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Over 30 Team - NSL Over 30 Division  
Montrose & Cumberland - 31 May 2008

## Byki prevail over scrappy Tanners

The Byki Over 30s finally got on the winning track last Saturday when they downed the Tanners 1:0 at Montrose & Cumberland. For the first time this season, the Byki displayed the type of teamwork that they have been talking about and put it into action. The Byki improve their record to 1-0-4 and are optimistic that they have left their early-season troubles behind them.

The Tanners have always been a pesky opponent for the Byki over the years. Until this season, they have been a collection of old friends who continue playing soccer together and are simply not getting any younger. The 2008 team appears to have introduced several younger players, but they did little to raise the overall level of the squad.

Coach George Gorecki emphasized the need to take control of the match from the outset and force the Tanners to play from behind. The Byki executed their game plan flawlessly, putting pressure on the Tanners all over the field. They had the Tanners scrambling on defense after only seven minutes. Nick Elmkinssi settled the ball in the box and shot from close range. The keeper made the save and the rebound

went to Maciej Kekus. The keeper reacted well to Kekus' shot also, but could not grab the ball. Brett Frischmann got there first and shot from the top of the box, only to see a defender get in the way and make the block. The loose ball wound near the byline, where Kekus had another go, but the goalie came out hard and smothered the shot.

Two minutes later, the Tanners were still reeling and gave the ball away on the right side of the area. Ernesto Garcia sent the ball to the other side, and Kekus smartly dropped the ball back for Frischmann, who drilled a first-time shot into the back of the net.

The Byki maintained the momentum. In the 28th minute, Jing Geng sent a free kick into the box for Kekus, who headed the ball along for Garcia. The keeper came out forcefully and made a great block on Garcia's shot from close range.

Five minutes later, the Byki attack was cooking again. Jon Silverstein threw the ball in quickly to Frischmann, who sent a pass back to the top of the area. Elmkinssi drove a one-touch shot at the goal, but the keeper tipped the ball over the bar.

The Tanners gave the Byki one nervous moment right before the halftime whistle. With the Byki defense off-balance, the Tanners put the ball deep in the penalty area. Goalkeeper Carlos Lopez came out to force the issue and a Tanners player passed the ball through the goal area, but the player making the run to the far post got there too late to tap the ball into the gaping net.

The Byki started off the second half the same way they started the game. A terrific through pass put Jan Winter into the clear. His off-balance shot from the top of the box went narrowly wide of the post. Moments later, it was Winter again working the left side of the box. His deflected shot caught the keeper on the wrong foot, but missed the target by inches.

Winter might have thought that the third time was the charm in the 45th minute. His hard shot was blocked and the loose ball came to Geng on the right side of the box. He

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wasted no time picking his spot, but the shot sailed wide.

As the Tanners discovered that they could not solve the well-organized Byki defense by playing countless balls over the top, they tried a more physical approach. Their shift in tactics irritated the Byki, who just wanted to play some nice soccer. "This is typical from the Tanners," said Gorecki. "They can't find a way to play effectively, so they resort to what I call old-man tactics of kicking, pushing and just being a nuisance." The referee allowed far too many of these fouls to go unpunished, despite the liberal use of his yellow card. By the 55th minute, a Tanners player was sent off for his second bookable offense after kicking Frischmann to retaliate for a foul that Frischmann had committed.

The Byki were in total control and were not about to let go. They were content to simply absorb pressure in the midfield and then come forward on the counter. A nifty exchange of passes between Kekus and Frischmann almost

resulted in a goal in the 67th minute. Three quick passes unhinged the Tanners' defense, but their keeper came up with yet another tough save.

The Byki came fast on the counter just before the end of the match. Kekus played a smart pass to Garcia, who spotted Winter making the supporting run. Garcia gave up the ball for Winter, who shot wide of the post.

The Byki finally looked like a team, demonstrating unselfish play and cohesion. As new players get accustomed to their teammates, the Byki are certain to improve.

#### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Frischmann 1 (Kekus); 9th; 0:1.

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

# Byki Stats

## RED TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

| Player    | G | A | Pts |
|-----------|---|---|-----|
| Taylor    | 3 | 0 | 3   |
| Haynes    | 2 | 1 | 3   |
| 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  |
|------------|-----|----|------|
| Gambino    | 90  | 1  | 1.00 |
| Talpes, N. | 270 | 8  | 2.67 |

Current record: 1-1-2

## 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  |
|---------|-----|----|------|
| Solis   | 90  | 6  | 6.00 |
| Gambino | 270 | 12 | 4.00 |

