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WI Jets

B Team - NSL 1st Division
Winnebago - 10 June 2007

Byki force crash landing by Jets

The Byki B Team won their second match of the campaign when they disposed of the West Indies Jets 2:1 at Winnebago last Sunday. Russ Haynes scored both of his team's goals, as the Byki dominated the game for long stretches.

The Jets tied the A Team 2:2 the previous week, though that game was played on the Jets' narrow field. In that match, the Jets swarmed all over the Byki. At spacious Winnebago, that tactic was never going to work, and the B Team used the flanks to full advantage, making the Jets chase the game.

The Byki gave notice in the 17th minute when Jwo-Hornng Lin sent a terrific cross into the middle of the area. Haynes, who was unmarked, quickly turned and shot the ball, missing the target by inches.

Lin liked what he saw on that first cross, so he gave it another try a minute later. Haynes was on the receiving end once again and was yanked to the ground as he tried to control the ball. The referee immediately pointed to the spot, much to the consternation of the Jets. Even some Byki on the sideline questioned whether enough had occurred to warrant

a penalty. On the other hand, the hard-working Haynes absorbs more than his share of bruises from fouls that go unpunished, so no one need feel excess sympathy for the Jets. Haynes sent the goalie the wrong way on the penalty kick and the Byki were suddenly in business.

The game settled into a battle for control of the midfield. The Jets tried to use their speed to beat the Byki with long passes. They might have had more success if the passes had been more accurate, or if their timing could have caught the Byki defense off-balance. The best chance of the first half for the Jets came in the 44th minute, when a well-placed through ball beat Jason Bant and Conor Casey, sending a Jets striker into open space. Casey gave chase, but Jorge de la Cruz cleaned things up when he charged off his line and blocked the shot from 18 yards with his outstretched leg.

The Byki took control of the affair early in the second half. Bant won a loose ball at midfield and slid a quick pass to Brett Frischmann, who turned his defender. Frischmann spotted Haynes making a sneaky run behind the defense and floated a spectacular pass into Haynes' path. With only the keeper to beat, Haynes blasted a shot from the right side of the box that the keeper could not handle.

With a 2:0 deficit staring them in the face, the Jets came right back two minutes later. They played a cross into the Byki area and a Jets player went to ground in a crowd. The referee ruled that a foul had occurred and the Jets had a penalty kick of their own. They converted easily and felt better about the 2:1 scoreline.

The score might have looked better to the Jets, but their play was never going to be a source of joy for them. Their attempts to break down the Byki defense were mostly futile and de la Cruz always appeared to be in the right spot to snuff out any scoring chances. He was in perfect position to save a shot from a sharp-angle in the 69th minute.

The Jets had a claim for a second penalty five minutes from time. They caught the Byki defense in a weak moment

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when they led a counter down the left side. De La Cruz came out aggressively, sliding underneath a Jets player to punch the ball to safety. When the Jets player went down in a heap, the visitors clamored for a call. The referee saw nothing wrong with the play, even though the encounter looked like more of a foul than the penalty that had been given earlier in the match.

The Byki played with poise and self-assurance. Once the outcome was in the bag, they masterfully closed the game

out. Their solid play so far is a fine start to their entry into the 1st Division.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Haynes 1; (pk); 18th; 1:0. Haynes 2 (Frischmann); 47th; 2:0.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): de La Cruz – Bant, Colwell, Gallo, Casey (c) – McGrath, Torossian, Zwickl, Lane – Haynes, Harake. **Bench:** Freeman, Frischmann, Lin, Peng, Ruiz.

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Royal FC

A Team - NSL 1st Division
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Byki can't keep up with Royals

The Byki slumped to a 1-1-2 record following their disappointing 2:0 defeat to Royal FC last Sunday at Winnebago. Royal maintained their unbeaten mark in the 1st Division, now 4-1-0, and put on a display of smart and skillful soccer.

The Byki were looking forward to playing on their home field for the first time this season. The players had felt that the cramped conditions of fields like Summit Park were preventing them from playing their best. After last Sunday's performance, maybe the Byki will be looking for a new home, because the field sure didn't help their effort.

Royal attacked the Byki goal with relentless intent from the opening whistle. Within the first three minutes of the contest, the Byki struggled to survive a series of Royal corner kicks. The Byki were on the back foot in the early going, scrambling around just to maintain their defensive shape. With Royal's midfielders winning the battle in the center of the pitch, the Byki had major difficulties getting their offense on track.

It all fell apart for the Byki in the 12th minute. Matt Fleming shoved a Royal player as he dribbled just outside of the area, leading to a free kick. Royal's ace midfielder stroked the ball perfectly over the wall and past the diving Ryan Eliasek.

