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Byki

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Magic

Red Team - NSL 1st Division
Winnebago - 18 May 2008

Byki wave their magic wand

The Byki Red team finally got into the win column after two losses to start the season. Josh Taylor scored early and late, as the Byki outlasted a persistent and pesky Das Magic side to win 2:0 at Winnebago on May 18. The Byki played a solid game back to front, and coach Joe Gambino was quite pleased to see his squad put together 90 minutes of consistent football.

The newly promoted Magic didn't impress the Byki, at least based on appearances. It was clearly an older group that had played together for a long time, judging by several bellies that bulged over waistlines. One look at their rag-tag uniforms left an indication that the Magic were more vagabonds than a soccer team. But the Byki Blue Team fell into the same trap when the sides met a few weeks ago, and the Magic came away 3:2 winners. With seven points from their four matches, this group seems to know what they're doing on the field, despite the way they present themselves.

The Byki took the early advantage and maintained ball possession in a thorough fashion. They were rewarded for their effort in the 22nd minute when Russ Haynes came hard

on the left wing. He spotted Taylor open in the middle and sent a diagonal pass back to him. Taylor expertly measured a volley and crushed a shot with the outside of his foot past the stunned goalkeeper.

The Byki might have expected that sustained pressure would cause the Magic to fold their tents by halftime. But the Byki were surprised to see the visitors display a stiff level of resiliency. The Byki were certainly the better side, yet a one-goal margin at the break is just one unlucky bounce away from disaster.

Gambino made sure that his troops kept a level head in the second half. It took a while to get the traffic flowing almost exclusively towards the Magic goal, but the Byki stepped on the accelerator once they got the chance.

In the 63rd minute, the Byki patiently worked the ball left and right, probing for an opening. Gabi Dziekiewicz dribbled into the corner on the left side and skipped along the end line, finding Haynes with a subtle pass. Haynes feinted past his defender and fired a shot that flew narrowly over the crossbar.

Six minutes later, the Magic goalkeeper raced out of his box to clear out a loose ball. His awkward clearance went straight up into the air and landed at the feet of Luis Arredondo. The midfielder quickly sized up his advantage and blasted a volley at the open net from 30 yards. The keeper heaved a sigh of relief as he watched the ball barely miss the post.

In the 80th minute, the Byki had the Magic scrambling. Haynes worked a deft give-and-go with Abraham Ruiz, freeing Ruiz to take a clear path to the goal. The keeper came out strongly and Ruiz flicked the ball past him into open space. In a move of desperation, the goalie grabbed Ruiz by the leg to drag him down, resulting in a yellow card. Arredondo stepped to take the free kick and sent a curling shot just wide of the far post.

The craziness continued unabated. Three minutes later,

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the Byki came on the counter. Haynes made a forceful dribbling run into the area and fired a shot at the keeper. The rebound came out to Ruiz, whose attempt from close range was blocked by the goalie. The Magic cleared the ball wide, where Jeff Samp tracked it down and lofted a cross to the far post, for the unmarked Taylor, who smashed the ball home on the doorstep of the goal.

The Byki displayed teamwork and poise, key ingredients

to getting the team on the right track.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Taylor 2 (Haynes); 22nd; 1:0. Taylor 3 (Samp); 83rd; 2:0.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Talpes, N. – Black, Mansur, P Jr, Daniel, Casey (c) – Bouzoukis, Taylor, Samp, Arredondo – Haynes, Ruiz. **Bench:** Diziekiwicz, Frischmann, Rose.

Byki

1 : 4

Lemont

Blue Team - NSL 1st Division
Winnebago - 18 May 2008

Powerful Lemont keep Byki winless

Lemont FC flexed their considerable muscle, as they overpowered the Byki Blue Team 4:1 on May 18 at Winnebago. The Byki snatched the early lead, but were unable to hold it for long. Once Lemont gained the advantage, they weren't about to let go. Two late strikes put the result beyond any doubt, as the Blue Team's defensive woes continue.

