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L. Shore A

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Byki

Over 30 Team - NSL Over 30 Division
Montrose & Cumberland - 14 June 2008

Byki make their point in comeback

Things weren't looking good for the Byki old-timers last Saturday at Montrose & Cumberland. Lowly Lake Shore A had jumped out to a 2:0 lead, thanks to a lack of urgency from the Byki. When the situation had reached its lowest point, the Byki switched gears and scored twice in a five-minute span to bring home a 2:2 draw. It wasn't the result that the players had hoped for, but the Byki have picked up a modest four points in their last three matches as they attempt to turn around their poor start to the 2008 season.

Lake Shore was at the foot of the Red Section table going into the match, having lost every game so far this season. The Byki might have thought that they had some easy pickings, but nothing comes easily when a team doesn't work hard to execute their game plan. The Byki offense was a mess in the first half, as they forced passes into the clogged middle portions of the field. This made life easy for Lake Shore, who were content to just boot the ball into safety.

The lax attitude from the Byki came back to haunt them, as Lake Shore took a shock lead after 17 minutes. The Byki allowed Lake Shore free reign on the right side of the field

and an unmarked player fired past emergency goalkeeper Delfino Zacarias. It was the last thing the Byki needed. With a one-goal lead, Lake Shore were certain to bunker in defensively to stymie the Byki.

The Byki played into that strategy perfectly, as their stagnant offense was largely out of sync in the first half. Their single scoring chance came in the 21st minute. Jakub Banbor floated a free kick from 30 yards into the mixer. Striker Maciej Kekus was left unmarked and had to be disappointed when his open header went wide of the target.

Things went from bad to worse for the Byki six minutes into the second half. The Byki failed to pressure a Lake Shore throw-in deep on the right side and the player receiving the ball booted a high lob into the penalty area. Steven Pedlow hustled to reach the ball first, but inadvertently headed the ball past Zacarias to gift-wrap a 2:0 lead to Lake Shore.

The Byki changed tactics immediately and moved sweeper Chris Cardenas up front to partner with Kekus, and left a three-man back line to keep Lake Shore in check. The move paid dividends quickly. With more players coming towards their goal, the Lake Shore defense was left scrambling. In the 52nd minute, Banbor split the defense with a terrific pass for Cardenas, who sprinted into space on a breakaway. The referee controversially whistled Cardenas for offside to kill the play.

The Byki were on a roll and not about to slow down. Three minutes later, Paul Gibbs played a long pass out of the back for Jan Winter. The winger quickly hit a diagonal pass over the top for Kekus. The unbalanced Lake Shore defense moved to close down Kekus, who laid off a simple pass for Cardenas on the right side of the box. With the keeper at his mercy, Cardenas slotted home for his first Byki goal.

Momentum had shifted in favor of the Byki and the Byki took full advantage. At the hour mark, Winter sent in a dangerous cross from a corner kick. Pedlow had moved up to get into the play and headed the ball towards goal. A Lake

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Shore defender in the box handled the ball, prompting the referee to award a penalty. Nick Elmkinssi blasted the spot kick past the diving keeper to make it 2:2.

The Byki kept up the pressure, but could not create any more goals. Lake Shore rebounded to get back into the contest, but Zacarias made several good saves down the stretch. His best effort came in the 67th minute when Lake Shore came on the counter down the left flank. They passed the ball inside the goal area and Zacarias dealt with a wacky bounce by making a tremendous reflex save.

The last gasp for the Byki came in the 71st minute when the Byki put pressure on the Lake Shore defenders as they tried to clear the ball. Ernesto Garcia won possession of the ball and slid a pass to Kekus, who worked a slick give-and-go with Cardenas. Kekus took the return pass and shot quickly,

his flick missing the post by inches.

George Gorecki has been preaching teamwork to the players during training. "The commitment level of players at practice is very encouraging," he noted. "We're slowly getting better and this maturation process has to happen at training."

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Cardenas 1 (Kekus); 55th; 2:1. Elmkinssi 1 (pk); 60th; 2:2.

