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Jahbat

2 : 8

Byki

Over 30 Team - NSL Over 30 Division
Evanston HS - 21 June 2008

Oldboys put on record performance

The Byki Over 30 Team swamped undermanned Jahbat FC last Saturday, scoring four goals in the first 22 minutes on their way to a smashing and convincing 8:2 win. Striker Maciej Kekus scored four times, while winger Jan Winter contributed two goals and an assist. In all, eight Byki found their way onto the scoresheet, as the team improve to 2-1-5 on the season.

The eight goals were the most scored by the Over 30s in outdoor competition, bettering the 7:0 pasting administered to Melrose Park in 2006. Overall, it was the second-biggest output by any Byki team in the club's history. The Byki A Team still hold the record on the strength of their 12:0 win over the Assyrian Stars in May 2004. The A Team also bagged eight goals in two other matches; versus Shaw United in 1997, and versus the Albanian Stars in 2001.

Last Saturday's match was the first-ever meeting between the Byki and Jahbat on any level. Jahbat were not expected to be pushovers, either. With 13 points from seven matches, they were part of a crowd of four teams in the Red Section vying for the top spot. Prior to last Saturday's humiliation,

Jahbat had conceded a respectable 12 goals in those seven games.

A team that seeks to be a contender, however, needs to be better prepared than Jahbat were. They arrived at Evanston HS with only the bare minimum of seven players needed to start the match and the Byki were not about to let them off the hook. Jahbat finally had their full complement of 11 just before the break.

Coach George Gorecki made it clear in his pre-game comments that the Byki needed to assert themselves right from the start. "In the past, we have tended to coast in matches where we have a numerical advantage," he said. "It was important to avoid this lax approach and our guys were tremendous for long stretches of the game."

It took just moments for the Byki to break into the lead. Gorecki played a simple pass to Winter on the left wing. Winter spotted Kekus making the run to the far post and it was easy pickings for Kekus to guide the ball into the back of the net.

The Byki may have scored that goal a bit too early. Thinking that Jahbat would offer little resistance, the Byki tried to push the ball forward as quickly as possible on nearly every possession. Jahbat countered by playing a very aggressive offside line and caught the Byki on numerous occasions. This tactic frustrated the Byki, who responded by yelling at one another, rather than finding a solution for the offside problem.

The solution was obvious, even if the Byki didn't see it immediately. Short, simple passes would be the best way to break down an opponent shorthanded by four players. Unable to chase the ball effectively, Jahbat would be forced to leave space on the flanks and this is precisely where the offside trap could be broken down. Once the Byki settled down, the goalscoring opportunities came in bunches.

The score went to 2:0 on 14 minutes when Dan Jdrzejowski took the ball down the wing and slotted to Brett

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Frischmann, who found Kekus unmarked. Kekus fired home from short range. Six minutes later, Preston Moore sent the ball to Kekus on the right side. Kekus drew in the defense and laid the ball off to Jakub Banbor, who buried the open shot.

In the 22nd minute, a pass over the defense beat the trap, springing Kekus on a breakaway. The portly keeper did well to come off his line and block the shot, but Kekus controlled the rebound and dropped a pass back for Jim Jacobs, who tapped the ball into the empty net. Jacobs nearly had his second tally six minutes later, concluding a slick passing sequence engineered by Paul Gibbs and Kekus. Jacobs had the final touch on the ball, but the goalie made a heroic save.

The Byki made it 5:0 in the 31st minute. Jedrzejowski's accurate through pass sent Kekus on yet another breakaway. Kekus did the business and notched his first career hat trick with the Byki. Kekus was in position for a fourth goal right before the halftime whistle. He deftly flicked the ball over the last defender and sprinted in alone on the keeper. Kekus looked set to score, but the keeper made another brilliant stop.

By the end of the first half, Jahbat had a full squad. Gorecki reminded everyone that nothing is a given, even with a five-goal lead. "Once we had our foot on their throat, I didn't want to see us let up at all," said Gorecki.

Jahbat gamely tried a comeback and nearly broke into the scoring column in the 45th minute. After goalkeeper Tomek Klimaszewski tipped a header over the bar, Jahbat set up the corner kick quickly and created an opening just outside the box. The Byki had to heave a sigh of relief when the ball smacked off of the goalpost.

But Jahbat pulled one back in the 47th minute, thanks to a dubious penalty. Banbor made slight contact with a Jahbat player inside the box and the referee pointed to the spot when the player crumpled to the ground. "That was a terrible decision by the referee," said Gorecki. "The calls were heavily in favor of Jahbat when they were shorthanded, which is

something that you see with a lot of referees. But once they've got 11, he has to balance things out." Jahbat pulled to within 5:2 ten minutes later when Klimaszewski was dispossessed in the box and a Jahbat player shot into the empty net.

The Byki replied with a three-goal blitz over a span of nine minutes to pound the last scraps of hope out of the Jahbat side. Gibbs started the hit parade when he sent a free kick from midfield to Winter on the left flank. Winter accelerated to goal and fired past the keeper.