The Byki defense settled down somewhat after the opening goal, but the real problem was building offensive momentum. The team showed little patience with the ball at their feet and often opted for long passes, which were easily picked off by the Royal defense.

The only decent scoring chance for the Byki came in the 37th minute. John Gwin squeezed in a cross from the goal line on the right side for Zach Dance, who was open in the six-yard box. Dance didn't get a good touch on his shot, yet he forced the keeper to tip the ball to safety.

Royal roared back a minute later. They intercepted a short goal kick, and a quick pass up the heart of the Byki defense

sent their striker behind the Byki defense. Eliasek charged off his line to intervene, but a lovely lob from the Royal striker made it 2:0.

But Royal weren't finished yet. In the 43rd minute, they earned a penalty when their player was pushed down inside the box. Eliasek read the penalty shooter's intentions perfectly and dove to his right to make the save. "I knew which way he would go as soon as he lined up," Eliasek said. The lanky netminder was called upon yet again in the dying moments of the first half when he cleaned up the mess of a weak turnover by the Byki defense, saving a breakaway opportunity by smothering a shot from close range.

The Byki walked away from that cauldron down by only a pair, yet finding a way back was going to be a serious struggle. They created a nice scoring chance two minutes into the second half when they engineered a counterattack down the right wing. Ahmed Goudeaux flicked the ball along to Marek Ciszewski in the middle. Ciszewski tried to chip the keeper, but his shot was blocked.

With a comfortable lead, Royal pulled back defensively and allowed the Byki time on the ball in their own third. Once the Byki ventured into the middle of the field, Royal clamped down immediately and snuffed out the Byki offense. The Byki attempted to play quick passes to feet, but were simply not quick enough to change the momentum of the game.

With four points from four matches, the Byki are a long way from the 1st Division's top six and will need to roll up their sleeves if they want to see their fortunes changed.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Eliasek – Daniel, Rose, Gambino, Moore, C – Bouzoukis, Mansur, P Jr, Goudeaux, Fleming – Stanley, Dance (c). **Bench:** Ciszewski, Delaunay, Gwin.

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MAJOR DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
CKS Warta	6	4	2	0	19	14	14
RWB Adria	4	4	0	0	12	4	12
SAC Wisla	6	3	1	2	17	8	10
Gazelle SC	5	2	2	1	8	7	8
Honduras SC	5	2	1	2	11	11	7
HNNK Hrvat	5	2	1	2	9	9	7
B-H Lllies	6	2	1	3	10	12	7
FC Romania	4	2	1	1	12	11	7
Jahbat FC	6	2	1	3	15	16	7
NK Prijedor	6	1	2	3	8	15	5
KF Ulqin	5	1	0	4	11	15	3
Albanian Stars	6	0	2	4	6	16	2

FIRST DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Royal FC	5	4	1	0	17	7	13
Deportivo Colomex	5	4	0	1	12	8	12
Lemont FC	6	3	2	1	14	9	11
FC Steaua Chicago	5	3	2	0	12	7	11
Khaboor FC	5	3	1	1	13	6	10
Chicago Thunder	5	3	0	2	14	7	9
Stare Byki B	4	2	0	2	5	6	6
FK Kozarac	5	2	0	3	11	15	6
Stare Byki A	4	1	1	2	12	10	4
West Indies Jets	5	1	1	3	8	13	4
West Bosnia SC	5	0	0	5	5	14	0
Turkish FC	6	0	0	6	7	28	0

SECOND DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Das Magic	5	4	1	0	22	7	13	Real Independiente	5	4	0	1	17	12	12
FK Podrinje	5	2	1	2	11	8	7	CKS Warta B	5	3	1	1	11	7	10
GR-04	4	2	0	2	18	10	6	FC Kosova	5	2	0	3	13	10	6
Los Chasquis	5	1	0	4	10	32	3	Juanacatlan	6	2	0	4	8	15	6
Pitbulls SC	3	0	1	2	2	8	1	FC Transilvania	5	1	2	2	10	13	5

OVER 30 DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Tanners SC	5	3	1	1	15	17	10	Arabian FC	6	5	0	1	25	11	15
Gato Verde	5	2	3	0	16	2	9	SAC Wisla	4	3	1	0	19	6	10
Lake Shore A	5	2	1	2	20	17	7	Hellas SC	4	3	0	1	14	13	9
West Indies Jets	5	0	2	3	6	16	2	Stare Byki FC	5	0	2	3	5	15	2
Jahbat FC	4	0	1	3	11	25	1	Lake Shore B	5	0	1	4	6	15	1