



# BOUNCINGS

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Lake Shore

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Byki

B Team - NSL 2nd Division  
Montrose & Cumberland - 27 Aug 2006

## B Team clinch playoff spot

The Byki B Team made history last Sunday when their 1:0 victory over Lake Shore SC assured that the Byki would be playing in the post-season. The B Team have never made the playoffs since the squad was formed in 1999, and have had just one winning season prior to this one. With a glittering 8-3-1 record, the Byki have a commanding seven-point lead over FK Podrinje, while Real Independiente trail the leaders by 14 points.

The next goal for the Byki is winning the Blue Section title, which would ensure promotion to the 1st Division for 2007. The magic number for the Byki is six points, meaning that any combination of points earned by the Byki and points lost by Podrinje totaling six would lock up the top spot. The Byki have total control of their fate; their form the rest of the way will determine how far into October they will continue to play.

Sunday's win came at Montrose & Cumberland, a field where victory rarely comes easily. The soccer wasn't pretty and the Byki worked hard to find a way to win. In the end, they created more chances than Lake Shore and deservedly

scored the only goal they needed to put away Lake Shore for the third time this season.

The triumph came at a cost, however. Fullback Dan Stouffer was the victim of a violent and brutal foul that sent him to the hospital. The referee immediately sent off the Lake Shore player and abandoned the match in the 85th minute. Stouffer was fortunate not to have broken any bones, but is waiting for a final determination on the extent of the damage to his knee ligaments. Working in uncharacteristically rapid fashion, the NSL's Trial Board suspended the Lake Shore thug for the remainder of the season.

The Byki played a desultory first half, trying to negotiate the bumps, weeds and debris on the garbage dump that masquerades as a soccer field. The Byki style is to play for possession, but maintaining possession in this environment is difficult if any pass has to travel more than five yards. Finding the right combination of short passes and direct play to the goal is the key to winning at Montrose.

The Byki looked headed for a dream start when Ivan Torossian played a long ball over the Lake Shore defense in the second minute. Striker Russ Haynes chased after it and was confronted by the goalkeeper, who had come out of his area to challenge. The ball bounced and Haynes saw a narrow window of opportunity. He headed the ball toward the goal just as the onrushing keeper slammed into him. The header rolled harmlessly wide as a dismayed Haynes was trying to figure out how the referee did not see the foul by the goalie.

Another good chance went begging in the 25th minute when Stouffer dribbled the ball down the right side. As he approached the goal line, he fired a hard shot from a tough angle and the keeper made the save.

The Byki regrouped at halftime and came out smoking after the interval. In the 47th minute, Stouffer moved the ball up the right flank and flicked a pass to Abraham Ruiz in the middle. Ruiz turned quickly and found Haynes alone on the left side of the box. Haynes wasted no time in finding his

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shot from 15 yards, but the ball went wide of the post.

One minute later, midfielder Luis Arredondo put Haynes through with an immaculate pass on the left. With the keeper at his mercy, Haynes shot high.

Byki pressure finally paid off in the 57th minute. As the Byki crossed the ball into the middle from a corner kick, Andy Lane was dragged down in the box. The referee spotted the foul immediately and pointed to the spot. "That Lake Shore player had elbowed me in the ribs earlier," said Haynes. "I told the referee to keep an eye on him and it didn't take long for another foul."

Arredondo stepped up to put away the spot kick, but the play turned from tragic to comical in a matter of seconds. Arredondo shot his penalty right down the middle, hitting the diving goalkeeper in the chest. The ball rebounded right back to Arredondo, who headed it straight down. It should have been an easy save for the goalie, but the ball went right through his legs in a scene reminiscent of a U-7 game.

The Byki continued to search for another score to put the game on ice. They found the sledding to be tough, however. Fortunately, Lake Shore's offense displayed its usual lack of creativity. In the three matches played between the teams this year, the Byki outscored their hapless opponents by a 12:1 aggregate.

The Byki did not play their best football against Lake Shore. The quality of the field was a factor, yet good teams have to find ways to overcome adverse conditions. The team are on a roll and there is plenty still left to accomplish this season.

#### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Arredondo 3 (pk); 57th; 0:1.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Eliasek – Towsey, Casey (c), Gallo, Stouffer – McGrath, Torossian, Stanley, Lane – Ruiz, Haynes. Bench: Arredondo, Cioffi, Lewkowicz, S. Majak, W. Majak.

West Bosnia

3 : 5

Byki

A Team - NSL 1st Division  
Oakton College - 27 August 2006

## Dance is everywhere to be found

The Byki overcame a very shaky start after spotting West Bosnia an early two-goal lead last Sunday. They quickly erased that deficit and righted the ship by halftime, cruising to a comprehensive 5:3 victory at Oakton College in Des Plaines. Striker Zach Dance had a banner day, contributing to every score, with three goals and two assists. The Byki improve their record to 7-3-2 and solidify their hold on second place in the Red Section. FC Romania continue to lead the group by seven points following their 1:0 forfeit win over HNNK Hrvat. The Byki managed to put more distance between themselves and third-place Winged Bull B, who drew 4:4 versus Chicago Thunder.

The Byki were poorly prepared for the match, as four players arrived after the scheduled kickoff due to traffic problems. Coach George Gorecki wasn't happy that only nine players were suited up for the start of the game and was even less happy that he had to put on his boots to bring the squad up to ten players. "Too many of our players did not time their arrival very well," he said. "Only one player was at the field 45 minutes before kickoff, according to our team's rules. You can say that all's well that ends well, but we made the game far more difficult than it had to be."

The Bosnians took no mercy on the shorthanded Byki. Within moments of the opening kickoff, they played the ball behind the Byki defense and slammed a shot past Jorge de la Cruz for a shock 1:0 lead. Four minutes later, the score went to 2:0 when they came on a quick counterattack. De la

Cruz came off of his line to cut down the angle and made the save. The Byki, however, could not clear the rebound and the Bosnians punched it back into the empty net.

To their credit, the Byki shook off their lethargy and got back into the game right away. In the tenth minute, Gabi Dziekiewicz sent a long ball for Dance, who was streaking behind the defense. Dance dribbled through the box and delivered a pinpoint pass to the far side. Pierre Delaunay made a great run and crushed a shot that beat the keeper at the near post.

In the 15th minute, the Byki drew level when Ahmed Goudeaux passed the ball into the middle for the onrushing Dance. The striker did the rest, slotting the ball underneath the keeper to make it 2:2.

The scoring spree continued in the 25th minute. The Byki pushed too many players forward on a free kick deep in Bosnian territory and got burned when the Bosnians cleared the ball and came hard on the counter. Two quick passes later, West Bosnia regained the lead at 3:2.

The Byki had their full lineup by this time and their offense began to look like it had some arms and legs. At the half-hour mark, Delaunay lofted a cross from the left flank into the box for Dance, who went straight to goal. A defender partially blocked his shot, but the deflection was perfectly placed, settling into the back of the net.

The Bosnians took advantage of a referee mistake in the 39th minute when two players were clearly offside on a long

ball over the top. Sweeper Andrew Dennis hustled to get back into the play and blocked the Bosnian player's shot inside the box.

It was a simple matter for the Byki to get organized at halftime. They realized they were the better side, now it was time to show it. Gorecki emphasized the importance of scoring the next goal in the contest and shifting momentum toward the Byki.

The players could not have executed the tactics any more effectively when the Byki grabbed the lead just moments after the second-half kickoff. Dance dribbled along the goal line on the right side and waited just long enough to suck a defender in. He calmly slotted the ball into the middle and Jeff Samp, on the doorstep of the Bosnian goal, knocked the ball in.

The goal ignited a bevy of scoring opportunities for the Byki. The Bosnians rapidly lost their aggressiveness and the Byki used good ball movement and teamwork to rip the defense to shreds. "Our performance in the second half was as good an example of letting the ball do the work as I've seen our team execute," said Gorecki afterward.