Winter repeated that effort with another score in the 66th minute. Jon Silverstein made a hard challenge at midfield and boomed the ball to Winter, sending him on a breakaway. Winter gave the keeper no chance, making it 7:2.

The Byki capped off a glorious afternoon two minutes later. Jacobs led the way on the counter and found an unmarked Kekus at the far post. Kekus slammed the ball home for his fourth goal, putting him one short of Marek Ciszewski's record of five, set against KF Ulqin in 1997. Three other Byki players have previously scored four goals in a game: Ted Snodgrass (2000), Brian Nash (2003) and Russ Haynes (2003).

The Byki showed that the hard work that they have been putting in at training is paying off. They still have a long way to go before their teamwork is at maximum level. Their progress to this point indicates that they're on the right track.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Kekus 1 (Winter); 2nd; 0:1. Kekus 2 (Frischmann); 14th; 0:2. Banbor 1 (Kekus); 20th; 0:3. Jacobs 1 (Kekus); 22nd; 0:4. Kekus 3 (Jedrzejowski); 31st; 0:5. Winter 1 (Gibbs); 59th; 2:6. Winter 2 (Silverstein); 66th; 2:7. Kekus 4 (Jacobs); 68th; 2:8.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Klimaszewski – Pedlow, Moore, Dec, Gorecki – Gibbs, Jedrzejowski (c), Winter, Frischmann – Banbor, Kekus. **Bench:** Cardenas, Jacobs, Silverstein.

Warta spurt sends Byki slumping

The Blue Team gave a good accounting of themselves when they battled CKS Warta B last Sunday at Conkey Forest Preserve in Crestwood. Warta broke open a close match with two goals scored in rapid-fire fashion in the middle of the second half, sending the Byki to a 3:1 defeat. The loss drops the Blue Team to 1-0-6 for the season.

The Byki roster was missing several players and coach Joe Gambino was forced to suit up just to give his squad a total of two substitutes on the bench. Despite these problems, the Byki rolled up their sleeves and approached the game in a gritty, pragmatic fashion.

That tactic appeared to be working just fine until lightning struck twice for Warta and they capitalized handsomely just after the hour mark. The two quick goals were too much for the Byki to handle and no comeback was in the cards.

Warta grabbed the lead after only five minutes when a mix-up in the back left the ball in position for an opportunistic Warta striker to punch home. Warta played a pass into the Byki penalty area. It looked like an easy play for the defense to clear away, but confusion between debutante goalkeeper Stephen Boone and his back line resulted in none of the Byki making a play for the loose ball. To their credit, Warta took advantage and the striker scored with a low shot.

The Byki fought back gamely and knotted the score but five minutes later. Brett Frischmann dropped a pass back for Enda McGrath, who was at the top of the area. He drilled a hard shot without hesitation, but a defender deflected it back towards the Warta goal. The keeper came out to gather the ball, but allowed it to bounce. The bounce completely bamboozled him, as the ball soared over his head and into the back of the net. When asked whether he could claim such a goal, McGrath replied, "I don't score too many of them, I have to claim them all."

After the early gaffe, the Byki settled into an organized rhythm on defense. Warta's attackers had very few openings to work with, and the tidy play was a springboard to several good-looking counterattacks.

In the 36th minute, an outstanding through pass split the Warta defense, sending the speedy Richard Sodeinde on as breakaway. The keeper came out aggressively to meet Sodeinde and made a nifty save on Sodeinde's shot.

Minutes before the break, Matt Fleming crossed the ball into the mixer off of a free kick on the right flank. He found McGrath alone and the midfielder dribbled around a defender and blasted a tough shot at the near post. The keeper had the play covered, making a sprawling save.

The Byki had played the most consistent half of soccer of

the season and expected to use their superior skill and experience to get the crucial second goal and send their youthful opponents packing.

Warta, however, had other ideas, and began their siege on the Byki goal right after the second-half whistle. They played a slick 1-2 inside the Byki penalty area, freeing a player on the right side for an open shot. Boone read the play expertly and saved at his near post.

In the 60th minute, winger Dan Stanley made a strong run down the left side. He turned towards the goal when he reached the Warta penalty area and picked out the far post as his target. His shot had the keeper beaten, but the ball rolled just wide of the post.

Warta regained the lead in the 66th minute, wrapping up a sequence of elegant passes. The Byki defenders were slow reacting to Warta's ball movement, and Warta trickled the ball over to the far side, where an unmarked player tapped the ball home before any Byki could get there to intervene.

Disaster struck a minute later when a Warta player sprinted through the defense on a breakaway. Andy Lane, too injured to keep up, tried to slow the man down with a quick tug of the shirt. When the Warta player worked himself free, the referee played the advantage and allowed the Warta player to complete his run. The shot went wide of the mark, but the referee mistakenly brought the play back for a Warta free kick at the point of Lane's foul. The Byki weren't ready for the restart and Warta were on their toes, playing a simple pass to an open man on the left side, who blasted a shot past Boone. The Byki were incredulous that the referee gave the advantage to the Warta player and then gave a free kick, despite the advantage ensuing.

