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Byki

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Srpska

Blue Team - NSL 1st Division
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Srpska slip past Byki in wild affair

The Byki Blue Team fell to 0-0-2 for the season following a 5:4 defeat at the hands of NSL newcomers FK Republika Srpska, but it certainly wasn't for lack of trying. After falling behind by two goals early in the game, the Byki roared back to take the lead. The teams then traded goals until Srpska had the final say.

Srpska entered the NSL controversially last fall and competed indoors this past winter. Political and cultural tensions that exist in Bosnia-Herzegovina between Bosnians and ethnic Serbs living in Republika Srpska spilled over to the NSL Rival fans of the two groups caused an uproar during the annual Cup of Nations tournament, resulting in the event being truncated after police intervention was required to restore order at the Odeum. Some Bosnian clubs, offended by the name that the Serbs chose for their club, even called for a boycott during the indoor season. That effort fizzled when most Bosnian club merely wanted just to get on with it and play football.

No such tension existed at Winnebago last Sunday, as the Srpska side proved to be fast, skillful and experienced. The

Byki did not face Srpska during the indoor season, but the performance of the Serbs last Sunday shows quite clearly why they earned promotion to the Major Division for the 2008-09 indoor season.

Srpska wasted no time getting on top. It took only two minutes for the Byki to succumb to Srpska pressure, leading to the first goal of the game. The Byki were slow in moving the ball in their own end, resulting in a turnover. Srpska played the ball to the right side of the box, where their striker corkscrewed fullback Jason Bant into the ground with a killer fake and beat Joe Gambino from eight yards.

It took the Byki several minutes to adapt to the pace and the pressure, and they soon had Srpska on the back foot. Sergio Benavides came in alone on the keeper, who blocked the striker's shot with a desperate foot save. Benavides got the ball back and crossed to the far post for Dan Stanley, who headed straight at the goalie.

A minute later, Gambino made a tremendous save after another Byki turnover. Srpska kept up the pressure and made it 2:0 in the 13th minute when they came fast on the counter. Sweeper Yang Bai could not catch up to the Srpska striker, who slotted past the diving Gambino.

The Byki fought hard to keep their heads above water. Gambino made a brilliant stop in the 28th minute. After the Byki defense broke down in the box, the Serbs had an open shot from ten yards. Gambino came up huge at a crucial moment.

The Byki clawed their way back into the match in the 38th minute. Matt Fleming curled a tantalizing corner kick towards the near post. The ball deflected off of a defender before settling into the back of the net.

Momentum shifted to the Byki just before halftime. Fleming sent in another dangerous corner and Benavides got his head to the ball. A defender blocked the header with his arm, leading to a penalty kick. Bai drove the spot kick past the goalie, and suddenly, everything was all even at 2:2.

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The Byki needed just eight minutes of the second half to grab the lead. Fleming played a terrific ball down the right wing for Benavides, who had sprinted past the last defender. The Srpska goalkeeper incredibly came all the way to the touchline to challenge Benavides. The striker flicked the ball past the keeper, who kicked Benavides in the knee to prevent a shot at the open goal. The referee, however, took the coward's way out when he only gave the keeper a yellow card. "It was clearly an attempt to injure," said George Gorecki. "The ball was long gone and the goalie kicked Sergio in the leg. He has to be sent off for that."

And it didn't take long for karma to come back to bite Srpska. Fleming took the ensuing free kick and floated a ball towards the far post. Marek Ciszewski delicately headed the ball back into the middle, where Benavides smashed the ball home from close range.

Srpska made it 3:3 in the 57th minute when they earned a free kick 25 yards from goal. A perfectly struck free kick eluded the Byki wall and Gambino, finding the corner of the goal.

The Byki replied in undaunted fashion barely a minute later. Ciszewski controlled a loose ball and sent a long bomb

on goal from 30 yards on the half-volley. The keeper waved at the ball as it screamed into the net just under the crossbar for a 4:3 lead.

But the Byki were unable to close the deal. In the 65th minute, the referee awarded Srpska a penalty kick when he detected a Byki foul during a corner kick. Gambino read the shooter perfectly, diving to his left to make the save. But the rebound came right back to the shooter, who slotted home to make it 4:4.

Srpska kept up the pressure and only Gambino's heroics kept the score level. Nine minutes from the end, Srpska caught the Byki unbalanced in the back and three players were open in the box. A shot from the right side gave Gambino no chance and propelled the visitors to victory.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Fleming 1; 38th; 1:2. Bai 1 (pk); 43rd; 2:2. Benavides 2 (Ciszewski); 53rd; 3:2. Ciszewski 1; 58th; 4:3.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Gambino – Bai, Abubakar, Gallo, Bant – McGrath (c), Stanley, Fleming, Ciszewski – Benavides, Sodeinde. **Bench:** Carvajal, Sphar, Zhao.

