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Byki

4 : 2

CD Taxi

A Team - NSL 1st Division
Odeum - 14 March 2008

Byki play smart, derail toothless Taxi

The Byki capped off their most successful indoor season in seven years when they knocked off CD Taximaroa 4:2 on March 14. The team ended the campaign with a flourish, sporting a 4-1-1 record down the stretch. Their overall record was 6-2-8, the best output since the 2000-01 side went 7-4-4.

Coach Joe Gambino, whose roster has been beset with problems all season, fielded just eight players versus Taxi. Gambino even had to include himself at goalkeeper when neither of the regular keepers were available for the match. "We did a pretty good job holding our own, even though we were missing players every week," he said afterwards.

Taxi had little to play for and acted like it, trotting out the bare minimum of four players at kickoff. The Byki pushed hard for the first goal and were rewarded in satisfying fashion after just 1:20 had elapsed. The starting keeper for Taxi was obviously a volunteer and he showed little respect for the Byki, taunting any player within scoring distance to shoot. Midfielder Jeff Samp made him eat those words, firing a hard shot from distance. Samp had pounced on a loose ball outside the box after Kevin Biggs' initial shot had been blocked. The

Byki Over 30 players were watching the game from the balcony, and hailed the Taxi goalie with cries of "Shoot, shoot!" after Samp's strike.

Within a few minutes, Taxi had their full complement of players. But the Byki kept up the pressure. Samp sent a delicious diagonal pass for Minos Bouzoukis at the 5:33 mark. Bouzoukis timed his run perfectly and unleashed a hard shot that the keeper stabbed away with an outstretched leg. Samp had another go from the red line a couple of minutes later. The keeper had been caught by surprise, yet still came up with the ball.

Taxi leveled the score with 8:02 left before the interval. Gambino made a nice save on a shot from the corner, but the ball came out to the right of the area, and an unmarked Taxi player blasted a shot into the upper corner. Moments later, Gambino made a tremendous save a on a drive from the red line to keep the Byki in the game.

The Byki took the lead for good with 4:41 to go. Josh Taylor freed Samp, who had made a run down the right side. As Samp gave chase, a Taxi defender tried to shield him away from it, hoping that his goalie would come out and gather up the ball. Samp instead poked the ball off of the unsuspecting keeper, and gleefully watched the carom come right back to his feet. Samp calmly walked the ball over the goal line to make it 2:1.

A Byki flurry late in the half while they had the man advantage resulted in some well-earned breathing room. After the Taxi goalie denied Taylor with a near-post foot save, the Byki kept pounding away. Bouzoukis drilled a shot off the glass and Biggs was in the right spot to knock the rebound home.

The Byki put the result beyond any doubt with another power-play goal 3:39 into the second half. The hard-working Biggs added to his team-leading goal total when he won a loose ball to right of the Taxi area and fired past the keeper to make it 4:1 to the Byki. Biggs led the team in scoring with

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11 tallies for the season.

Taxi pulled one back in the late stages of the second half, but they would get no closer. The Byki used smart and efficient play to put the clamps down and ensure the three points.

The Byki turned around a difficult start to the season in impressive fashion. Their climb into the middle of the table was certainly admirable, given the difficulties with keeping the roster together.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Samp 2; 1:20; 1:0. Samp 3 (Taylor); 14:19; 2:0. Biggs 10 (Bouzoukis); (pp); 17:13; 3:1. Biggs 11; (pp); 22:39; 4:1.

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

Byki

9 : 2

Prijedor

Over 30 Team - NSL Over 30 Division
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Byki endgame simply smashing

It took the Byki oldboys most of the winter to get with the program, but when they did, they showed how easily the game can be played when you know what you're doing. The Byki saved their best for the season's finale, when they pulverized last-place NK Prijedor 9:2. Nine different Byki contributed to the scoring, as Prijedor had no answers for a balanced and dominant Byki attack.

"The guys really were on the same page today," beamed coach George Gorecki. "We were missing our top two scorers [Russ Haynes and Marek Ciszewski], yet we scored nine times. It was fantastic teamwork at both ends of the field. We were the better team and the score is an accurate reflection of just how much we dominated."

