



BYKI BOUNCINGS

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Byki

2 : 3

Lemont

A Team - NSL 1st Division
Winnebago - 17 June 2007

Depleted Byki drop 2nd in a row

The Byki and Lemont FC did battle at Winnebago last Sunday and the visitors broke a 2:2 deadlock with a goal late in the second half. The Byki are now winless in their last four matches, seeing their record fall to 1-1-3 for the season.

Striker Zach Dance played a role in both Byki goals, but had to pack it in at halftime after his balky hamstring prevented him from continuing. With only two subs on the bench, the Byki wilted in the heat and the enterprising Lemont squad worked hard to find a winning score.

Lemont snatched the early advantage when a free kick in the second minute eluded the entire Byki defense. A Lemont player crossed the ball in toward the far post from the left wing and several players from both teams gave chase. No one could get there in time before the ball bounced in front of the goal line and rolled into the back of the net. It was the second week in a row that a Byki opponent converted an early free kick into a goal.

The Byki wasted no time responding. In the tenth minute, Matt Fleming found Ahmed Goudeaux open at the far post with an accurate cross served up from the right corner. Goudeaux's header went just over the crossbar.

Two minutes later, however, Goudeaux's aim was in- perfect. Dance worked like crazy to win a loose ball deep in the left-wing corner and slid a square pass into the middle of the box. Goudeaux met the ball in stride and nailed a first-time shot into the corner of the goal to make it 1:1.

Lemont put a scare into the Byki in the 14th minute, but goalkeeper Ryan Eliasek made a desperate foot save on a 100% chance from close range. The ball kept bouncing around in front of the Byki goal and the defense eventually managed to clear.

The Byki took the lead in the 26th minute. Stopper Chris Rose pushed forward to help the attack and crossed the ball into the mixer from the left flank. Dance sneaked through an opening and speared the ball into the top netting.

Lemont leveled the score six minutes later when a looping cross from the left side floated into the goal just inside the far post.

The heat became an increasingly significant factor as the match wore on. After Dance injured his hamstring due to a hard foul late in the first half, coach George Gorecki had limited options for replacements.

Lemont enjoyed the lion's share of possession after the break. "You could see the tide slowly turning in their favor," said Gorecki. "Our guys were working hard, but it wasn't enough to keep pace."

Eliasek came up with a spectacular save in the 51st minute. Lemont caught the Byki napping when they took a quick restart and a forward sprinted into the box, with only Eliasek to beat. Eliasek read the shooter's angle perfectly to make the save.

Lemont scored the game-winner in the 73rd minute. They came rapidly on a counterattack on the left side. A Lemont player danced his way past three Byki defenders and beat Eliasek with a shot from a very sharp angle.

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BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Goudeaux 2 (Dance); 12th; 1:1. Dance 7 (Rose); 26th; 2:1.

BYKI LINEUP (4-5-1): Eliasek – Samp, Delaunay, Rose, Moore, C – Bouzoukis, Mansur, P Jr, Goudeaux, Stanley, Fleming – Dance (c).
Bench: Ciszewski, Gambino, Ruiz.

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Byki have a good plan, Wisla still win

The Byki old-timers have faced Wisla many times over the last ten years and many of those encounters have been rather lopsided. The first meeting between the two resulted in an easy 5:0 win for Wisla a few weeks ago, so it was quite a task for coaches Wei Zhang and Eric Tower to come up with a plan to help their team stay competitive for Round 2 last Saturday.

The Byki came out in a defensive 5-4-1 formation, which took much of the sting out of the Wisla attack. The home team had most of the possession, but the Byki didn't care. They sought to keep things tight and build confidence. Overall, the plan paid dividends, as the Byki held the Over 30 champions to a single goal, scored from a free kick, for the first 70 minutes of the contest. Ultimately, Wisla demonstrated why they are perennial contenders and scored two nice goals in the final ten minutes to seal the result.

The real problem for the Byki was what to do on offense. Once they had figured out how to clog the Wisla midfield effectively, they started creating turnovers. But impatience set in and some players started launching long balls at the first opportunity. This failed gambit often left striker Ernesto Garcia to go alone versus three or four defenders. A frustrated Zhang tried to remind everyone that the Byki were trying to play short passes on the ground to maintain possession. When their ball movement was good, the Byki actually looked like they knew what they were doing.

The Byki crafted the first good scoring chance in the sixth minute. Luis Arredondo played a quick throw-in to Garcia, who was unmarked at the right edge of the penalty area. He turned and ran straight at goal and the keeper made an excellent save to snuff out the breakaway.

Wisla took the lead in the 11th minute when they struck a free kick from 25 yards past the Byki wall. The ball was hit hard and accurately and Dan Blanco had no chance to make the save. Blanco canceled out a great chance a minute later when he saved a shot at the near post after a Wisla striker came in alone on a breakaway following a long pass from the midfield.

But the Byki settled down after that flurry and that single goal was the only thing separating the sides as they went into the break. Although the Byki were not putting many shots on frame, they had to be pleased with their defensive effort, which was organized and aggressive.

The second half was a continuation of the first, but the Byki looked a bit more enterprising as the game wore on. Despite the one-goal lead, Wisla looked content to spray the ball around and make sure that they kept things tidy in the back.

Wisla upped the lead to 2:0 in the 70th minute when they rushed forward on a 3 v 2 counterattack. They played the ball smartly to the open man, but Blanco made a marvelous foot save on a shot from short range. The rebound came back fortuitously to the Wisla striker, who pounded the ball into the empty net.

The Byki saw new life just minutes later. Jon Silverstein launched a dangerous cross into the middle of the box and Arredondo and the goalie fought for the ball in the air. Arredondo somehow poked the ball over the keeper and Preston Moore rushed in to shoot at the goal. A defender cleared the ball away, but not before it had crossed the line. The referee ignored the vehement protests from several Wisla players.