BYKI LINEUP (4-5-1): Zacarias – Cardenas, Pedlow, Tower, Treter – Banbor, Frischmann, Jedrzejowski (c), Winter, Dec – Kekus. **Bench:** Elmkinssi, Garcia, Gibbs, Gorecki.

Byki

2 : 3

FC Steaua

Blue Team - NSL 1st Division
Conkey Forest Preserve - 15 June 2008

Byki marksmen off the mark

The Byki Blue Team dropped their fifth game of the season when they fell 3:2 to FC Steaua Chicago at Conkey Forest Preserve in Crestwood last Sunday. The Byki wasted a two-goal effort from striker Richard Sodeinde, as gaps in the defense allowed Steaua to create a boatload of scoring opportunities.

The inability of the Byki to close the gaps in front of their goal has been a chronic problem for the squad, and they have had to rely on their explosive offense to remain competitive in games. The Byki had plenty of chances in the second half against Steaua, but their finishing let them down. At the end of the day, a team cannot rely on racking up the goals as a way to stay ahead of their opponents.

Steaua put the Byki on notice right from the start. In the ninth minute, a Steaua player dribbled to the byline on the right side and sent a diagonal pass back into the box. With the Byki scrambling to cover players, the Steaua forward shot wide from 10 yards.

Three minutes later, Steaua grabbed the lead on the counterattack. As their winger sped down the left side with the ball, he crossed to the far post. The resulting shot was blocked, but the rebound was headed into the back of the net.

Steaua kept up the pressure. A corner kick in the 19th minute nearly proved disastrous for the Byki. The ball was crossed to the far side of the box, where a Steaua player headed it back across the face of goal. The header left goalie Erik Tice in no man's land, but the resourceful Dan Stillwell headed the ball off the line.

The Byki survived the early flurry and tried to piece their

game back together. They struggled to maintain possession, failing to utilize the massive, 80-yard width of the field at Conkey. With things bottled up in the center of the field, it was a simple matter for Steaua to defend their territory.

Steaua upped their lead to 2:0 in the 48th minute, sparking a scoring frenzy to start the second half. A Steaua player received the ball in front of the Byki area with no pressure and easily sped in on the stranded Tice. With the Byki defense reacting late, the Steaua player made easy work of the play and slotted past the onrushing Tice.

Two minutes later, sweeper Cagri Kanver boomed a goal kick to midfield, where a Steaua player headed the ball into his own half of the field. The header carried over everyone and opportunistic striker Sergio Benavides sprinted on to the ball 30 yards from goal, leading to a breakthrough. The keeper came out strongly to challenge Benavides, but the striker tried to kick the ball behind him. A smart reflex save by the goalkeeper thwarted Benavides, but Sodeinde hustled towards the loose ball and tapped it into the empty net.

The Byki had hardly finished their celebration before Steaua struck back. A Steaua player stole the ball in the Byki end and fired an open shot past Tice from just outside the box to make it 3:1.

Sodeinde and Benavides were at it again in the 64th minute when Sodeinde stole the ball from a Steaua defender. Sodeinde's quick pass left Benavides with an open shot from short range, but the ball went wide of the target.

Seven minutes later, a Byki corner kick was headed around the penalty area until the ball finally fell for Kanver at the

top of the box. Kanver drilled a hard shot to the upper corner, but the keeper made a terrific save to deny him.

In the 77th minute, the Byki pulled to within 3:2 when Kanver made a simple pass at midfield through the heart of the Steaua defense. Sodeinde beat the ill-conceived offside trap and was off to the races. As the keeper approached, Sodeinde picked his spot and slotted home for his fourth tally of the year.

The final minutes were frantic, as both sides came close to scoring. In the 82nd minute, a Steaua defender headed a Byki corner kick off of his own crossbar. A minute later, FC Steaua countered with ferocity. Their passing sliced up the Byki defense and the killer pass looked destined to be knocked home by an open player at the far post. Tice, however, reacted brilliantly and made an incredible save.

Tice was stranded at sea again in the 87th minute, as the

Byki defense were nowhere to be found. Steaua worked the ball to a player who was open at the 18, but Tice came hard off his line and smothered the shot. Steaua kept it coming in the dying moments and drew Tice off of his line. A Steaua player shot at the open net, but Tony Gallo reacted well and cleared the ball before it could enter the goal.