The Byki needed less than seven minutes to jump out to a two-goal advantage. Matt Fleming put high pressure on a Prijedor defender to win the ball. He dropped it back to the supporting Enda McGrath, who launched a first-time blast that rocketed into the back of the net.

Just 2:02 later, Dan Jedrzejowski worked hard to win the ball in the corner. He sent a pass back for Brett Frischmann, who wasted no time cranking a shot. A Prijedor defender blocked his attempt, but Frischmann got a second bite of the cherry and made no mistake to give the Byki a 2:0 lead.

Byki pressure was too much for Prijedor to handle. Steven Pedlow's big blast from the red line was thwarted by the goalie only 0:44 after Frischmann's goal. The irrepressible Fleming created another turnover moments later, setting up Luis Arredondo, who was denied with a desperate foot save from the keeper. Jedrzejowski nearly made it 3:0 with 9:15 left in the first half when he fired a long-range shot that startled the goalkeeper, who managed to steer the ball away when he stuck out his foot at the last moment.

It didn't take long for Prijedor to take some air out of the Byki balloon. The Byki defense allowed a Prijedor player to dribble nearly unimpeded from his own half. He sneaked the ball underneath Ray Najera, as Byki players stood around

with their hands on their hips. "With all of the chances we were creating, the guys lost focus," noted Gorecki. "We've seen it over and over again this season. Good players are everywhere and you can't let up for a moment."

The Byki went 3:1 up with 4:32 left, thanks to some patient play on offense. Pedlow made an insightful pass to McGrath coming up on the left and McGrath notched his third goal of the season when his shot found the far post.

The Byki needed to keep up the pressure and they were sure that Prijedor would eventually crumble. But Prijedor had other ideas when they pulled to within 3:2 early in the second half. That goal turned out to be a mere speed bump for the Byki, who pummeled their opponents with a four-goal blitz in the span of 4:57 to take any mystery out of the contest.

After the Byki blocked a Prijedor free kick, the deflection led a to a 3 v 1 counterattack. Arredondo waited for just the right moment to slip a pass to Fleming, who slotted underneath the keeper for a 4:2 lead.

Tony Gallo won the ball at midfield with 12:27 left and dished to Arredondo, who glided past three defenders and drilled a shot from the top of the box for his fifth goal of the season. Moments later, the lead swelled to 6:2 when Frischmann won the ball in the deep corner, and played a sweet pass off the boards for the unmarked Pedlow, who slammed the ball home.

Fleming played provider once again with 10:50 to go. He spotted Matt Treter making a run down the right flank and rewarded him with a well-timed pass to his feet. Treter picked his spot and crushed his shot past the goalie.

The Byki made it 8:2 with 8:29 left. Arredondo won the ball at the top of the Prijedor area and shot immediately. The ball was deflected over to Pedlow, who was in perfect position to side-foot the ball into the back of the net.

Andy Lane wrapped things up with a power-play strike with 5:13 remaining. Jedrzejowski made a nifty diagonal pass across the penalty area, and Lane's hard shot gave the keeper

no chance.

After the game, Prijedor's coach offered Gorecki his congratulations. "He told me that we should have been playing that way all season," said Gorecki. "He said we would have been in the playoffs for sure."

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

McGrath 2 (Fleming); 4:09; 1:0. Frischmann 3; 6:11; 2:0. McGrath 3 (Pedlow); 14:28; 3:1. Fleming 3 (Arredondo); 22:17; 4:2. Arredondo 5 (Gallo); 25:33; 5:2. Pedlow 4 (Frischmann); 26:14; 6:2. Treter 3 (Fleming); 27:10; 7:2. Pedlow 5; 29:31; 8:2. Lane 1 (Jedrzejewski); 32:47; 9:2.

