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Over 40 Team - Sportszone Over 30 League
Sportszone - 19 March 2007

Byki on wrong end of see-saw battle

The Byki had one last crack at first-place SportsZone last Monday and coach Bernhard Kleine decided to shift gears and go with a defensive approach. "We've tried everything against SportsZone and it hasn't worked," he said before the game. "Maybe we can hold them down early and stay in the game." Kleine's plan looked like it would pay dividends as the Byki cruised into halftime with a 5:3 lead. But SportsZone racked up four goals in the first ten minutes of the second half to go up 7:5. A late rally saw the Byki tie the game at 7:7, but SportsZone pulled out the win with a late goal.

The Byki regretted missing so many scoring chances, as well as lamenting over some defensive mistakes that SportsZone converted into goals. Leading scorer Dominic Demarets said afterwards, "We played really well tonight. This doesn't feel like a loss."

Although the outcome had no bearing on the final standings, with all four teams locked into their respective places in the Over 30 League, the Byki gained a measure of confidence against an opponent that has pretty much had their way with them in nearly every encounter.

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Against Harvester and Team Demar, the Byki have created loads of easy opportunities because of high-pressure, swarming defense. This has led to turnovers deep in enemy territory, at which point the Byki snipers have taken over and rained shots down on opposing goalkeepers.

The pressure game doesn't work as well against SportsZone, whose players have good ball skills, regardless of position. The Byki found themselves 6:1 down when they tried to press SportsZone last time out. On Monday, the Byki showed good discipline and played smart on the counterattack in the first half.

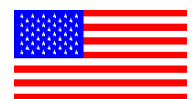
SportsZone opened the scoring 4:07 into the contest with a shot that sneaked underneath the crossbar. But the Byki roared back just 1:03 later. Goalie Sal Farhan sprang Demarets on the counter with a long pass. Demarets faked the defender to turf, but was stopped by the keeper's extended foot save. Demarets chased down the rebound in the corner and beat the goalie from short range to make it 1:1.

Kleine set up Demarets with 12:15 to go in the half with a pass off the boards. Demarets buried the shot for his 38th goal of the season. The score went to 3:1 with 8:53 left when the Byki caught SportsZone napping. Fleet Neighbors received a goal kick and quickly played a pass off the boards on the left side to Demarets. The defender was out of position and Demarets was off to the races on a breakaway to notch his eighth hat trick of the season.

With 6:27 to go, SportsZone pulled one back after Farhan was given a blue card for handling the ball outside of his area. The Byki defense failed to keep things together and SportsZone converted.

The Byki played the counter to perfection with 4:50 to go. Tim LaForest won the ball and dished to Demarets, who easily slotted past the goalie. With 2:39 left, Neighbors received the ball from the left flank and cut loose with a shot that fooled the keeper. "I thought about passing," said Neighbors. "But the shot was there, so why not?" A late goal

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by SportsZone made it 5:3 at the break.

SportsZone wasted no time grabbing the momentum. They scored three times in the first 4:10 of the second frame and the lead that the Byki had fought so hard to build had vanished into a 6:5 deficit.

The Byki, however, continued to take advantage of SportsZone's lax attitude about defense. With 13:09 left in the game, Kleine sent LaForest sprinting down the left wing boards with a pass into space. The keeper came way out to clear the ball, but LaForest bowled him over and won the ball. LaForest shot immediately and barely missed the gaping net from a sharp angle.

SportsZone went on the power play shortly thereafter. Farhan stopped a 100% scoring chance when he blocked a shot with his hands while outside the box. SportsZone made good on the man advantage just as the penalty time was expiring to go 7:5 up.

The Byki had another good chance with 7:43 left. Demarets quickly shot a free kick from top of the penalty arc, but the wall blocked it. The loose ball went to Kleine, whose shot was smothered by the onrushing goalkeeper.

The Byki tied the score with a pair of strikes in the span

of 0:39. With 5:35 to go, Kleine dribbled out of his own end along the left side and beat the defender with a pass to himself off the boards. No weak-side help came and Kleine slid the ball past the diving keeper. Moments later, Farhan sent a long pass for Demarets, who blew past the defender, giving the keeper no chance. Demarets was once again the one-man wrecking crew for the Byki. One can only imagine where the Byki offense would be without him.