Wisla clinched the game with a goal in the 78th minute as they came once again on the counter. The Byki were outnumbered again, committed to pushing players forward. Wisla's attackers played a couple of simple passes in the box to create an opening and then knocked the ball into the unguarded goal.

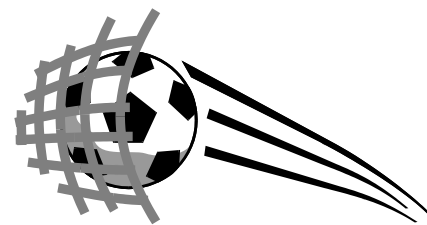
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Moore 1; (Arredondo); 75th; 2:1.

BYKI LINEUP (5-4-1): Blanco – Zhang, Geng, Tower, Silverstein, Pedlow (c) – Song, Hunter, Treter, Arredondo – Garcia. **Bench:** Cook, Frischmann, Gorecki, Moore, P., Najera.



BYKI bits & pieces



Byki veteran Enda McGrath had a memorable Father's Day last Sunday. Despite the B Team losing a tight 4:3 decision to Khaboor, Enda scored his first goal of the season to level the score at 1:1 early in the second half. That's a pretty good day already for a guy who doesn't score a lot of goals.



But Enda got a real treat when his young daughter **Maeve** showed up to the game dressed in her own little Byki shirt. The shirt was the brainchild of Enda's wife **Ciara**, who had placed an order for a Byki patch through the club's

website. After battling through some electronic glitches, **Matt Treter** delivered the patch on Saturday. Ciara then sewed the patch onto a red baby blouse to give it that authentic look. She further personalized Maeve's outfit when she had the number 16 ½ put on the back. Enda has worn the number 16 on his shirt, a number made famous by former Manchester United midfielder and Ireland international **Roy Keane**. Coincidentally, both Enda and Keane play the same position on the field.



The midseason break is around the corner and the Byki are organizing their second annual 3 v 3 tournament. The event will be held

on July 14-15 at Winnebago. **Vitaly Tsipris** is in charge once again and he expects to top last year's very successful tourney. Eight teams participated in 2006 and Vitaly is confident that the number of competing teams will be at least double that. With invitations sent to all NSL teams, the games could be very spirited.

After learning a few lessons from last year, there are a few changes in store this time around. The games will be spread over two days, as opposed to cramming everything into one day. Although this will require a two-day commitment from the players, they won't have to spend long hours waiting for their games to be played. Team rosters were expanded from four players to five. The hot conditions in last year's tournament were rather draining, so everyone should benefit by having an extra sub available.

Tournament information was sent to all players and everyone is encouraged to get the word out. The more, the merrier; invite everyone you know! The structure of the tournament will depend on the number of teams entered. If enough older teams register, the competition will be split into Open and Over 30 Divisions.

And don't forget that a 50/50 raffle is part of the tournament as well. All teams get two tickets for the raffle just for signing up. More tickets are available for purchase to increase your chances of winning. Tickets are \$3 apiece, or two for \$5. Even if you won't be playing, be sure to get in on the raffle by buying some tickets.

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MAJOR DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
CKS Warta	6	4	2	0	19	14	14
Honduras SC	7	4	1	2	17	12	13
HNNK Hrvat	7	4	1	2	19	13	13
RWB Adria	4	4	0	0	12	4	12
SAC Wisla	6	3	1	2	17	8	10
FC Romania	6	3	1	2	22	20	10
Gazelle SC	5	2	2	1	8	7	8
B-H Lllies	7	2	1	4	11	15	7
Jahbat FC	7	2	1	4	16	19	7
KF Ulqin	6	2	0	4	12	15	6
NK Prijedor	8	1	2	5	8	19	5
Albanian Stars	7	0	2	5	8	23	2

FIRST DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Royal FC	6	5	1	0	24	8	16
Deportivo Colomex	6	5	0	1	15	9	15
FC Steaua Chicago	6	4	2	0	18	7	14
Lemont FC	7	4	2	1	17	11	14
Khaboor FC	6	4	1	1	17	9	13
Chicago Thunder	6	4	0	2	20	8	12
Stare Byki B	5	2	0	3	8	10	6
FK Kozarac	6	2	0	4	12	21	6
Stare Byki A	5	1	1	3	14	13	4
West Indies Jets	6	1	1	4	9	16	4
West Bosnia SC	6	0	0	6	5	20	0
Turkish FC	7	0	0	7	8	35	0

SECOND DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Das Magic	6	5	1	0	27	11	16	CKS Warta B	6	4	1	1	14	8	13
FK Podrinje	6	3	1	2	15	10	10	Real Independiente	6	4	0	2	19	16	12
GR-04	5	2	0	3	22	15	6	FC Kosova	6	3	0	3	17	12	9
Los Chasquis	6	2	0	4	19	35	6	Juanacatlan	7	2	0	5	10	19	6
Pitbulls SC	4	0	1	3	5	17	1	FC Transilvania	6	1	2	3	11	16	5

OVER 30 DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Tanners SC	6	3	2	1	17	19	11	Arabian FC	7	6	0	1	31	13	18
Lake Shore A	6	3	1	2	24	18	10	SAC Wisla	5	4	1	0	22	7	13
Gato Verde	7	2	3	2	18	9	9	Hellas SC	5	3	1	1	16	15	10
Jahbat FC	5	1	1	3	14	26	4	Stare Byki FC	6	0	2	4	6	18	2
West Indies Jets	5	0	2	3	6	16	2	Lake Shore B	6	0	1	5	8	21	1