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

Byki Stats

A TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Biggs	11	2	13
Talpes, C.	8	2	10
Samp	3	5	8
Bouzoukis	3	4	7
Stanley	4	2	6
Sphar	3	1	4
Taylor	3	1	4
Black	2	1	3
Haynes	2	0	2
Ruiz	2	0	2
Torossian	1	1	2
Carvajal	0	1	1
Daniel	0	1	1
Team goals	1	x	x
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Talpes, N.	323	17	2.00
Gambino	38	2	2.00
Eliasek	243	31	4.85
Samp	4	1	9.50

Final record: 6-2-8

O-30 TEAM, NSL O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Haynes	13	3	16
Ciszewski	9	1	10
Pedlow	5	3	8
Fleming	3	5	8
Jedrzejewski	2	5	7
Arredondo	5	1	6
Frischmann	3	2	5
Lane	1	4	5
Gambino	3	1	4
McGrath	3	1	4
Treter	3	1	4
Gallo	1	3	4
Elmkinssi	1	0	1
Gorecki	0	1	1
Tower	0	1	1
Zhang	0	1	1
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Najera	570	79	5.27
Gambino	38	6	6.00

Final record: 3-1-12

O-40 TEAM, SPORTSZONE LEAGUE

Player	G	A	Pts
Demarets	11	4	15
Haynes	7	2	9
Siepiora	6	3	9
Marvin	5	4	9
Kleine	4	5	9
Farhan	4	4	8
Tower	5	1	6
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
Team goals	3	x	x
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Pruim	420	67	6.70
Neighbors	42	10	10.00

Current record: 4-0-7

Byki fall short in shootout

The Byki Over 40 Team tried to keep up with high-flying Chicago Soccer, but wound up on the wrong end of a 9:7 score last Monday. Dominic Demarets and Bob Marvin did all the heavy work on offense, but poor defending was the problem once again for the Byki, who have conceded at least six goals in a match nine times this session.

Demarets was back to his old tricks, with four goals and two assists, while Marvin had two goals and three assists. But the Byki were playing from behind for the whole game, and on those occasions, they have tended to get away from the team-oriented style that is needed to be successful.

Rick Bolesta and Eric Tower were left in charge of the squad in Bernhard Kleine's absence, and the ominous events were in place even before kickoff. Bolesta made friends with a telepathic inventor at the Sportszone, who commented on the size of Rick's "aura." This led Bolesta to give a smashing pre-game talk, during which told the team to dribble with their heads down and not to pass.

Despite not having any subs on the bench, Chicago Soccer wasted no time to grab the lead. A hard shot from outside the box deflected off of Tower's foot and past a helpless Pete Pruim.

The Byki quickly regrouped and tried to make the ball do the work. In a welcome departure from their recent form, the Byki were actually moving without the ball and showing real patience on offense.

Chicago Soccer made it 2:0 when a striker beat his man one-on-one and shot past Pruim. "The quickness of [their] forwards was a problem the whole game," said Tower. "They were tired, but patient, when they moved the ball. Their forwards were skilled, with hard shots."

The Byki pulled one back with 6:00 gone when Demarets slotted a shot right down middle of goal. But Chicago Soccer regained their two-goal edge a few minutes later. A failed clearance by the Byki defense resulted in the ball rolling to unmarked Chicago Soccer forward. He simply passed the ball into net before Pruim could get back into position.

The score went to 3:2 midway through the first half. The Byki took advantage of fatigued defenders, who were too exhausted to mark or chase. Demarets slipped a short pass to Marvin, who nutmegged the keeper for his fourth tally of the season.

The Byki turned the ball over in their end with 9:15 to go, leading to a 3 v 1 situation for Chicago Soccer. They worked

a series of patient passes, eventually getting the ball right in front of the goal and knocking it home from short range.

The sides exchanged goals in the last eight minutes of the half. After Demarets set up Marvin for his second score of the night, Chicago Soccer again pounced on sloppy play by the Byki in their end. Demarets finally got on the board in the dying moments of the first half when he converted a pass from Marvin to bring his side to within 5:4 at the break.

Chicago Soccer opened the scoring in the second half to go up 6:4, but then the game settled down until the end, when both sides were going to goal fast and furious.

With 7:45 left in the game, Demarets alertly spotted the keeper out of position and let fly from midfield to close the gap to 6:5. Chicago Soccer got that one back, but Marvin made a terrific pass to free Demarets on a breakaway. With the defense simply too tired to chase, Demarets finished the play off in clinical fashion to make it 7:6.