Byki Stats

RED TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Bridge	1	0	1
Haynes	1	0	1
Casey	0	1	1
Torossian	0	1	1

Goalie

Min	GA	GAA	
Talpes, N.	90	4	4.00

Current record: 0-0-1

BLUE TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Benavides	2	0	2
Ciszewski	1	1	2
Bai	1	0	1
Delaunay	1	0	1
Fleming	1	0	1

Goalie

Min	GA	GAA	
Gambino	180	8	4.00

Current record: 0-0-2

O-30 TEAM, NSL O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Silverstein	1	0	1

Goalie

Min	GA	GAA	
Blanco	160	7	3.50

Current record: 0-0-2

Wind sweeps away Byki

The Byki Over 30s were seeking their first victory of the season last Saturday at Winnebago when they hosted Lake Shore B. But the oldboys were confounded by the wind-tunnel conditions and a Lake Shore side that outsmarted them at every turn. The result was a frustrating 4:0 pasting that ended with a squad full of grumbling Byki.

A gusting wind blew in from the southwest all day long, which made normal soccer an impossibility. Lake Shore took advantage of the wind in the first half and it helped them score two goals. The Byki enjoyed a greater portion of the possession when they had the wind at their backs in the second half, but their poor finishing prevented any kind of meaningful comeback in the match.

The Byki began the match brightly, putting together some good passing sequences and applying pressure to the Lake Shore fullbacks to keep them bottled up in their half of the field. Once Lake Shore got on the board, however, the Byki appeared to lose their way and the short, quick passes became a rarity.

Lake Shore took the lead in the 13th minute when they lofted a ball towards the goal from just inside the Byki half. Once the ball got into the jet stream, its trajectory took it past Dan Blanco. Lake Shore reprised that effort at the half-hour mark, scoring another wind-swept goal to make it 2:0.

The Byki tried to reply a couple of minutes later when they worked a smart counterattack on the right side. Jan Winter sent the ball over to Nick Elmkinssi in the center. Elmkinssi spotted Matt Treter making the supporting run to the far post and timed his pass to allow Treter to get behind the defense. With only the keeper to beat, Treter could not avoid the sliding netminder and shot the ball directly at him.

Lake Shore went three goals to the good shortly before

the break. After earning a free kick just outside the box, a Lake Shore player masterfully stroked the ball over the Byki wall and into the unguarded corner of the goal.

Coach George Gorecki told his players that getting back three goals in the second half would be a difficult job, though not impossible. It would be vital for the Byki to apply constant pressure on Lake Shore and force them to deal with the wind when defending.

The Byki nearly broke through after about four minutes. Jim Jacobs switched the attack to the left side of the field to find Winter open in the penalty area. Winter was in position to shoot, but the goalie showed good anticipation to make the save. On the ensuing corner kick, Dan Jedrzejowski made a dandy cross to Jacobs, who agonizingly sent his open header wide of the target.

The ball pretty much stayed in the Lake Shore end for most of the second half, but the Byki could do little to break through. "Our squad doesn't have an abundance of clinical finishers," said Gorecki. "When we create the chances, we have to put them away."

Lake Shore scored their fourth goal on the counter in the 56th minute. The Byki defense were slow to react and an open player on the right side of the area flicked the ball over the diving Blanco.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Blanco – Tower, Geng, Pedlow, Moore – Dec, Jedrzejowski (c), Winter, Frischmann – Elmkinssi, Jacobs. **Bench:** Gorecki, Silverstein, Treter.

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MAJOR DIVISION

B-H Lilies	2	2	0	0	9	0	6
Honduras SC	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
Deportivo Meridienne	1	1	0	0	7	0	3
RWB Adria	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
KF Ulqin	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Deportivo Colomex	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Gazelle SC	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
CKS Warta	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Jahbat FC	2	0	0	2	2	5	0
SAC Wisla	2	0	0	2	1	5	0
HNNK Hrvat	1	0	0	1	0	6	0
Royal Chicago FC	1	0	0	1	0	7	0

FIRST DIVISION

Albanian Stars	2	2	0	0	8	2	6
Lemont FC	2	2	0	0	6	1	6
FK Republika Srpska	2	2	0	0	8	4	6
Das Magic	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Khaboor FC	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
CKS Warta B	2	1	0	1	2	5	3
West Indies Jets	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
FC Steaua Chicago	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stare Byki FC Blue	2	0	0	2	6	8	0
Stare Byki FC Red	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
FC Romania	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
NK Prijedor	2	0	0	2	0	4	0

SECOND DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
West Bosnia SC	2	2	0	0	8	3	6	CD Taximaraa	2	2	0	0	10	3	6
Lemont FC Reserves	2	1	0	1	6	4	3	Juanacatlan	2	1	1	0	5	3	4
Deportivo Colomex B	1	0	1	0	5	5	1	FC Kosova	2	1	0	1	12	8	3
Turkish FC	2	0	1	1	5	10	1	Ultras FC	2	1	0	1	4	5	3
GR-04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Real Independiente	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
FK Podrinje	1	0	0	1	2	4	0	Mythos FC	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
								Chicago Dynasty FC	2	0	0	2	5	15	0

OVER 30 DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Jahbat FC	2	2	0	0	3	1	6	SAC Wisla	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Arabian FC	2	1	1	0	7	3	4	Gato Verde	2	1	0	1	4	3	3
Lake Shore B	2	1	1	0	5	1	4	Hellenic United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Indies Jets	2	1	0	1	6	4	3	Tanners SC	1	0	0	1	0	5	0
Lake Shore A	2	0	0	2	2	7	0	Stare Byki FC	2	0	0	2	1	7	0