The Byki and Lemont have developed a friendly and intense rivalry ever since both teams were promoted from the 2nd Division in 2006. The matches have always been close encounters, but the 2008 edition of Lemont FC may be packing more punch than the previous ones. Lemont's combination of technical skill, speed and raw strength were simply more than the Byki could handle. They constantly put the Byki defense under pressure, preventing the Byki from creating any sustained attacking flow.

The Byki put Lemont on notice, however, when they grabbed the lead after five minutes. Sweeper Yang Bai sent a long clearance upfield. The Lemont keeper muffed the bouncing ball and hustling striker Sergio Benavides was all over the play. With the keeper in a state of confusion, Benavides headed the ball home for his team-leading fourth goal of the season.

Lemont wasted no time in replying. They played a long ball over the top to a striker who appeared to be offside. Goalkeeper Joe Gambino got a hand to the Lemont player's shot, but it was not enough to prevent the ball from rolling into the net.

Two minutes later, Lemont went up 2:1 when the Byki defense was inattentive on a throw-in. The player receiving the ball had time and space, and sent a diagonal pass into the box, where an unmarked teammate slotted the ball home. Dickey defending has plagued the Blue Team in every match

so far, and their performance against Lemont sadly continued that trend.

Lemont's forwards and midfielders always seemed to be one step ahead of the Byki. Their speed and rapid ball movement kept the Byki on the back foot for long stretches of the contest.

The Byki conjured one good scoring chance after the break. Shi Zhao won possession of the ball in the corner and sent a diagonal pass to Dan Stanley. The winger wasted no time, drilling a shot from inside the box, forcing the keeper into a difficult save.

The Byki pushed more players forward in search of an equalizer. This tactic created more space in the middle third of the field and Lemont exploited the extra territory to full advantage. They scored two goals on the counter in the span of three minutes to put the game away. A Byki turnover ten minutes from the end led to a long pass that became a breakaway. Gambino came off his line, but was powerless to thwart the Lemont striker. Lemont struck again shortly thereafter. A cross from the left flank hit stopper Enda McGrath in the midsection as he slipped. The deflection led to another breakaway situation, which Lemont eventually converted into their fourth goal.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Benavides 4 (Bai); 5th; 1:0.

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

Wisla

8 : 0

Byki

Over 30 Team - NSL Over 30 Division
River Rd - 10 May 2008

Woes continue for Byki oldboys

Perennial Over 30 powerhouse Wisla gave an overwhelmed Byki squad an 8:0 thrashing at River Road on May 10. The Byki had few answers for all of the problems presented by Wisla, as they drop to a disappointing 0-0-4 for the season.

The Byki made two changes to their team, introducing new goalkeeper Carlos Lopez, and welcoming veteran midfielder Marek Ciszewski. Neither could do much to lift their teammates above the Wisla onslaught. The Byki were deficient in many phases of the game. Their constant giveaways and inattentive marking eventually led to one-way traffic toward the Byki goal in the second half.

Wisla wasted no time getting on the board, as the sleepy Byki defense allowed Wisla to come forward without response and a striker lobbed the ball over Lopez for a 1:0 lead in the first two minutes of the contest.

The score went to 2:0 in the 18th minute when Wisla finished off a slick sequence of passes by sending a cross to the far post. The ball was headed back into the middle, where an unmarked Wisla player slammed the ball home from six yards.

Wisla came with more firepower in the 27th minute, breaking down the Byki defense yet again. They fired two shots in rapid-fire succession, and Lopez made two exceptional saves to keep Wisla at bay.

Eight minutes later, the Byki created a good scoring opportunity when they came forward on a quick counter. Midfielder Robert Dec started the play with a pass to Jon Silverstein, who smartly dropped a pass back for Nick Elmkinssi. Seeing Ciszewski lurking on the right side of the box, Elmkinssi slid the ball over and Ciszewski's hard shot narrowly missed the left post.

Wisla had two good counterattacking situations to close out the first half, but uncharacteristically poor shooting saw both shots go wide of the target, allowing the Byki a bit of breathing room at the break.

But Wisla had no intentions of letting their foot off the gas. A long-range shot from 25 yards in the 43rd minute made it 3:0. The score went to 4:0 in the 49th minute when a long ball over the top beat

the Byki defense and Lopez was powerless to stop the shot floating over his head.