The game was the same old song for the Byki. They will have to find a new song if they want to turn their season around.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Sodeinde 3; 50th; 1:2. Sodeinde 4 (Kanver); 77th; 2:3.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Tice – Kanver, Black, Gallo, Bai – McGrath (c), Abubakar, Sphar, Fleming – Benavides, Sodeinde. Bench: Ciszewski, Lane, Stanley, Stillwell.

Byki	3 : 0 (forfeit)	FC Romania	Red Team - NSL 1st Division Conkey Forest Preserve - 15 June 2008
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Byki nab points any way they can get them

The Byki Red Team picked up three points the easy way last Sunday when they were awarded a 3:0 forfeit victory over suspended FC Romania. The National Soccer League put the Romanians on the shelf for the season in May after the club failed to turn up for their first three matches of the season. The club's failure to take care of their mounting debt to the League also played a role in the League's decision to remove FC Romania from the competition.

The Byki improve to 2-1-2 for the season and the win puts them within striking distance of the top six in the 1st

Division. The middle portion of the table is crowded and the Byki are in position to move up. The format of the competition is round-robin play for 11 games. At that point, the 1st Division table will split; the top six teams will go into the Championship Section and the bottom six will go into the Classification Section. Another round-robin competition then takes place within each Section. The top two teams in the Championship Section will be promoted to the Major Division for 2009.

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MAJOR DIVISION

Deportivo Meridienne	6	6	0	0	25	5	18
Honduras SC	8	4	3	1	14	10	15
B-H Lilies	7	4	2	1	17	10	14
RWB Adria	6	4	1	1	21	8	13
HNNK Hrvat	4	2	1	1	10	10	7
KF Ulqin	5	2	1	2	5	6	7
SAC Wisla	6	2	1	3	9	11	7
Jahbat FC	7	1	3	3	14	9	6
Gazelle SC	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Deportivo Colomex	6	0	4	2	7	10	4
Royal Chicago FC	6	0	1	5	5	25	1
CKS Warta	6	0	0	6	4	27	0

FIRST DIVISION

Albanian Stars	7	5	1	1	21	7	16
Lemont FC	6	4	2	0	15	6	14
FK Republika Srpska	6	4	1	1	17	9	13
CKS Warta B	7	3	2	2	13	12	11
Khaboor FC	7	3	1	3	14	13	10
FC Steaua Chicago	3	3	0	0	7	4	9
Stare Byki FC Red	5	2	1	2	10	9	7
NK Prijedor	6	2	1	3	8	9	7
Das Magic	6	2	1	3	8	15	7
West Indies Jets	7	1	2	4	12	17	5
Stare Byki FC Blue	6	1	0	5	15	21	3
FC Romania	6	0	0	6	0	18	0

SECOND DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
West Bosnia SC	5	4	0	1	18	6	12	Ultras FC	7	5	1	1	15	10	16
Lemont FC Reserves	6	3	2	1	18	12	11	Juanacatlan	7	5	1	1	21	10	16
GR-04	5	3	1	1	16	11	10	CD Taximaroa	6	4	1	1	21	7	13
FK Podrinje	5	1	2	2	19	17	5	Real Independiente	5	2	1	2	11	7	7
Deportivo Colomex B	5	1	1	3	18	26	4	FC Kosova	6	2	0	4	20	18	6
Turkish FC	5	0	1	4	9	27	1	Chicago Dynasty FC	6	1	1	4	11	28	4
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OVER 30 DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Lake Shore B	8	6	1	1	26	10	19	SAC Wisla	7	6	0	1	34	15	18
Arabian FC	8	5	1	2	26	13	16	Gato Verde	8	4	0	4	14	13	12
West Indies Jets	8	5	1	2	24	12	16	Stare Byki FC	7	1	1	5	5	28	4
Jahbat FC	7	4	1	2	12	12	13	Hellenic United	5	1	0	4	6	13	3
Lake Shore A	8	0	1	7	8	27	1	Tanners SC	6	1	0	5	7	19	3