SportsZone turned up the pressure in the final moments and their final tally was almost inevitable. A spent Byki squad had nothing left in the tank and SportsZone's technical superiority proved to be the deciding factor.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1st: Demarets 37; 5:10; 1:1. Demarets 38 (Kleine); 7:45; 1:2. Demarets 39 (Neighbors); 11:07; 1:3. Demarets 40 (LaForest); 15:10; 2:4. Neighbors 2; 18:21; 2:5.

2nd: Kleine 8; 36:25; 7:6. Demarets 41 (Farhan); 37:04; 7:7.

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

Byki

3 : 5

KF Ulqin

A Team - NSL 1st Division
Odeum - 16 March 2007

Byki drop finale to eventual champs

The Byki ended the indoor season much the same way they began it: turnovers and sloppiness leading to easy scoring chances for the opposition. Last Friday, KF Ulqin came away 5:3 winners. Ulqin then wound up earning the big hardware two days later, winning the 1st Division's overall championship in the one-day playoff marathon at the Odeum. Ulqin beat West Bosnia B, Honduras SC and FC Romania in succession to take the title. Those three opponents went into the playoffs with a combined total of two defeats, so Ulqin were nothing short of spectacular in pulling off this impressive feat.

The loss left the Byki at 4-3-9 for the season, the sixth winter in a row that the Byki have compiled a losing record in the NSL competition. There are only five players left on the roster since the 2000-01 season, when the Byki went 7-4-4. Matt Fleming has been harping on it all season. "We're trying to play the outdoor game indoors," he noted. Clearly, it's not working.

The Byki caught Ulqin by surprise by drawing first blood after 2:12 had elapsed. Fleming sent a pass to Dan Stanley along the right side. Stanley worked himself open for a shot, but was stopped by the goalie's diving save. The rebound came to back to Andy Lane, who tucked it away for his fourth

goal of the season.

Ulqin got a lucky break a few minutes later. A long shot from the left wing beat keeper Ryan Eliasek at the far post, but the shot had help because of a deflection off of Fleming's rear end. The Byki made a bid to regain the lead 1:20 later when Paul Mansur fed Todd Mayer on the left flank. Mayer sent a blistering shot on frame, but the keeper was equal to the task.

Two goals late in the first half put Ulqin in the driver's seat. The Byki made a weak pass at midfield that was intercepted. Ulqin came fast on a 2 v 2 situation and the Byki were slow to react. The score went to 3:1 a couple of minutes later when the sloppiness continued in the Byki backline. A poor attempt at a clearance went right to the feet of an Ulqin player unmarked at the far post, and he made no mistake with the gift opportunity.

The Byki had a great chance to snap out of their doldrums when they went on the power play early in the second half. Mansur set up Mayer, who got the ball just to the left of the Ulqin penalty area. After a couple of slick feints, Mayer got his marker off-balance and lashed a wicked shot from the top of the arc. The keeper made a tremendous reflex save. Seconds later, Fleming was poised to add to his team-leading

point total with a shot from close range, but the Ulqin goalie was in the right spot to make the grab.

After another defensive snafu, Ulqin converted the play into a 4:1 lead with 5:16 left in the match, setting the stage for a wild finish. Appearing to realize that the clock was ticking away against them, the Byki started frantically looking for goals. With 4:46 left, they unleashed a barrage on the Ulqin net. After Fleming made a hard run down the left side, he aimed for the near post, but the goalkeeper saved the shot. The rebound came to Lane in the middle, who tried to head the ball home. A defender blocked Lane's attempt, but Stanley made a bid by sticking his head onto the free ball, only to be denied by the crossbar. Just 0:24 later, Mansur dribbled the ball into the arc and fired past the keeper, but his shot smacked off of the post.

The Byki pulled to within 4:2 with 1:32 left. Minos Bouzoukis dribbled the ball out of the corner and slid the ball

toward the goal. It was a great attempt to take advantage of a hole in the Ulqin defense, but Zach Dance guided the ball over the line just before an Ulqin player could intervene.

Ulqin made it 5:2 with 0:52 to go as the Byki were caught with too many players going forward. Stanley wrapped up the scoring in the dying moments after he slotted from short range, following a series of Byki shots.

The outdoor season will be like a new day for the Byki. And it can't arrive too soon.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1st: Lane 4; 2:12; 1:0.

2nd: Dance 5 (Bouzoukis); 36:28; 2:4. Stanley 4; 37:53; 3:5.

BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1): Eliasek – Mansur, Samp – Bouzoukis, Dance (c) – Mayer. **Bench:** Fleming, Green, Lane, Rose, Stanley, Taylor.

