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Byki

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Pitbulls

A Team - NSL 1st Division
Odeum - 7 March 2008

Byki trample toothless Pitbulls

The Byki brought home their second consecutive shutout last Friday when they disposed of Pitbulls SC by a daunting 4:0 scoreline. Josh Taylor scored twice, while Kevin Biggs added a goal an assist to pace a potent Byki attack. The victory improves the Byki to 5-2-8 for the season.

The Pitbulls were no match for the Byki, who dominated at both ends of the field. Despite having only three substitutes, including coach Joe Gambino, the team kept things tidy and compact in the back, and constantly peppered the Pitbulls goal with offensive barrages.

The Byki started ramping up their attack midway through the first half. Taylor thought he had broken the ice with a hard shot from the top of the arc. The ball appeared destined for the corner of the goal before a defender desperately stuck a leg out to block the shot.

A couple of minutes later, Biggs made a strong run down the left side and fired a shot on frame. The keeper made the save and the rebound came back to Taylor, whose attempt was cleared outside the field. Crisan Talpes took the ensuing free kick and tried to hammer it past the goalie, but a diving

save kept the contest scoreless.

The Byki finally snatched the lead with 3:10 left in the first half. Minos Bouzoukis worked a crafty give-and-go with Taylor, springing Taylor into the clear. Taylor's blast from the left side of the area gave the keeper no chance.

With just 0:40 to go, the Byki had a sure goal taken away when the referee made them retake a free kick deep in the left corner. Crisan Talpes sneaked the ball through a narrow gap to double the Byki advantage. But the referee ruled that Talpes had played the ball from the wrong spot, forcing him to re-do the kick from six inches farther back.

The Byki were in complete control of the contest, but a one-goal lead is never safe territory. The Byki kept up the pressure to start the second half and were nearly rewarded after 0:33. Gambino challenged the Pitbulls goalie when the ball was at his feet, forcing a poor clearance to Crisan Talpes. The midfielder saw his opportunity and fired from long range, only to see the keeper come up with a miracle block.

Brother Nicoara did his part just 1:45 later when the Pitbulls had a free kick at the arc. The shot whizzed through Gambino's legs, and Talpes saved his coach's blushes by being alert and making the stop.

The Byki put their stamp on the match moments later. Biggs cracked a hard shot and the keeper managed to block it. The rebound came straight back to Biggs, who took a second bite of the cherry to bag his ninth goal of the winter.

The score went 3:0 just 0:48 later. Biggs led a counterattack down the right wing and threaded a superb diagonal ball for Crisan Talpes on the left side. Talpes took his chance like a true marksman, slotting underneath the diving keeper.

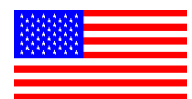
With 12:01 left in the game, Kvar Black received a pass from a restart. He teed up a hard shot that required the goalie to stab it away with his outstretched leg.

The Byki wrapped things up with 6:03 left. Taylor stole the ball in his own half and dribbled toward the Pitbulls goal

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at full speed. After ditching two defenders, Taylor hit his shot with a little extra verve, resulting in a white blur at which the goalkeeper waved as the ball hurtled past him into the back of the net.

The team have found a way to overcome injuries and absences to finish the indoor season in strong fashion. With ten points in their last five matches, the Byki are playing like a team worthy of competing in the 1st Division. But the real problem came in the first ten games, during which the Byki could only muster seven points. That overall performance

will likely relegate them to the newly-formed 2nd Division for the 2008-09 indoor season.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Taylor 2 (Bouzoukis); 15:50; 0:1. Biggs 9; 22:32; 0:2. C. Talpes 8 (Biggs); 23:20; 0:3. Taylor 3; 31:57; 0:4.

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

Wisla

4 : 4

Byki

Over 30 Team - NSL Over 30 Division
Odeum - 7 March 2008

Brilliant comeback for oldboys

Over 30 matches between the Byki and Wisla often have a predictable plot line. Wisla play their patient and methodical possession game long enough to lull the Byki to sleep, and then at the right moment, they strike with surgical precision. And Byki turnovers usually result in Wisla goals. Last Friday, the Byki rewrote the script and turned the tables on their storied rivals, wiping out a 3:0 deficit and then converting a late penalty to take a share of the spoils in a thrilling 4:4 draw.

It was the third straight winless match for Wisla, who have dropped to sixth place in the Over 30 standings as the season winds down. Sixth place is good enough to make the playoffs in the Over 30 Division, but the outdoor champions must have expected a stronger finish.

