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Byki

5 : 3

Demar

Over 40 Team - Sportszone Over 30 League
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Ugly win still counts for 3 points

The Byki didn't impress anyone with their disjointed performance versus Team Demar on March 31. Their defending was lackluster and their offensive approach was just sloppy. Despite those shortcomings, the Byki managed to come away 5:3 winners over the basement dwellers. Bob Marvin scored twice and Dominic Demarets had an assist hat trick, as the Byki improved to 5-0-8 for the season. The Byki finished the season in sixth place out of eight teams, and gained only one victory against teams ahead of them in the standings.

It's unlikely that many other teams in the Over 30 League take Demar too seriously. And it's easy to see why after seeing them play. Their defending is scrappy and their shooting is selfish and off-target. If not for the solid play of goalie Pete Pruum, the Byki might have left the Sportszone with major blushes.

Still, doing the business is what it's all about. The Byki were never in any serious danger of losing this game, but they sure didn't look like they cared about winning until Demar shocked them by scoring the first goal of the contest

with 11:16 left in the first half. The Byki had stumbled all over themselves in the early going, but had not had any major breaches on defense. A weak clearance went to a Demar player, who shot past Pruum.

It was a necessary wake-up call for the Byki, who leveled things only 1:12 later. They suddenly adopted a patient approach, sending the ball from one side to another, and making runs into space. Why this simple approach had eluded them in the early part of the match is likely a mystery for the ages. The pinpoint passing eventually unhinged the Demar defense and Demarets unselfishly zipped a pass for Bernhard Kleine at the far post. The unmarked Kleine tapped the ball in to make it 1:1.

Demar put their attacking shoes back on and the complacent Byki gave them all kinds of time and space. Demar's forwards weren't bashful and began peppering the Byki goal with shots from all over. Pruum covered the mistakes of his teammates and made three spectacular saves to keep Demar at bay.

The Byki grabbed the lead with 4:56 left before the break. Eric Tower curled a free kick from the top of the penalty area over the defensive wall, sending the sprawling goalkeeper the wrong way. It was masterful execution of the set piece and it put the Byki in control of the game.

Demar got an undeserved equalizer with 3:10 left in the half. The Byki carelessly turned the ball over and Pruum was helpless to thwart the shot attempt.

The Byki regained the lead 6:52 into the second half. Brian Cooper alertly took a quick restart of a free kick near the boards at midfield. He passed the ball down the wing to Demarets, who snaked past the defender and laid off a simple ball for Marvin, who knocked it into the back of the net.

Several minutes later, the Byki upped their advantage to 4:2, as they executed a counterattack with surgical precision. Demarets did the slicing as he sent a pass through the Demar defense to Marvin, who was right in front of the goal. Marvin

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caught everyone by surprise when he deftly back-heeled Demarets' pass past the frozen keeper.

Demar scored their best goal of the night 1:33 later. Pruiim made a good save on a hard shot from long range, but couldn't hang on. The ball bounced around in the box and a Demar player crushed a wicked side volley past a startled Pruiim. "The ball came off of Pete's hands and we all just stood there," said George Gorecki. "Full credit to the Demar guy for wanting the ball."

The Byki put a wrap on the affair when they converted a power play opportunity with 5:13 to go. The Byki passed the ball around, looking for the open man. The final pass was a poor one and the Demar keeper came off his line to clear the ball. Rather than sending it downfield immediately, he decided to trap it. When Sal Farhan saw this scenario unfolding, he put high pressure on the keeper, whose hurried

pass hit Farhan, who then scooted behind and deposited the ball into the goal.

The Byki experienced a range of ups and downs over the course of the season. The game came more easily to them when they played quick passes to teammates moving into space. Those occasions didn't come often enough in an Over 30 league whose overall talent level improved significantly over that of 2007.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Kleine 7 (Demarets); 10:56; 1:1. Tower 6; 16:04; 2:1. Marvin 10 (Demarets); 27:52; 3:2. Marvin 11 (Demarets); 31:33; 4:2. Farhan 5; (pp); 36:47; 5:3.

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

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
Jedrzejowski	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	7	18
Marvin	11	4	15
Kleine	7	7	14
Haynes	7	2	9
Siepiora	6	3	9
Farhan	5	4	9
Tower	6	1	7
Bolesta	1	5	6
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	462	70	6.36
Neighbors	84	22	11.00

Final record: 5-0-8

Deva's dozen too much for Byki

A shorthanded Byki squad was predictably dismantled by Deva Development 12:6 on March 24. The Byki only had seven players in uniform and top-ranked Deva made easy work of the weakened lineup. To their credit, the Byki kept up a good fight in the second half, even though the game was out of reach.

Bob Marvin scored four goals, while Bernhard Kleine scored a pair to go along with two assists. Marvin and Kleine were the best examples of Byki industriousness, and their hounding of Deva's defenders and goalkeepers translated into scoring opportunities.

With only one substitute available, the Byki figured that a defensive approach would be the best way to play. After Deva struck for three goals in the first 8:09 of the contest, tactics pretty much went out the window for the Byki.

Marvin made it 3:1 with 7:51 left in the first half. After making a run to the corner, Kleine supplied the pass and Marvin did the rest for his sixth goal of the season.

Deva got that one back shortly thereafter and went looking for the killer goals to put the game beyond any doubt. Emergency goalkeeper Fleet Neighbors did his job, making a pair of impressive reaction saves in the span of 0:32. Deva finally netted their insurance goals when they scored twice in the final 2:36 of the half to take a 6:1 lead. The Byki, saddled with fatigue, let down at the worst possible time.

