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Over 40 Team - Sportszone Over 30 League
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Byki defense can't contain SportsZone

After playing everyone in the Sportszone Over 30 League four times in the winter session, the pecking order among the four teams should have been clear. But it appears that everybody loves a playoff, so the Byki old-timers took to the field for a 13th match last Monday and fell 9:5 to SportsZone in a game dominated by the champions. SportsZone raced out to a 5:0 lead by halftime and never looked back, despite the Byki getting their act together a little bit in the second half. The Byki finish the campaign at 8-0-5, with all of their losses coming at the hands of undefeated SportsZone.

SportsZone showed themselves to be the class of the league all season long and their performance in the title match only reaffirmed their status as top dogs. They outplayed the Byki in every phase of the game. "In order to beat a team like this, we need to play a perfect game and they need to have an off night," said George Gorecki. "We put up a good fight, but it simply wasn't enough."

The Over 40 Team undeniably had the biggest season in their short history. Their solid second-place finish demonstrated that they had the ability to put away lesser teams

consistently and they showed glimpses of being able to compete against SportsZone on at least a few occasions.

They racked up 97 goals in 13 games, easily breaking the club record for most goals in an indoor season. The 1987-88 A Team held the previous record with 73 scored in 11 games, en route to the second championship in club history.

Dominic Demarets shattered the single-season record for most goals and most points in a season. He found the back of the net an incredible 42 times to go along with 6 assists, giving him 48 points for the season. George Siepiora was the previous record-holder, scoring 19 goals for the Over 30s in 1998-99 in the Odeum Over 30 League, while Sergio Bertoncello twice hit the 25-point mark for the A Team in two different sessions played in 1988.

Even player-coach Bernhard Kleine got into the act, notching 13 goals and 11 assists, both personal bests since joining the Byki in 1995. If not for Demarets' virtuoso performance, Kleine's 24-point output would have been surpassed only by Bertoncello's record seasons in 1988. Kleine missed equaling the season record for assists by just one. Sal Farhan (1997-98), Dan Jdrzejowski (1992-93) and Bertoncello (1987-88) all previously registered 12-assist seasons during indoor play.

In the championship match, SportsZone snatched the early lead when the Byki defense lost their marks, leading to an easy tap-in that Farhan could not defend. Poor defending was the biggest problem for the Byki and the excellent ball control by SportsZone took advantage of every mistake. If not for Farhan's heroics in the goal, the final margin would have been far higher for SportsZone.

A Byki turnover led to the second goal in the middle of the first half. SportsZone then put their stamp on the contest when they nailed three goals in a span of 7:23. The first two were the result of poor spacing by the Byki defense. By packing themselves in front of their goal, the Byki allowed SportsZone's long-range snipers to take aim at Farhan's goal.

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SportsZone extended their lead to 6:0 shortly after the second-half kickoff, prompting the Byki into action. Kleine sent a pass off the back boards for Siepiora in the middle. The keeper saved his shot and then got into position to thwart two rebound attempts that came in rapid-fire fashion.

Demarets got the Byki on the board with 4:06 gone. He stole the ball from a SportsZone defender at his own red line, faked the goalie to the turf, and slid the ball home.

SportsZone replied with two more strikes in the next few minutes, making things bleak for the Byki, as they stared up at an 8:1 deficit. But the Byki kept plugging away, oblivious to the score. They made it 8:2 when Ed Castillo made a tremendous run down the left flank. He sent a square pass into the box to the unmarked Kleine, who side-footed his shot into the back of the net.

Moments later, Kleine played provider and sent Siepiora on a long jaunt up the middle. Siepiora picked his spot and drilled a long-distance heater past the goalkeeper to make it

8:3. The Byki made it 8:4 with 5:36 left after Rich Ahrens beat his man off the dribble and dished the ball to Kleine. Ahrens capped the scoring with a nifty finish with 0:07 to go.

Many players from this squad will join the Over 30s for the NSL outdoor season. But Kleine looks forward to bringing this squad back together for indoor play next winter.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1st: None.

2nd: Demarets 42; 25:06; 6:1. Kleine 12 (Castillo); 32:25; 8:2. Siepiora 9 (Kleine); 33:41; 8:3. Kleine 13 (Ahrens); 36:24; 8:4. Ahrens 4; 41:53; 9:5.