The Byki started off in indifferent fashion and Wisla pressure put the Byki on the back foot right away. Wisla broke out on top after just 2:38 when a pass skittered off the glass in the right corner and ricocheted into the middle of the area. Andy Lane hustled back to make sure his man was marked, but the ball hit Lane in the chest and into the Byki goal.

Eric Tower created the only significant offense of the first half for the Byki. He stepped in front of a Wisla player at midfield to intercept a pass and hit a hard shot from the red line that forced the keeper to make a diving save.

Five minutes later, Ray Najera wore the hero's crown as Wisla came on a 2 v 1 counter. After Wisla executed the killer pass, Najera killed the play off with a dazzling foot save.

Wisla increased the lead to 2:0 with 5:45 left in the half. A Wisla player fired a free kick from the right of the Byki penalty area into the upper corner on the far side. "It was incredible placement of a very tough shot," said coach George Gorecki, who got a great view of the play from the Byki bench.

The Byki had loads of work to do to get back into the game, and two goals did not represent an insurmountable deficit. But definite changes had to be made. "We did not play with patience in the first half," said Gorecki. "And we gave them way too much time and space on defense. The only way to get back into the game was to have a new mindset and get after them."

Disaster struck in the first 0:20 of the second half. Tower sent a pass across the field to Enda McGrath. The ball caught McGrath off-balance and he desperately tried to play the ball back to Najera to relieve Wisla pressure. The pass sent Najera scrambling, resulting in a loose ball on the doorstep, which the Wisla striker deposited into the back of the net.

Previous editions of the Over 30 Team might have packed it in at that point, glumly conceding that Wisla were simply the better team. But the 2008 oldtimers didn't know when to quit. They cranked up the pressure, made Wisla chase the ball, and incredibly, got back into the game.

Defensive pressure started the comeback 4:39 into the second half. The Byki forced a Wisla defender to play a blind pass across the field into empty space. Matt Treter filled the space, fired a hard shot on target, and gleefully watched the ball squirt through the goalie's hands and over the goal line.

The score went to 3:2 with 9:18 to go. After the Byki cleared the ball out of their end, Luis Arredondo won the ball at midfield. He dropped the ball back for Matt Fleming, who took two steps on the retreating Wisla defense, and gave the ball back to Arredondo, who had made a run on the right flank. The defense reacted late and Arredondo drilled a shot past the keeper.

With 7:52 left, an equalizer beckoned for the Byki. After a Wisla defender made a giveaway in his own area, Arredondo won the ball. With the keeper out of position, Arredondo had a quick look at an empty net. His shot was saved by the

crossbar, as Wisla's sighs of relief were audible all over the field.

The Byki finally leveled the affair with 5:04 to go. Fleming laid off a pass for Dan Jedrzejowski, who had made the run on the right flank. Jedrzejowski feinted past his defender and fired a pass across the box. McGrath had made the supporting run to the far post and slotted the ball home.

With the game turned on its head, Wisla scrambled to get another goal. They regained the lead with 1:56 left. A free kick on the left wing near the red line was played across to the right side, where a Wisla player nailed a first-time shot past Najera.

But the confident Byki weren't done yet. A Wisla defender blocked a shot from close range with his arm with 0:52 left and the referee immediately pointed to the spot. The Byki couldn't believe it, while the Wisla players were enraged. Arredondo converted the spot kick by sending the keeper the wrong way to make it 4:4.

The desperate Wisla team converged on the Byki goal with

full force in the dying seconds. Two magnificent saves by Najera, along with a key block from Brett Frischmann, ensured that the Byki would not leave the Odeum empty-handed.

"We really confused them with our style of play," noted Treter afterwards. "They didn't expect us to move the ball around and didn't know how to react."

"It was a tremendous performance by our team," said Gorecki. "Wisla is the type of team where, if they have you down, they tend to keep you down. To come back from a 3:0 deficit is nothing short of outstanding."

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Treter 2; 23:39; 3:1. Arredondo 3 (Fleming); 28:42; 3:2. McGrath 1 (Jedrzejowski); 32:36; 3:3. Arredondo 4 (pp); (pk); 37:08; 4:4.

BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1): Najera – Zhang, Treter – Lane, Gallo (c) – Jedrzejowski. **Bench:** Arredondo, Fleming, Frischmann, McGrath, Tower.