Current record: 0-0-4

## O-30 TEAM, NSL O-30 DIVISION

| Player      | G | A | Pts |
|-------------|---|---|-----|
| Frischmann  | 1 | 0 | 1   |
| Silverstein | 1 | 0 | 1   |
| Kekus       | 0 | 1 | 1   |
| Team goals  | 1 | x | x   |

| Goalie | Min | GA | GAA  |
|--------|-----|----|------|
| Blanco | 240 | 13 | 4.33 |
| Lopez  | 160 | 8  | 4.00 |

Current record: 1-0-4

# Byki want 3 pts, settle for 1

The Byki traveled to Libertyville last Sunday hoping to extend their winning streak versus newly-promoted CKS Warta B. They took the lead through Russ Haynes' second-half goal, but were unable to repel Warta's late-game pressure and wound up with a split of the points in a 1:1 draw. The Red Team move to 1-1-2 for the season.

The Byki were forced to construct a makeshift lineup due to a slew of absent players. Coach Joe Gambino took his place between the pipes and made several fine saves. Gambino has now played goalkeeper for both the Red and Blue Teams.

The match's status was in question up until the previous Thursday. Warta has requested that the match be rescheduled two weeks ago, due to several of their players having a conflict with their high school graduations. The Byki tried to work with Warta to find a mutually acceptable date to replay the game, but when none could be found, the teams decided to proceed with the match as originally scheduled.

Gambino arranged his team in a 3-4-3 formation. His objective was to improve team defense by forcing the forwards to get involved in putting pressure on Warta in their end of the field. The tactic appeared to work well enough, as Warta were limited to only a handful of scoring chances in the first half.

The Byki had the first good opportunity of the match in the 10th minute when Luis Arredondo found space on the right side of the penalty area. The keeper made a very good save, the shot deflecting off the crossbar.

Haynes nearly gave the Byki the lead in the 35th minute when he came in alone on a breakaway. He tried to get the ball through an opening at the near post, but the goalie made a good reaction to keep the ball out of the net.

The Byki switched back to their traditional 4-4-2 after the break. They maintained a strong defensive posture, but the scoring chances that Warta did manage to create were all very dangerous. The Byki were fortunate that Warta lacked the

skill to cash in.

The Byki grabbed the lead in the 58th minute when Haynes beat his man in the box, leaving the goalkeeper as the last line of defense. The keeper was no match for Haynes, who rounded him handily and slipped the ball into the empty net for his second strike of the season.

Later in the second half, the Byki went down to ten men when Haynes committed his second bookable offense after a skirmish with a Warta player. The Byki became more resolute in their defending, leaving just one player up front.

Warta evened the score ten minutes from the end when they played a ball over the top of the Byki defense. Sweeper Doug Towsey tried to shepherd the Warta player wide, but Towsey's weak-side help was non-existent. The Warta player sent a cross through the goal area and a teammate arrived unmarked to tap the ball in at the far post.

The Byki chose to push players forward to try to regain the lead, which led to a frenzied endgame. Abraham Ruiz was in great position to make it 2:1, but his open header sailed over the goal. Two minutes from time, Warta sprang a player free on a breakaway. The Warta player was so sure that he had Gambino right where he wanted him that he began celebrating the apparent winning goal just after he shot the ball. Gambino, however, made the celebration a moot point by stabbing the ball away to preserve the 1:1 scoreline.

*Joe Gambino contributed to this story.*

## BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Haynes 2; 58th; 0:1.

**BYKI LINEUP (3-4-3):** Gambino – Towsey, Mansur, P Jr, Casey (c) – Daniel, Taylor, Samp, Arredondo – Haynes, Ruiz, Albalawi. **Bench:** Domek, Frischmann, Rose, Torossian.

# Khaboor keep Byki waiting and waiting

The Byki Blue Team were eager for an opportunity to get off the schneid last Sunday, but hosts Khaboor FC couldn't get their act together in time. After waiting for 45 minutes after the scheduled 2:30 kickoff, the Byki decided to call it quits and claim the points by forfeit. They'll have to wait for the National Soccer League to decide on the outcome of the match.

The teams arrived at Lawler Park and saw the goals locked up in the middle of the field. Several Khaboor players were staring at the locks, and it was obvious none of them had a key. According to Khaboor's manager, the Skokie Park District was at fault for not having the field ready. Blue Team player-coach Tony Gallo saw things a little differently. "There was a youth game at the field when I arrived," said Gallo. "They took down the nets and locked up the goals right away. There was somebody from Khaboor in the parking lot during all this, but he said nothing to the people locking up the goals."

While Khaboor's manager was desperately trying to get resolution from the Park District, some of his players took matters into their own hands and began pounding on the lock with a hammer. After about 15 minutes, they got the lock open. The Byki stood on their sideline, bemused by the whole situation.