The scoring flurry left the Byki with their heads hanging. Rather than realize that their potent offense could easily find a pair of goals in the final 20 minutes, many players strayed from Gambino's game plan. The endgame for the Byki resembled the shenanigans that are seen in pick-up games. The complete absence of teamwork led to a lack of discipline and it became clear that the Byki would not be able to come back.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

McGrath 1; 10th; 1:1.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Boone – Kanver, Stillwell, Berrone, Bai – McGrath (c), Stanley, Fleming, Frischmann – Sodeinde, Benavides. **Bench:** Gambino, Lane.

Khaboor**0 : 0****Byki**Red Team - NSL 1st Division
Lawler Park - 22 June 2008

Byki remain unbeaten in four matches

Byki Bouncings did not receive a match report at press time.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Tice – Black, Mansur, P Jr, Daniel, Casey (c) – Domek, Ruiz, Dziekiewicz, Rose – Bouzoukis, Haynes. **Bench:** Biggs.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

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
Team goals	3	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Tice	90	0	0.00
Gambino	90	1	1.00
Talpes, N.	270	8	2.67

Current record: 2-2-2

BLUE TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Benavides	4	1	5
Sodeinde	4	0	4
Bai	1	1	2
Ciszewski	1	1	2
Fleming	1	1	2
Delaunay	1	0	1
McGrath	1	0	1
Frischmann	0	1	1
Kanver	0	1	1
Team goals	3	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Tice	90	2	2.00
Gambino	270	12	4.00
Solis	90	6	6.00

Current record: 1-0-6

O-30 TEAM, NSL O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Kekus	4	4	8
Winter	2	1	3
Frischmann	1	1	2
Jacobs	1	1	2
Silverstein	1	1	2
Banbor	1	0	1
Cardenas	1	0	1
Elmkinssi	1	0	1
Gibbs	0	1	1
Jedrxejowski	0	1	1
Team goals	1	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Klimaszewski	80	2	2.00
Zacarias	80	2	2.00
Lopez	160	8	4.00
Blanco	240	13	4.33
Tsipris	80	5	5.00

Current record: 2-1-5

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MAJOR DIVISION

Deportivo Meridienne	6	8	0	0	29	6	24
Honduras SC	9	5	3	1	20	11	18
B-H Lilies	8	5	2	1	19	11	17
RWB Adria	6	4	1	1	21	8	13
SAC Wisla	7	2	2	3	10	12	8
HNNK Hrvat	4	2	1	1	10	10	7
KF Ulqin	6	2	1	3	6	8	7
Gazelle SC	5	2	1	2	9	7	7
Jahbat FC	8	1	3	4	15	12	6
Deportivo Colomex	7	0	5	2	8	11	5
Royal Chicago FC	7	0	1	6	7	30	1
CKS Warta	7	0	0	7	5	33	0

FIRST DIVISION

Albanian Stars	9	6	1	2	25	9	19
FC Steaua Chicago	6	5	1	0	17	8	16
Lemont FC	7	4	3	0	17	8	15
CKS Warta B	8	4	2	2	16	13	14
FK Republika Srpska	7	4	1	2	19	14	13
Khaboor FC	8	3	2	3	14	13	11
NK Prijedor	7	3	1	3	10	10	10
Das Magic	7	3	1	3	13	17	10
Stare Byki FC Red	6	2	2	2	10	9	8
West Indies Jets	9	2	2	5	17	22	8
Stare Byki FC Blue	7	1	0	6	16	24	3
FC Romania	9	0	0	9	0	27	0

SECOND DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
West Bosnia SC	7	5	0	2	27	9	15	Juanacatlan	8	6	1	1	25	12	19
GR-04	6	4	1	1	19	11	13	Ultras FC	8	5	1	2	15	11	16
Lemont FC Reserves	6	3	2	1	18	12	11	CD Taximaroa	7	5	1	1	22	7	16
FK Podrinje	7	3	2	2	30	20	11	Real Independiente	6	2	2	2	13	9	8
Deportivo Colomex B	6	1	1	4	18	33	4	FC Kosova	7	2	1	4	22	20	7
Turkish FC	6	0	1	5	9	30	1	Chicago Dynasty FC	7	1	1	5	13	32	4
								Mythos FC	7	0	0	7	4	29	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	9	7	1	1	31	11	22	SAC Wisla	8	6	0	2	38	20	18
Arabian FC	8	5	1	2	26	13	16	Gato Verde	9	4	1	4	16	15	13
West Indies Jets	8	5	1	2	24	12	16	Stare Byki FC	8	2	1	5	13	30	7
Jahbat FC	8	4	1	3	14	20	13	Hellenic United	6	2	0	4	11	17	6
Lake Shore A	9	0	2	7	10	29	2	Tanners SC	7	1	0	6	8	24	3