Byki

2 : 12

Arsenal

Over 40 Team - Sportszone Over 30 League
Sportszone - 10 March 2008

Byki take it up the Arse

The schedule said that the Byki were supposed to play Arsenal last Monday at the Sportszone. It was the same team that the Byki had beaten 7:6 earlier in the season. It wasn't the Premier League team that sports star players like Cesc Fabregas and Emanuel Adebayor. But the Byki were overmatched in such stunning fashion en route to their 12:2 loss that one might wonder which Arsenal was really on the field that night.

The Byki were outplayed and dominated in every phase of the game. It took Arsenal a little more than ten minutes to build a commanding and insurmountable 6:0 lead. The Byki looked dead at both ends of the field, allowing Arsenal players to run rampant in front of their goal. On the attacking side, the Byki were pretty much inept, rarely able to string more than two passes together and lacking any semblance of teamwork.

The score had swelled to an embarrassing 8:0 before George Siepiora and Sal Farhan combined to put the Byki on the board. After dribbling along the right side of the penalty area, Siepiora fired a shot that was deflected over to Farhan, who floated a soft header over the poorly positioned goalkeeper. Dominic Demarets converted a nice pass from Bernhard Kleine into a long-distance shot early in the second half, but the Byki would get no closer.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Farhan 4 (Siepiora); 18:57; 1:8. Demarets 7 (Kleine); 30:07; 2:10.

BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1): Pruij – Siepiora, Wiecek – Tower, Kleine – Demarets. **Bench:** Bolesta, Cooper, Farhan, Gorecki, Marvin, Neighbors, Silverstein.



This week in Byki history



Byki defense blankets White, secures 3rd place

The Byki scored the third trophy of their young existence when they beat White 3:0 on February 4, 1988 in the Odeum's D League. **Joe Zachemski** and **Edi Pinkowski** scored first-period goals and **Rich Hass** added a third later in the contest. The Byki ended the season with a 7-1-2 record and dominated the playoff game. Original Byk **Stef Wiecek** was on his maiden voyage as player-coach. Even though he was pleased to have guided the team to another piece of hardware, he was intent on winning a title. He didn't have to wait long; the Byki grabbed the top spot in the D League in August of 1988.

Edi became the first Byki player to score at least a point in every game in a season, notching 12 goals and 6 assists. **Sergio Bertoncello** topped the scoring charts that session with 12 goals and 11 assists. The 11 assists set the record for most assists in a season at that time. **Doug Roth** displayed his all-around play with 9 goals and 7 assists.

Sluggish Byki Squeak Past Rolling Thunder

The Byki won a 4:3 decision over Rolling Thunder in the Odeum's D League on March 7, 1991. The victory improved their record to 4-0-1 for the season. But the real story of the game was the performance of Brazilian striker **Junior**, who scored the game-winner, giving him seven consecutive games scoring at least one goal. The streak was the second-longest in club history.

Junior was definitely a mercurial player for the Byki, despite his brief 20-game stint in the winter of 1990-91. During that time, he scored 28 goals and racked up 14 assists. In games when Junior scored a goal, the Byki had a gaudy record of 12-1-3.

George Gorecki recalls the first time he saw Junior, warming up before his first game. "I was on the side, talking to someone during the pre-game stuff," said George. "I hear this loud whacking sound. It was like someone hitting a corrugated steel roof with a baseball bat. I turn around and I see Junior taking his warm-up shots. That sound was his foot hitting the ball."

D League players soon learned that blocking Junior's shots was not the smartest thing to do. "I instructed Junior to take all free kicks where the defense set up a wall," said George. "Oftentimes, he would just shoot the ball at the defender intentionally to give him a little taste of his velocity. It was funny to watch guys who got hit. The second time around, they just got out of his way."

Junior didn't expend too much energy on defense, and his lack of two-way play irked some of his teammates. But there was no denying that he had magic in that right leg. He returned to Brazil in the spring of 1991, stealing a Byki jersey in the process.

Haynes sets records, Byki run wild

The Byki ended the 2002-03 indoor season in the NSL with a crazy 10:8 win over FK Kozarac on March 7, 2003. **Russ Haynes** scored five goals, to give him 18 for the season. Both marks were the highest goal totals for a Byki player in the NSL's indoor competition. Russ played in 15 games that season and scored at least one goal in 10 of them.

Overall, Russ had the third-highest goal total for one indoor season in the history of the club, trailing only **Dominic Demarets** and **George Siepiora**. His 23 points represent the fifth-highest output in Byki history.

