



BOUNCINGS

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Byki

4 : 1

Lemont

B Team - NSL 1st Division
Winnebago - 19 August 2007

Byki crush league leaders

One can never overestimate the impact of revenge when competitors meet on the soccer field. After falling to Lemont FC in controversial fashion in the 2nd Division title match last October, the Byki B Team still had a bitter taste in their mouths nearly ten months later. The bitterness was transformed into sweet joy last Sunday at Winnebago, as the Byki engineered a comprehensive 4:1 demolition of Lemont. The result propelled the B Team into the 1st Division's top six, and they will compete in the Championship Section after the 1st Division is split into Sections to decide the title.

Eight players in Sunday's lineup played in the 2006 final and their desire to prove themselves, coupled with the big stakes of finishing in the top six, provided a synergy that proved fatal for Lemont, who occupied the top spot in the 1st Division going into the match. "I had seen Lemont play once this season," said Byki President George Gorecki. "I was impressed that they made the jump from the 2nd Division to the 1st so easily. But our guys flat-out dominated the game. The game was not as close as the score might indicate; it was one of the best performances over 90 minutes by a Byki team

that I have seen for a long time."

The Byki jumped all over the visitors at the outset and needed only four minutes to grab the lead. Patient ball movement created the scoring chance, as the Byki pounced on the opening when it became available. Midfielder Luis Arredondo sent a pass across the top of the area for Russ Haynes, who was unmarked on the left. Haynes took the ball strongly to goal and fired underneath the diving keeper for his seventh tally of the season.

Lemont caught the Byki defense in a moment of hesitation five minutes later when they played a long ball down the right wing. Jorge de la Cruz came out confidently and blocked the shot.

In the 13th minute, Eamon Colwell made a smart run down the left wing and squared the ball for Matt Zoeller at the edge of the goal area. Zoeller and the goalie arrived at the same time, with the keeper making a brave save.

Zoeller was the architect of the second goal. He pressured a defender into a turnover, creating a breakaway. Zoeller's shot hit the post, but he was in perfect position for the rebound, knocking it into the empty net.

As the rain began to come down, the game opened up, with players slipping and sliding all over. In the 31st minute, Zoeller found Arredondo open at the doorstep with a cross from the right flank. The keeper made an incredible save on Arredondo's short-range shot.

Lemont had a great chance to pull one back in the 35th minute when they floated a precise ball over the Byki defense. Lemont's striker had a wide-open look at the goal, but de la Cruz had something to say about it and stuffed a point-blank shot.

The score swelled to 3:0 four minutes later. Ivan Torossian hit a shot from distance that was saved by the keeper. The wet ball, however, played a trick on him and it popped loose. Jwo-Hong Lin took his opportunity well and knocked the ball past the prone netminder.

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Despite a comfortable three-goal cushion and an obvious tide of momentum in favor of the Byki, coach Joe Gambino warned the team about being complacent. A team like Lemont doesn't get to first place by accident, so the Byki would need to maintain their intensity.

The players heeded Gambino's warning and put the game effectively out of reach seven minutes after the interval. Torossian dribbled the ball through a crowd and had only the keeper to beat. The goalie saved his shot, but was unable to control the slippery ball. Haynes got there first and followed up for a 4:0 lead.

The rain became a deluge in the middle of the second half, turning the field into a quagmire. The conditions were hardly ripe for a Lemont comeback and the Byki stayed in charge by continuing to create scoring chances. Between the Lemont keeper's extraordinary saves and the ball taking weird bounces, the Byki were unable to add to their lead.

Lemont got their consolation goal in the 85th minute. They floated a free kick in toward the far side of the box. A well-placed header eluded the diving de la Cruz. A clean sheet would have been nice; otherwise it was mission accomplished for the Byki.

Reaching the top six was a great achievement for the B Team. But Gambino sees it as work unfinished. "Anybody can beat anybody in the 1st Division," he said. "We to keep playing this way and everything will work out for us."

B TEAM SCORING SUMMARY

Haynes 7 (Arredondo); 4th; 1:0. Zoeller 1; 22nd; 2:0. Lin 3; 39th; 3:0. Haynes 8; 52nd; 4:0.

B TEAM LINEUP (4-4-2): Jorge de la Cruz – Towsey, Mansur, P Jr, Gallo, Casey (c) – McGrath Colwell, Torossian, Arredondo –Zoeller, Haynes. **Bench:** Bant, Javier de la Cruz, Frischmann, Harake, Lin, Pirrilis.

Gato Verde

3 : 0

Byki

Over 30 Team - NSL Over 30 Division
Jackman Field - 18 August 2007

Aggressive Gato Verde bottle up Byki

The Byki oldtimers were blanked for the sixth time this season when they fell 3:0 to Gato Verde last Saturday at soggy Jackman Field. Gato Verde's pressuring tactics gave the Byki fits, preventing them from making any significant incursions on the Gato Verde goal. The defeat drops the Byki to 0-2-9 for the season.