Byki Stats

A TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Fleming	8	8	16
Haynes	10	1	11
Dance	5	4	9
Mansur, P Jr	0	7	7
Mayer	3	3	6
Bouzoukis	2	4	6
Stanley	4	1	5
Lane	4	0	4
Green	2	1	3
Moore	2	1	3
Samp	2	1	3
Dziekiewicz, G	1	2	3
Taylor	2	0	2
Ciszewski	1	1	2
Rose	1	1	2
Gambino	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Eliasek	390	30	2.92
Gambino	47	4	3.23
de la Cruz	171	19	4.22

Final record: 4-3-9

B TEAM, SOCCER CITY C LEAGUE

Player	G	A	Pts
Haynes	6	2	8
Biggs	6	1	7
Moore	2	3	5
Daniel	2	4	6
Torossian	3	1	4
Stanley	1	3	4
Mansur, P Jr	2	2	4
Ciszewski	1	1	2
Lane	1	1	2
Arredondo	1	0	1
Burns	1	0	1
Gambino	1	0	1
Pirrilis	1	0	1
Smart	1	0	1
McGrath	0	1	1
Team goals	3	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Eliasek	155	17	4.39
Gambino	165	20	4.85

Current record: 3-0-6

O-30 TEAM, SCHAUMBURG

Player	G	A	Pts
Ciszewski	15	7	22
Parra	5	5	10
Garcia	8	1	9
Frischmann	6	2	8
Geng	4	4	8
Hunter	3	3	6
Treter	2	4	6
Towsey	3	2	5
Youssef	3	2	5
Jedrzejowski	2	3	5
Zelinski	1	3	4
Elmkinssi	0	4	4
Pedlow	0	1	1
Zhang	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Hardin	48	2	2.08
Zhang	352	23	3.27

Current record: 5-1-2

O-40 TEAM, SPORTSZONE

Player	G	A	Pts
Demarets	41	6	47
Kleine	8	8	16
Marvin	8	6	14
Siepiora	8	3	11
Gambino	5	4	9
Farhan	1	6	7
Treter	3	3	6
Ahrens	2	4	6
Gorecki	2	4	6
Bolesta	3	2	5
Neighbors	2	3	5
Mansur, Sr	1	4	5
LaForest	1	2	3
Cooper	0	2	2
Wiecek	0	2	2

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Neighbors	5	0	0.00
Farhan	457	55	5.05

Current record: 7-0-4

Byki seek discipline in tight loss

The B Team dropped their second in a row and three of their last four after a 3:2 defeat to Slice on March 13. The match was a back-and-forth affair, ultimately decided in the second half when Byki defenders lost their marks with increasing frequency. The result leaves the Byki at 3-0-5 in the Soccer City C League.

The game remained goalless for most of the first half. "They were a very physical team and worked hard," commented Russ Haynes, who took over coaching duties for Joe Gambino. Haynes has been nursing a knee injury and a gimpy Gambino was forced to stand in at goalkeeper at the last minute. Haynes was grateful that Gambino donned the keeper's jersey. "Joe made a lot of great saves throughout the game," he said afterward.

The Byki broke the ice against the run of play after 15 minutes. The incredible sequence started with Gambino passing the ball to Paul Mansur, who took the ball up the field. Mansur, in total control, fed a pass to Kevin Biggs, who made no mistake from the corner of the box.

Moments later, the Byki squandered a golden opportunity to go 2:0 up. An unmarked Andy Lane had only the keeper to beat as he came in alone on the break. His shot missed wide right, but the rebound came out to Chris Lewkowicz, who had made the supporting run from midfield. Lewkowicz somehow scuffed his shot at the open net as he fought off a challenge from behind.

Slice equalized just before halftime and the teams began the second half deadlocked. The Byki played somewhat better after the break, but Slice always appeared more likely to score. After a Byki turnover deep in their half, the Slice striker was

clear through on goal, with only Gambino to beat. Gambino produced a miraculous save by turning around and blocking the shot with his backside and then sitting on the ball. "They don't teach that in goalkeeper school," quipped Haynes.

Slice took the lead midway through the second half after some sloppy defending. The root cause of the sloppiness was players who were fatigued because they over-extended their shifts. With the Byki too pooped to chase, Slice came in 2 v 1 and finished the play with a tap-in at the back door.

The score was only 2:1, and there was plenty of time left, but the Byki started to panic. On several occasions, Slice created some dangerous scoring chances as the Byki pushed too many men up front. Slice eventually broke through for a third tally and then sent everyone back to protect the lead.