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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	15	11	2	2	59	21	35	SC BiH	15	11	2	2	65	29	35
HNNK Hrvatska	15	10	4	1	58	22	34	FK Kozarac	15	11	1	3	73	40	34
B-H Lilies	15	7	3	5	41	40	24	SAC Wisla	15	6	2	7	31	35	20
NK Prijedor	15	4	2	9	30	64	14	RWB Adria B	15	6	2	7	52	45	20
Albanian Stars	15	4	2	9	42	52	14	Royal FC	15	4	1	10	28	54	13
KF Ulqin	15	2	2	11	24	71	8	CKS Warta	15	2	1	12	33	63	7

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FK Republica Srpska	15	12	2	1	80	24	38	Podlasie	15	15	0	0	112	13	45
Stal Mielec	15	12	0	3	72	25	36	West Bosnia SC	15	11	2	2	69	37	35
Oak Park Tricycles	15	10	2	3	62	24	32	Capitol Czarni Jaslo	15	10	2	3	80	35	32
Deportivo Colomex	15	9	3	3	76	34	30	Real Independiente	15	9	4	2	40	20	31
CKS Warta C	15	9	2	4	55	35	29	CD Taximaroa	15	8	2	5	48	40	26
Lake Shore SC	15	6	3	6	63	48	21	HNNK Hrvatska B	15	7	1	7	44	44	22
Chicago Thunder	15	5	3	7	41	38	18	Stare Byki FC	15	5	2	8	39	49	17
CKS Warta B	15	6	0	9	45	53	18	FK Bosanska Dubica	15	5	1	9	64	53	16
Juanacatlan	15	5	1	9	48	75	16	FK Podrinje	15	4	2	9	44	75	14
Montenegro SC	15	3	1	11	32	80	10	Lemont FC	15	3	1	11	39	66	10
Khaboor FC	15	2	1	12	29	74	7	Los Chasquis	15	3	0	12	30	122	9
Chicago Inter R-B	15	2	0	13	21	114	6	Pitbulls SC	15	1	1	13	31	86	4

OVER 30 DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria	15	15	0	0	116	31	45
Polonia SC	15	9	1	5	82	45	28
B-H Lilies	15	9	0	6	75	65	27
HNNK Hrvatska	15	7	2	6	57	54	23
SAC Wisla	15	7	1	7	60	76	22
Arabian FC	15	7	1	7	63	71	22
Stare Byki FC	15	2	1	12	43	83	7
NK Prijedor	15	1	0	14	41	112	3

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Deva Development	10	8	1	1	98	50	25
Chicago Soccer	10	6	2	2	64	51	20
Peaked Venture	10	5	4	1	63	50	19
Chicago Force	10	5	1	4	60	51	16
Arsenal	10	5	0	5	73	57	15
Stare Byki FC	10	4	0	6	42	69	12
Tornadoes	10	2	0	8	32	48	6
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Byki Stats

A TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION				O-30 TEAM, NSL O-30 DIVISION				O-40 TEAM, SPORTSZONE LEAGUE			
Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts
Biggs	9	2	11	Haynes	13	3	16	Demarets	7	2	9
Talpes, C.	8	2	10	Ciszewski	9	1	10	Haynes	7	2	9
Stanley	4	2	6	Jedrzejewski	2	4	6	Siepiora	6	3	9
Bouzoukis	3	3	6	Pedlow	3	2	5	Kleine	4	5	9
Samp	1	5	6	Fleming	2	3	5	Farhan	4	4	8
Sphar	3	1	4	Arredondo	4	0	4	Tower	4	1	5
Taylor	3	0	3	Gambino	3	1	4	Marvin	3	1	4
Black	2	1	3	Lane	0	4	4	Bolesta	1	3	4
Haynes	2	0	2	Frischmann	2	1	3	Towsey	2	1	3
Ruiz	2	0	2	Treter	2	1	3	Silverstein	1	2	3
Torossian	1	1	2	Gallo	1	2	3	Cooper	0	2	2
Carvajal	0	1	1	McGrath	1	1	2	Espinoza	0	1	1
Daniel	0	1	1	Elmkinssi	1	0	1	Neighbors	0	1	1
Team goals	1	x	x	Gorecki	0	1	1	Pruim	0	1	1
				Tower	0	1	1	Wiecek	0	1	1
				Zhang	0	1	1	Team goals	3	x	x
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Talpes, N.	323	17	2.00	Najera	532	77	5.50	Pruim	378	58	6.44
Eliasek	243	31	4.85	Gambino	38	6	6.00	Neighbors	42	10	10.00
Samp	4	1	9.50								
Current record: 5-2-8				Current record: 2-1-12				Current record: 4-0-6			