Chicago Soccer put the game away with a pair of unanswered goals to take a commanding 9:6 lead. The Byki, however, kept up the fight. With 1:40 to go, Marvin made a slick back heel pass to Tower, whose shot hit the post and rebounded into the goal off of the back of a Chicago Soccer player

Overall, Byki played an up-and-down kind of game. Their frequent turnovers led to lots of goals the other way, and their failure to cover the simple give-and-go passes left the hapless Pruim stranded all too often. On offense, Byki displayed patience on occasion, but ultimately reverted to an aggressive style once they got behind. That style led to lots of counterattacks if they lost possession of the ball. The Byki did score a lot of goals, but playing without discipline also cost many goals.

Eric Tower contributed to this story.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Demarets 8; 6:00; 1:2. Marvin 4 (Demarets); 10:52; 2:3. Marvin 5 (Demarets); 13:20; 3:4. Demarets 9 (Marvin); 20:39; 4:5. Demarets 10; 34:15; 5:6. Demarets 11 (Marvin); 36:10; 6:7. Tower 5 (Marvin); 40:20; 7:9.

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

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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	12	2	2	65	24	38	FK Kozarac	16	12	1	3	83	43	37
HNNK Hrvat	16	11	4	1	59	22	37	SC BiH	16	11	2	3	65	32	35
B-H Lilies	16	7	3	6	44	46	24	SAC Wisla	16	7	2	7	38	36	23
NK Prijedor	16	4	2	10	33	69	14	RWB Adria B	16	7	2	7	55	45	23
Albanian Stars	16	4	2	10	42	53	14	Royal FC	16	4	1	11	29	61	13
KF Ulqin	16	3	2	11	29	74	11	CKS Warta	16	2	1	13	36	73	7

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FK Republica Srpska	16	13	2	1	87	24	41	Podlasie	16	15	0	1	114	17	45
Stal Mielec	16	12	1	3	75	28	37	West Bosnia SC	16	12	2	2	73	39	38
Oak Park Tricycles	16	10	3	3	65	27	33	Capitol Czarni Jaslo	16	11	2	3	85	37	35
Deportivo Colomex	16	10	3	3	82	36	33	Real Independiente	16	10	4	2	45	23	34
CKS Warta C	16	9	3	4	57	37	30	CD Taximaroa	16	8	2	6	50	44	26
CKS Warta B	16	7	0	9	48	53	21	HNNK Hrvat B	16	8	1	7	49	47	25
Lake Shore SC	16	6	3	7	63	51	21	Stare Byki FC	16	6	2	8	43	51	20
Chicago Thunder	16	5	3	8	41	45	18	FK Bosanska Dubica	16	5	1	10	64	62	16
Juanacatlan	16	5	2	9	50	77	17	FK Podrinje	16	4	2	10	46	80	14
Montenegro SC	16	4	1	11	38	82	13	Lemont FC	16	3	1	12	42	71	10
Khaboor FC	16	2	1	13	31	80	7	Los Chasquis	16	3	0	13	33	127	9
Chicago Inter R-B	16	2	0	14	23	120	6	Pitbulls SC	16	2	1	13	40	86	7

OVER 30 DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria	16	16	0	0	125	34	48
Polonia SC	16	10	1	5	87	48	31
B-H Lilies	16	9	0	7	78	74	27
SAC Wisla	16	8	1	7	66	78	25
HNNK Hrvat	16	7	2	7	60	59	23
Arabian FC	16	7	1	8	65	77	22
Stare Byki FC	16	3	1	12	52	85	10
NK Prijedor	16	1	0	15	43	121	3

SPORTSZONE OVER 30 LEAGUE

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Deva Development	11	9	1	1	101	51	28
Chicago Soccer	11	7	2	2	73	58	23
Peaked Venture	11	5	4	2	66	54	19
Chicago Force	11	6	1	4	68	54	19
Arsenal	11	6	0	5	77	60	18
Stare Byki FC	11	4	0	7	49	78	12
Tornadoes	11	2	0	9	32	51	6
Team Dem ar	11	1	0	10	31	92	3