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

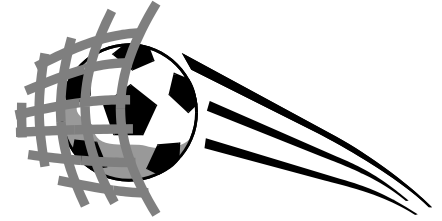
Byki Stats

A TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION				B TEAM, SOCCER CITY C LEAGUE				O-30 TEAM, SCHAUMBURG				O-40 TEAM, SPORTSZONE			
Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts
Fleming	8	8	16	Biggs	7	1	8	Ciszewski	16	7	23	Demarets	42	6	48
Haynes	10	1	11	Haynes	6	2	8	Parra	5	5	10	Kleine	12	12	24
Dance	5	4	9	Daniel	2	4	6	Geng	4	6	10	Marvin	8	6	14
Mansur, P Jr	0	7	7	Torossian	4	1	5	Garcia	8	1	9	Siepiora	9	3	12
Mayer	3	3	6	Moore	2	3	5	Frischmann	6	2	8	Gambino	5	5	10
Bouzoukis	2	4	6	Mansur, P Jr	2	2	4	Hunter	3	3	6	Ahrens	4	5	9
Stanley	4	1	5	Stanley	1	3	4	Jedrzejewski	3	3	6	Farhan	2	7	9
Lane	4	0	4	Ciszewski	1	1	2	Treter	2	4	6	Bolesta	4	3	7
Green	2	1	3	Lane	1	1	2	Towsey	3	2	5	Gorecki	2	5	7
Moore	2	1	3	Arredondo	1	0	1	Youssef	3	2	5	Treter	3	3	6
Samp	2	1	3	Burns	1	0	1	Zelinski	1	3	4	Neighbors	2	3	5
Dziekiewicz, G	1	2	3	Gambino	1	0	1	Elmkinssi	0	4	4	Mansur, Sr	1	4	5
Taylor	2	0	2	Pirrilis	1	0	1	Pedlow	0	1	1	LaForest	1	2	3
Ciszewski	1	1	2	Smart	1	0	1	Zhang	0	1	1	Wiecek	0	3	3
Rose	1	1	2	McGrath	0	1	1					Castillo	2	0	2
Gambino	0	1	1	Team goals	3	x	x	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Cooper	0	2	2
								Elmkinssi	25	1	2.00				
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Hardin	48	2	2.08	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Eliasek	390	30	2.92	Gambino	165	20	4.85	Zhang	377	27	3.58	Neighbors	47	4	3.57
Gambino	47	4	3.23	Eliasek	195	25	5.13					Farhan	499	64	5.39
de la Cruz	171	19	4.22					Final record: 5-1-3					Final record: 8-0-5, 2nd Place		
Final record: 4-3-9				Final record: 3-0-9											



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bits & pieces



The National Soccer League enacted several changes to their rules at the League's monthly meeting in March. The most significant change is the structure of the competition. The new structure was adopted with near-unanimous approval from the member clubs and goes into effect for the 2007 outdoor season and will be utilized in all four NSL Divisions.

The NSL has modified the two-Section set-up for each Division. Previously, each Division was split into two Sections and playoff positions were determined by a team's finish within its Section. In the recent past, three teams from each Section qualified for the post-season. A playoff format was necessary because of the schedule's emphasis on Sectional matches.

The new structure will have all teams in a Division in a single table for the first phase of the competition. During the first phase, all teams will play each other once. After the round robin is complete, the Division will be split into two Sections. The top half of the table will comprise the Championship Section and the bottom half will be placed in the Classification Section. In the second phase of the competition, teams will play another round robin within their respective Sections. The top team in the Championship Section will be the Overall Champion of their Division and no playoffs will be necessary because all teams in the Championship Section will have played the exact same schedule.

The first- and second-place finishers of the 1st and 2nd Divisions will be promoted to the next higher Division for 2008. The bottom two teams of the Classification Section in the Major and 1st Divisions will be relegated to the next lower Division for next season.

The rationale for this change has several roots. With six teams making the playoffs, top teams who clinched early were affecting the outcomes of playoff races by selectively tanking games, which would either help "friendly" opponents or put the screw job on hated rivals. Elimination of the playoffs will also eliminate this insidious manipulation. The Byki have no first-hand experience with such chicanery, but this scenario has played out in the Major Division enough times that the NSL Executive Board forcefully took action.

The new structure also makes late-season games meaningful. The top teams face each other down the stretch and the bottom teams will battle opponents of comparable quality as they fight to avoid relegation. In the past, late-season matches between top teams and bottom feeders often resulted in forfeits by the bottom teams, who see no hope in playing games they do not think they can win.

The Byki will now only be assured of one match pitting the A and B Teams against one another in the 1st Division. They may clash again if they wind up in the same Section at the conclusion of the first phase.

The Byki attended the Chicago Fire's kickoff luncheon for the eighth year in a row last Tuesday. A group of players and fans had the good fortune to eat lunch with Fire striker **Chris Rolfe**. The rising star provided the group with excellent insight on his experiences with the Fire and with the US National Team. One of the more interesting nuggets from Chris was that the Fire's players hate the New England Revolution more than the Fire's fans do.



As always, the Byki presented their new friend with a Byki scarf. Chris (white shirt, second from left) wore his new gift with pride. Original Byk **Mark Sokolowski** found Chris's company so enjoyable that he suggested to the others in the group that the Byki try to invite Chris to be their selected player for next year's luncheon.

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
SportsZone	12	11	1	0	118	48	34
Stare Byki FC	13	8	0	5	97	68	24
Team Demar	11	3	1	7	51	72	10
International	12	1	0	11	37	114	3

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Life Fitness	12	9	1	2	60	31	90
Beer	12	9	0	3	45	37	88
Slice	12	7	1	4	42	39	77
Bari FC	12	6	1	5	47	38	65
United	12	3	3	6	50	58	60
Bachirs Finest	12	3	3	6	37	48	55
Toe Bashers	12	3	1	8	41	52	53
Stare Byki FC	12	3	0	9	35	53	45