The wet conditions didn't help the Byki, as poor traps and errant passes abounded. But the conditions weren't any different for the home side, who controlled what seemed like 90% of the possession in the game. The difference was the aggressive play of Gato Verde, who rarely allowed the Byki any time or space on the ball. The resulting turnovers made it a barrage of one-way traffic toward the Byki goal.

The Byki defense did a reasonable job of holding things together. Their organized play limited Gato Verde's scoring opportunities, despite their huge possession advantage. Emergency goalkeeper Jon Silverstein did an admirable job filling in between the pipes when none of the other four options at goalie were available for the game. Silverstein made the saves he was supposed to make and even came up with a few sparkling efforts on what appeared to be sure goalscoring chances.

Gato Verde broke the deadlock in the 25th minute when they capitalized on a careless Byki giveaway. A Gato Verde forward took possession and crushed a shot from 30 yards that screamed into the upper corner of the goal.

Despite the disparity in possession, the Byki reminded one another at halftime that it was important to try to maintain

control of the ball with short, quick passes and force Gato Verde to abandon their high-pressure strategy. The Byki did better in this aspect in the second half, but they did not make a significant dent in Gato Verde's momentum.

That momentum got stronger just two minutes into the second half. After a Byki turnover in the midfield, Gato Verde played a quick ball over the top of the defense. The Byki were slow to react and the Gato Verde striker broke in alone on Silverstein. After a couple of smartly executed jukes, the striker was able to walk the ball into the empty net.

The goal was a deflating moment for the Byki, who still believed they had a good chance to get back into the match if they could maintain the deficit at one goal. Once they got behind by two, the job was going to be a lot tougher.

Gato Verde continued to dominate possession and were rewarded with a third goal in the 65th minute. From the corner of the penalty area on the right side, they crossed the ball across the middle. A Gato Verde player made a smart diagonal header into the area, sending a teammate in to run free. With Silverstein at his mercy, the striker easily slid the ball home.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Silverstein – Zhang, Gorecki, Tower, Pedlow – He, Treter, Jedrzejowski, Elmkinssi (c) – Hunter, Beaver. **Bench:** Garcia, Najera.

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MAJOR DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
CKS Warta	10	6	2	2	32	28	20
RWB Adria	8	6	1	1	20	8	19
HNNK Hrvat	10	6	1	3	25	20	19
SAC Wisla	10	5	2	3	22	13	17
FC Romania	10	5	2	3	33	28	17
B-H Lllies	10	5	1	4	18	18	16
Gazelle SC	10	4	3	3	15	15	15
Honduras SC	10	4	1	5	22	21	13
KF Ulqin	10	4	0	6	22	21	12
NK Prijedor	9	2	2	5	11	19	8
Jahbat FC	10	2	1	7	17	27	7
Albanian Stars	11	1	2	8	14	33	5

FIRST DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Royal FC	10	8	1	1	31	14	25
Lemont FC	11	7	2	2	34	17	23
FC Steaua Chicago	10	6	3	1	29	16	21
Khaboor FC	10	6	1	3	27	21	19
Stare Byki B	11	6	1	4	23	17	19
Deportivo Colomex	10	6	0	4	24	22	18
Chicago Thunder	11	5	2	4	28	18	17
West Indies Jets	10	3	2	5	21	22	11
Stare Byki A	11	3	2	6	29	33	11
FK Kozarac	9	3	0	6	19	32	9
West Bosnia SC	10	1	0	9	13	33	3
Turkish FC	9	0	0	9	8	41	0

SECOND DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Das Magic	9	7	2	0	45	20	23	Real Independiente	10	7	0	3	36	29	21
FK Podrinje	11	5	2	4	26	21	17	CKS Warta B	10	6	2	2	24	14	20
Los Chasquis	10	3	0	7	27	51	9	FC Kosova	11	5	0	6	27	30	15
Pitbulls SC	9	2	2	5	21	33	8	Juanacatlan	10	4	1	5	16	21	13
GR-04	10	2	1	7	25	30	7	FC Transilvania	10	3	2	5	28	26	11

OVER 30 DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Lake Shore A	9	6	1	2	32	21	19	Arabian FC	11	8	1	2	40	18	25
Gato Verde	10	3	4	3	28	17	13	SAC Wisla	9	6	3	0	36	14	21
Tanners SC	9	3	4	2	21	27	13	Hellas SC	11	6	1	4	34	25	19
Jahbat FC	9	3	3	3	29	36	12	Lake Shore B	9	1	1	7	12	29	4
West Indies Jets	8	0	4	4	11	25	4	Stare Byki FC	11	0	2	9	7	38	2