Deva scored the first three goals of the second half, prompting the Byki to get to work. Right after the ninth Deva goal, Marvin caught the Deva keeper unaware and launched the ensuing kickoff over his head and into the goal. Kleine

had nudged the ball forward and Marvin sent a rocket into the back of the net.

Hard work by Kleine made the score 9:3 midway through the second half. As a Deva fullback was dallying with the ball in his own end, Kleine put on high pressure, resulting in a turnover. With the keeper out of position, Kleine calmly slid the ball home.

After two more Deva strikes put them 11:3 up, the ballhawking Kleine was at it again, forcing a weak pass. He faked his way past the goalie, notching his sixth goal of the season.

Just 1:23 later, Rick Bolesta made a nifty pass to open things up for Marvin, who stroked the ball home. Deva replied quickly to make it 12:5, and Bolesta's smart play set up Marvin for the final Byki tally.

Under the best of conditions, the Byki would have struggled to remain competitive with a powerhouse squad like Deva.

Stef Wiecek contributed to this story.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

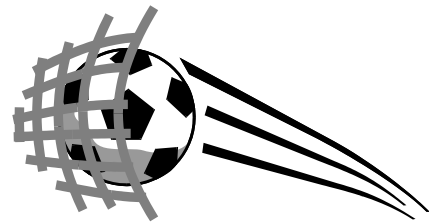
Marvin 6 (Kleine); 13:09; 1:3. Marvin 7 (Kleine); 29:42; 2:9. Kleine 5; 31:33; 3:9. Kleine 6; 35:47; 4:11. Marvin 8 (Bolesta); 37:10; 5:12. Marvin 9 (Bolesta); 38:07; 6:12.

BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1): Neighbors – Cooper, Gorecki – Bolesta, Kleine – Marvin. **Bench:** Silverstein.



BYKI

bits & pieces



The Byki attended the Chicago Fire kickoff luncheon on March 25. It was the ninth consecutive year that the Byki organized a group to attend this event and, as usual, everyone really enjoyed being part of the atmosphere as the Fire celebrate their tenth anniversary in 2008.

Fire head coach **Denis Hamlett** joined the Byki for lunch and was very cordial and gracious in answering their questions about the roster and the upcoming season. Coach Hamlett was reserved regarding some questions, but the Byki learned a lot about the coach and his commitment to making the Fire an excellent team. The picture below shows Coach Hamlett holding up the scarf that the Byki presented to him at the end of the luncheon.



The funniest moment of the afternoon occurred when Byki autograph hound **Mark Sokolowski** was chasing down Mexican superstar **Cuauhtémoc Blanco** for his signature. Mark came to the luncheon fully prepared, having printed photos of nearly every Fire player. He spent most of the pre-luncheon mingling time getting many of the autographs, but Blanco was his toughest target. Blanco spent most of the two hours being hounded by the Spanish-speaking media and appeared to be surrounded by an entourage the whole time. Mark's persistence did not waver as he ran after the scrum surrounding Blanco. Despite having his arms full of Fire giveaways, Mark finally positioned himself in front of the mercurial midfielder and got him to sign. "It was so funny to watch Mark running around like a crazy man," noted **George Gorecki**. "He looked like an old lady at a sale at Wal-Mart, elbowing her way to the front of the line."

Preparations for the 25th Anniversary celebration for Stare Byki FC are humming right along. An Anniversary Committee was formed three weeks ago. **Howard Hartenstein, Edi Pinkowski, Ted Piotrowski, Jeff Samp, Vitaly Tsipris** and **Steven Pedlow** are all involved in some capacity. More details will be revealed as they become available, but here's what is known so far.

The big day will be Saturday, July 19. At 4:00 PM that day, the Byki will stage a Reunion Game to be played at the Sport Center in Schaumburg. The participants will be the same players who took the field in the first-ever Byki match played on June 10, 1983. The idea was hatched by original Byk **Mark Sokolowski** and the response of his teammates has been incredible. Several players who no longer live in Chicago have committed to coming back to play in the Reunion Game. Meanwhile, Edi is reprising his role in organizing his squad. The Reunion Game will be played as a 7 v 7 match on a modified field at the Sport Center.

"I am amazed and extremely pleased with the response of all of the players," said Byki President **George Gorecki**. "I have no idea what this game will bring, as **Stef Wiecek** and I are the only ones from that game who are still playing soccer competitively. The quality may be great, or it may suck. But I guarantee that it will be highly entertaining."

Once the old farts have exhausted themselves, all players, fans and supporters will head over to the Goose Island Brewery, 1800 N Clybourn in Chicago for a party that begins at 7:00. The Byki have reserved a private room for the party, which will feature food and unlimited beer and other drinks. The Anniversary Committee is busy mulling over ideas for the evening's program, some of which will be disclosed soon. Other events that night will be a complete surprise, however.

The Committee has already enlisted George's help and he eagerly agreed to his new task. "We thought it would be fun to take a look at our past," said George. "I have compiled a list of the 25 best players in the club's history, along with a list of the 25 best matches played by our teams. I will also present my best squads, for outdoor and for indoor competitions. No one has seen more Byki games or Byki players than I have, so I feel uniquely qualified to put these lists together."

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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

FINAL STANDINGS

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Deva Development	13	11	1	1	121	60	34
Arsenal	13	8	0	5	93	72	24
Chicago Soccer	13	7	2	4	83	75	23
Chicago Force	13	7	1	5	83	37	22
Peaked Venture	13	6	4	3	75	63	22
Stare Byki FC	13	5	0	8	60	92	15
Tornadoes	13	2	0	11	32	57	6
Team Demar	13	2	0	11	36	97	6