This tactic allowed the Byki to create some ball possession and they were rewarded with three minutes to go when Chad Daniel poked a loose ball home during a goalmouth scramble. In a close game like this one, avoidable mistakes have to be eliminated. Those mistakes can be the difference between winning and losing.

Russ Haynes contributed to this story.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1st: Biggs 6 (Mansur); 15:00; 0:1.

2nd: Daniel 2; 37:00; 3:2.

BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1): Gambino – Mansur, P Jr, Daniel – Lewkowicz, McGrath – Biggs. **Bench:** Burns, Lane, Smart, Stanley.

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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	16	11	4	1	63	31	37	SC BiH	16	15	0	1	77	29	45
FK Kozarac	16	8	3	5	62	53	27	West Bosnia SC	16	10	4	2	53	27	34
HNNK Hrvat	16	7	3	6	45	35	24	Outlanders SC	16	7	1	8	50	43	22
CKS Warta	16	5	3	8	47	62	18	B-H Lilies	16	6	3	7	46	43	21
NK Prijedor	16	4	4	8	44	61	16	SAC Wisla	16	3	2	11	36	56	11
RWB Adria B	16	3	3	10	36	60	12	Royal FC	16	2	0	14	19	78	6

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Romania	16	15	1	0	89	31	46	Honduras SC	16	14	1	1	76	23	43
KF Ulqin	16	13	1	2	68	31	40	Albanian Stars	16	14	1	1	92	35	43
Khaboor FC	16	8	2	6	48	32	26	West Bosnia B	16	10	5	1	49	24	35
SAC Wisla B	16	8	1	7	44	42	25	Chicago Thunder A	16	8	4	4	65	39	28
Deportivo Colomex	16	8	1	7	49	52	25	Pitbulls	16	8	1	7	48	42	25
FK Podrinje	16	8	1	7	54	42	25	CKS Warta B	16	7	3	6	62	54	24
B-H Lilies B	16	6	1	9	44	54	19	HNNK Hrvat B	16	7	3	6	42	50	24
FK Bosanska Dubica	16	5	2	9	39	47	17	Real Independiente	16	7	2	7	36	38	23
CKS Warta C	16	5	0	11	35	74	15	Lemont FC	16	5	1	10	43	59	16
Stare Byki FC	16	4	3	9	47	53	15	Royal FC B	16	5	0	11	50	79	15
Oak Park Tricycles	16	3	4	9	31	50	13	Lake Shore SC	16	3	2	11	35	64	11
Chicago Thunder B	16	0	1	15	16	103	1	Chicago Inter Bulldogs	16	0	1	15	29	73	1

OVER 30 DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Outlanders SC	14	10	3	1	62	32	33
RWB Adria B	14	9	3	2	91	43	30
HNNK Hrvat	13	7	3	3	68	41	24
SAC Wisla	14	6	1	7	55	44	19
NK Prijedor	13	5	0	8	43	78	15
RWB Adria A	14	3	4	7	41	53	13
Hellas SC	14	0	2	12	33	102	2

SCHAUMBURG REC LEAGUE

March 15, 2007

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Orange FC	8	7	0	1	46	14	14
The Wings	8	6	0	2	37	33	12
Galaxy	8	6	0	2	45	29	12
Stare Byki FC	8	5	1	2	52	25	11
Ballpark FC	8	3	1	4	35	30	7
Barrington Ortho	8	3	1	4	38	47	7
Medicare FC	8	3	1	4	34	43	7
Zoo	8	2	2	4	33	42	6
Real FC 57	8	1	1	6	20	43	3
Stingers	8	0	1	7	24	58	1

SPORTSZONE OVER 30 LEAGUE

March 19, 2007

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
SportsZone	10	9	1	0	102	40	28
Stare Byki FC	11	7	0	4	85	55	21
Team Demar	10	3	1	6	47	63	10
International	11	1	0	10	34	107	3

SOCCER CITY C LEAGUE

March 6, 2007

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Beer	9	8	0	1	38	22	75
Life Fitness	9	6	1	2	40	27	63
Slice	9	5	1	3	31	31	58
Bari FC	9	4	1	4	33	30	47
Toe Bashers	9	3	1	5	31	33	45
Stare Byki FC	9	3	0	6	32	37	42
United	9	1	3	5	37	49	41
Bachirs Finest	9	1	3	5	26	38	34