With less than ten minutes before kickoff, the goals were in place, but lacked nets and the referee was not about to start the match under these conditions. Khaboor's manager asked the Byki for time so that they could buy nets.

Gallo conferred with Byki President George Gorecki and the two discussed what to do next. "By rule, the home team

is responsible for getting the field ready and they have a 15-minute grace period after the scheduled start," said Gorecki. "Our club's policy is to take the points once the 15 minutes are up. But Tony and I agreed that Khaboor were placed in a tough spot by the Park District. We gave them an extra half-hour and everyone agreed that we would wait until 3:15."

Khaboor made the mistake of going into the city to find a soccer shop, a decision that made it nearly impossible to be ready in time. The Byki continued their warm-up in anticipation that the match would be played. The nets failed to arrive in time and Gallo refused to allow Khaboor any more time. "There wasn't anything else we could have done," said Gorecki. "We gave them far more leeway than we normally would. Tony definitely made the right call. We could have waited there for who knows how long."

The NSL Executive Board held up the result of the match, pending receipt of the referee's report. "In nearly every case like this, the visiting team receive the points," said Gorecki. "I don't know how the League will look at the circumstances, but the rules place the burden of getting the field ready on the home team."

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

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## MAJOR DIVISION

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| B-H Lilies           | 6 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 15 | 4  | 14 |
| RWB Adria            | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 20 | 5  | 13 |
| Deportivo Meridienne | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 2  | 12 |
| Honduras SC          | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 9  | 6  | 11 |
| HNNK Hrvat           | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 10 | 7  |
| KF Ulqin             | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 5  | 6  | 6  |
| Jahbat FC            | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 14 | 9  | 4  |
| Gazelle SC           | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4  | 4  | 4  |
| Deportivo Colomex    | 5 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 5  | 8  | 3  |
| SAC Wisla            | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4  | 10 | 3  |
| Royal Chicago FC     | 5 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 3  | 22 | 1  |
| CKS Warta            | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 3  | 22 | 0  |

## FIRST DIVISION

|                     |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| Lemont FC           | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 13 | 4  | 13 |
| FK Republika Srpska | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 7  | 12 |
| Albanian Stars      | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 6  | 10 |
| NK Prijedor         | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 8  | 6  | 7  |
| Das Magic           | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 7  | 6  | 7  |
| FC Steaua Chicago   | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4  | 2  | 6  |
| West Indies Jets    | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 10 | 5  |
| CKS Warta B         | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 7  | 12 | 5  |
| Khaboor FC          | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7  | 9  | 4  |
| Stare Byki FC Red   | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7  | 9  | 4  |
| Stare Byki FC Blue  | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 10 | 18 | 0  |
| FC Romania          | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0  | 12 | 0  |

## SECOND DIVISION

| Red Section         | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts | Blue Section       | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|---------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|--------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| West Bosnia SC      | 4  | 4 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 3  | 12  | Ultras FC          | 5  | 3 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 8  | 10  |
| Lemont FC Reserves  | 5  | 3 | 1 | 1 | 17 | 11 | 10  | Juanacatlan        | 5  | 3 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 8  | 10  |
| GR-04               | 3  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 10 | 4   | CD Taximaroa       | 4  | 3 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 6  | 9   |
| Deportivo Colomex B | 4  | 1 | 1 | 2 | 17 | 20 | 4   | FC Kosova          | 4  | 2 | 0 | 2 | 17 | 13 | 6   |
| FK Podrinje         | 4  | 0 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 15 | 2   | Chicago Dynasty FC | 4  | 1 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 19 | 4   |
| Turkish FC          | 4  | 0 | 1 | 3 | 7  | 19 | 1   | Real Independiente | 2  | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1  | 3  | 1   |
|                     |    |   |   |   |    |    |     | Mythos FC          | 4  | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2  | 14 | 0   |

## OVER 30 DIVISION

| Red Section      | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts | Blue Section    | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| West Indies Jets | 6  | 4 | 1 | 1 | 20 | 9  | 13  | SAC Wisla       | 5  | 4 | 0 | 1 | 22 | 10 | 12  |
| Lake Shore B     | 6  | 4 | 1 | 1 | 20 | 8  | 13  | Gato Verde      | 6  | 3 | 0 | 3 | 10 | 10 | 9   |
| Jahbat FC        | 6  | 4 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 9  | 13  | Stare Byki FC   | 5  | 1 | 0 | 4 | 3  | 21 | 3   |
| Arabian FC       | 6  | 3 | 1 | 2 | 18 | 12 | 10  | Hellenic United | 3  | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4  | 6  | 3   |
| Lake Shore A     | 6  | 0 | 0 | 6 | 4  | 19 | 0   | Tanners SC      | 5  | 1 | 0 | 4 | 4  | 13 | 3   |