ball off the boards caught the Byki flat-footed.

The second half was a seesaw scenario. The Byki got desperate in their desire to find two more goals and Wisla sat back and waited for them. The tactic played out perfectly, although the Byki nearly foiled the plan with a late rally.

The Byki nearly pulled one back with 13:01 to go in the game. Kekus dribbled into the corner and sent a square pass into the middle for an unmarked Jakub Banbor. The keeper came up with an incredible save to thwart a sure scoring chance.

Wisla caught the Byki lagging with 10:21 to go, as the keeper heaved a long pass downfield to ignite a 2 v 1 counter. Wisla's sharp passing sliced up the Byki and gave them a commanding 4:1 advantage.

"We had too many players who want to be heroes and that led to our downfall," said coach George Gorecki. "We do this every time we get behind. There's simply too much dribbling happening and we force the ball into the teeth of the defense."

Wisla looked set to wrap up the result until the Byki came to life at the end. With 4:59 to go, Kekus made a long dribbling run from midfield, sprinted past the last defender and shot from the right side of the box. The keeper stuck his leg out to block the shot, but the rebound went toward the goal, where Ciszewski was waiting to nod the ball home.

The Byki made things interesting, but there were only four seconds left when they scored their third goal. Krzysiek Bajorek dribbled the ball through the middle and deftly laid the ball off for Kekus, who executed the simple tap-in.

"We played the best team in our group and only lost 4:3," said Kekus afterwards. The lost opportunities, however, prevented the Byki from getting any closer.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Brough 2 (Ciszewski); 6:48; 1:1. Ciszewski 5 (Kekus); 33:01; 2:4. Kekus 9 (Bajorek); 38:56; 3:4.

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

Byki	2 : 12	Szaflary	Over 30 Blue Team - CPSL Over 30 Division Max McCook - 3 March 2009

Hard-working Szaflary clobber Byki

After two consecutive solid performances that netted a win and a loss, the Over 30 Blue Team had a real stinker of a game last Tuesday when Szaflary drubbed them 12:2. Szaflary used simple soccer to break down the Byki and their task was made easy when Byki marking went out the window. The Byki were struggling to hold their own in the second half and Szaflary scored seven unanswered goals in the final 15 minutes to bury the hapless Byki.

Szaflary took the lead after just 3:29 when the Byki lost possession in midfield. A Szaflary player slalomed his way past three Byki defenders and crushed a shot past Dean Fukar.

Speed burned the Byki on the next two Szaflary goals. A pass on the left side sprang a striker past Joe Gambino and the shot nestled into the far post of the goal. Minutes later, a long clearance to midfield appeared to be headed right to George Gorecki's feet, but he misjudged the bounce very badly, giving the Szaflary striker just the opening he needed. His booming shot from distance gave Fukar no chance.

The Byki ramped up the pressure and created a goal out of nothing with 6:34 left in the half. Pete Stamatakos played the ball to Jay Brough, who was unable to beat his marker and sent the ball out for a Szaflary goal kick. Rick Bolesta put pressure on a Szaflary player who received the weak goal kick and got control of the ball right on the doorstep. He picked his spot and fired past the diving keeper to cut the deficit to 3:1.

Szaflary upped the ante to 5:1 early in the second half. Good passes in the box broke down the Byki and an open player buried his shot. Moments later, a cross from the right wing found an open striker at the far post and he headed home to put Szaflary in the driver's seat.

The Byki pulled one back just 0:25 later. Bolesta threaded a spectacular through pass for Tony Gallo to send him one-on-one with the goalie. Gallo was in total control, handily sliding the ball under the onrushing netminder.

The Szaflary avalanche started five minutes later. Once it began, the Byki were powerless to stop it. It was nothing fancy, but clinically effective. Szaflary demonstrated that, despite having just one substitute on their sideline, they could rack up goals at will by simply letting the ball do the work. There's a lesson there for any soccer team.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Bolesta 2; 18:26; 1:3. Gallo 2 (Bolesta); 29:44; 2:5.

BYKI LINEUP (3-2-1): Fukar – Cooper, Gambino, Robertson – Stamatakos, Gallo – Piotrowski. **Bench:** Bolesta, Brough, Gorecki, Neighbors, Stirrat, Tower.