The Byki had some promising attacks building in the midfield, but the team's lack of a ruthless goalscorer hurt them. Every time the ball got near the Wisla penalty area, a bad pass, an extra dribble, or a difficult shot let the Wisla defense off the hook.

As time wore on, fatigue set in and the Wisla midfield got the better of their Byki counterparts. The Byki backline were in constant retreat, as the Wisla attackers moved around with impunity. Not surprisingly, the goals started piling up as Byki heads began to droop.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Lopez – Tower, Gorecki, Moore, Pedlow – Dec, Jedrzejowski (c), Winter, Ciszewski – Silverstein, Elmkinssi. **Bench:** Blanco, Cooper.

Byki Stats

RED TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Taylor	3	0	3
Haynes	1	1	2
Bouzoukis	1	0	1
Bridge	1	0	1
Arredondo	0	1	1
Biggs	0	1	1
Casey	0	1	1
Samp	0	1	1
Torossian	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Talpes, N.	270	8	2.67

Current record: 1-0-2

BLUE TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Benavides	4	1	5
Sodeinde	2	0	2
Bai	1	1	2
Ciszewski	1	1	2
Fleming	1	1	2
Delaunay	1	0	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Gambino	270	12	4.00
Solis	90	6	6.00

Current record: 0-0-4

O-30 TEAM, NSL O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Silverstein	1	0	1
Team goals	1	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Blanco	240	13	4.33
Lopez	80	8	8.00

Current record: 0-0-4

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MAJOR DIVISION

B-H Lilies	5	4	1	0	15	4	13
Deportivo Meridienne	4	4	0	0	16	2	12
RWB Adria	4	3	1	0	14	4	10
Honduras SC	5	3	1	1	9	6	10
HNNK Hrvat	3	1	1	1	5	9	4
Gazelle SC	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Deportivo Colomex	4	0	3	1	4	6	3
KF Ulqin	3	1	0	2	3	5	3
SAC Wisla	4	1	0	3	4	10	3
Jahbat FC	4	0	1	3	5	9	1
Royal Chicago FC	4	0	1	3	2	16	1
CKS Warta	3	0	0	3	2	8	0

FIRST DIVISION

FK Republika Srpska	4	4	0	0	15	6	12
Lemont FC	4	3	1	0	11	3	10
Albanian Stars	4	2	1	1	11	6	7
Das Magic	4	2	1	1	7	6	7
FC Steaua Chicago	2	2	0	0	4	2	6
West Indies Jets	4	1	2	1	10	8	5
NK Prijedor	4	1	1	2	5	6	4
Khaboor FC	4	1	1	2	7	9	4
CKS Warta B	4	1	1	2	6	11	4
Stare Byki FC Red	3	1	0	2	6	8	3
Stare Byki FC Blue	4	0	0	4	10	18	0
FC Romania	3	0	0	3	0	9	0

SECOND DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
West Bosnia SC	3	3	0	0	13	3	9	Juanacatlan	4	3	1	0	12	5	10
Lemont FC Reserves	4	2	1	1	14	10	7	Ultras FC	4	2	1	1	8	7	7
GR-04	2	1	1	0	10	7	4	FC Kosova	4	2	0	2	17	13	6
FK Podrinje	3	0	2	1	8	10	2	CD Taximara	3	2	0	1	10	6	6
Deportivo Colomex B	3	0	1	2	12	17	1	Chicago Dynasty FC	4	1	1	2	10	19	4
Turkish FC	3	0	1	2	7	14	1	Real Independiente	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
								Mythos FC	3	0	0	3	2	10	0

OVER 30 DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Lake Shore B	5	3	1	1	16	6	10	SAC Wisla	4	4	0	0	20	6	12
West Indies Jets	5	3	1	1	17	9	10	Gato Verde	5	2	0	3	8	10	6
Arabian FC	5	3	1	1	16	8	10	Hellenic United	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Jahbat FC	5	3	1	1	8	7	10	Tanners SC	4	1	0	3	4	12	3
Lake Shore A	5	0	0	5	4	16	0	Stare Byki FC	4	0	0	4	2	21	0