Byki Stats

SENIOR, NSL 2nd DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Taylor	9	5	14
Bouzoukis	8	3	11
Martinez	5	3	8
Sphar	4	4	8
Biggs	7	0	7
Black	2	5	7
Samp	2	2	4
Slaga	2	2	4
Kreydich, S	2	1	3
Lubeck	2	1	3
Dziekiewicz	0	3	3
Rose	0	2	2
Najera	1	0	1
Team goals	1	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Gambino	494	42	3.23

Current record: 6-2-5

O-30 RED, NSL 2nd DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Kekus	9	5	14
Banbor	3	5	8
Ciszewski	5	1	6
Brough	2	2	4
Bajorek	1	3	4
Zacarias	3	0	3
Winter	1	2	3
Dec	2	0	2
Cardenas	1	1	2
Elmkinssi	0	1	1
Najera	0	1	1
Silverstein	0	1	1
Team goals	3	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Fukar	494	35	2.69
Najera	38	6	6.00

Current record: 4-1-9

O-30 BLUE TEAM, CPSL

Player	G	A	Pts
Piotrowski	5	3	8
Stirrat	5	2	7
Tower	5	2	7
Brough	2	4	6
Zacarias	3	2	5
Towsey	2	2	4
Gallo	1	1	2
Gorecki	0	2	2
Bolesta	1	0	1
Stamatakos	1	0	1
Fukar	0	1	1
Qualiardi	0	1	1
Team goals	1	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Fukar	350	50	7.14

Current record: 2-0-5

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MAJOR DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria A	14	11	2	1	58	31	35
Albanian Stars	14	7	3	4	44	29	24
RWB Adria B	14	7	1	6	49	46	22
B-H Lilies	14	4	3	7	38	49	15
FK Republika Srpska	14	4	2	8	29	47	14
CKS Warta A	14	1	1	12	18	53	4

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Deportivo Meridienne	14	12	0	2	56	25	36
FK Kozarac	14	11	0	3	58	30	33
HNNK Hrvat	14	10	0	4	50	32	30
Podlasie	14	4	2	8	28	42	14
NK Prijedor	14	4	0	10	32	46	12
SAC Wisla	14	1	2	11	22	52	5

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Tricycles SC	14	14	0	0	60	17	42
Zaglebie SC	14	8	3	3	40	27	27
Real Independiente	14	7	1	6	41	39	22
West Bosnia SC	14	6	2	6	44	39	20
Albanian Stars B	14	3	0	11	38	70	9
HNNK Hrvat B	14	0	1	13	30	67	1

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Capitol Czarni Jaslo	14	8	4	2	55	24	28
Stal Mielec	14	8	2	4	53	36	26
CKS Warta B	14	8	2	4	52	43	26
Jahbat FC	14	5	3	6	48	56	18
CD Taximaroa	14	4	1	9	34	45	13
Deportivo Colomex	14	3	1	10	30	62	10

SECOND DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Pitbulls SC	14	13	1	0	71	22	40
Stare Byki Blue	14	10	2	2	75	34	32
SAC Wisla B	14	9	3	2	58	36	30
NK Prijedor B	14	7	4	3	51	37	25
Juanacatlan	14	7	3	4	48	50	24
FC Kosova	14	4	2	8	59	59	14
Stare Byki Over 30	14	4	1	9	31	41	13
Chicago Dynasty FC	14	4	1	9	38	57	13
Real Independiente B	14	1	2	11	18	53	5
West Bosnia B	14	1	1	12	31	91	4

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Arabian FC Over 30	12	10	1	1	77	32	31
Chicago Thunder	12	10	0	2	73	34	30
Gremio FC	12	9	0	3	66	33	27
FK Podrinje	12	7	1	4	54	36	22
Stare Byki Red	13	6	2	5	46	42	20
CKS Warta C	12	4	1	7	26	45	13
SAC Wisla Over 30	12	3	2	7	32	41	11
Montenegro	12	1	1	10	31	72	4
Chicago Inter R-B	13	1	0	12	23	93	3