In the 48th minute, Dziekiewicz floated a cross from the right wing for Samp, who had made the run to the far post. Samp's shot flashed across the face of goal, narrowly missing the target. Four minutes later, Dennis pushed forward, dribbling down the left side. He timed his pass perfectly for Delaunay, who had made the run on the right. The winger tried the near post a second time, but the keeper made a desperate kick save.

The Byki really made the ball sing in the 55th minute. A scintillating interplay along the right side between Delaunay and Matt Fleming sprang Josh Taylor in the right corner. Taylor dribbled along the byline and crossed to an open Chad Daniel. Daniel's header from ten yards sailed wide.

With the Bosnians back on their heels, the Byki totally controlled the tempo. In the 64th minute, Taylor zipped an insightful pass to Goudeaux, who had made a diagonal run into the middle from a wide position. Goudeaux skipped past the defender but shot high from 15 yards.

The Byki continued to look for the goal that would seal the result. In the 89th minute, Fleming found Dance on the run with a terrific pass. Dance dribbled in snake-like fashion all over the box, as defenders scrambled to win the ball. He looked to have the keeper faked out of position, but shot right at him and the Bosnians cleared the ball. But Fleming pounced on the clearance and came straight down the middle. He handily sprinted past the last defender and had the keeper on the ground. The easiest part of the play was the finish, but Fleming's shot missed the post by inches.

The Byki put the icing on the cake in the second minute of stoppage time. Taylor stole the ball at midfield and dished to Daniel, whose pass sent Dance into the clear. With the keeper coming out, Dance shot for the far post and banged the ball off of the framework for a 5:3 scoreline.

As the Romanians keep winning, promotion may be out of reach for the Byki. The squad, however, have the capability of reaching an impressive point total, as well as adding hardware to the Byki trophy case.

#### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Delaunay 1 (Dance); 10th; 2:1. Dance 7 (Goudeaux); 15th; 2:2. Dance 8 (Delaunay); 30th; 3:3. Samp 2 (Dance); 46th; 3:4. Dance 9 (Daniel); 92nd+; 3:5.

**BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2):** de la Cruz – Samp, Gorecki, Gambino, Rose – Taylor, Delaunay, Dziekiewicz, Fleming – Goudeaux, Dance (c). **Bench:** Daniel, Dennis, Elliott.

Byki

1 : 5

Wisla

Over 30 Team - NSL Over 30 Division  
Winnebago - 26 Aug 2006

## Byki cannot keep pace with Wisla

The win streak for the Over 30s was stopped at two games last Saturday, following Wisla's thorough 5:1 demolition of the Byki at Winnebago. The visitors asserted themselves in typical fashion, as the Byki defense faltered badly on either side of halftime. Wisla upped their 1:0 lead to 3:0 in that period and then took their foot off the gas the rest of the way. The defeat drops the Byki to 4-1-7 and practically locks them into a fourth-place finish in the Red Section.

The Byki worked hard to keep their defensive shape and their effort was a key reason why they were able to remain competitive for the first half hour of the contest. When the

Byki were unable to keep possession of the ball for long stretches, it gave Wisla's skillful players ample opportunity to probe for cracks in the Byki defense. Once those flaws were exposed, Wisla finished their chances with clinical accuracy.

The Byki had the first good look at goal after four minutes. Striker Carlos Soriano worked himself free in the box and took aim, but a hustling Wisla defender cleared his shot out of danger for a corner kick.

Wisla may have been caught unaware in that situation, prompting them to tighten things up. The Byki hardly got a

sniff of the penalty area for the remainder of the first half. In the seventh minute, Wisla came on the attack and forced Dan Blanco to make two tough saves on shots from distance. Wisla snatched the lead in the 14th minute when a long pass split the Byki defense. Wisla’s striker scooted into the clear and made short work of the breakaway opportunity.

The Byki got their act together somewhat and improved their coverage of Wisla’s open players. But sloppy passes and a decided lack of patience by the Byki played right into Wisla’s hands. On the occasions when the Byki made good defensive plays, they negated many of them by giving the ball right back. Even though the players wanted to play quick, early passes, their execution was displaying the exact opposite.

Wisla took a 2:0 lead into the break when they took advantage of a Byki turnover in the 39th minute. A Wisla midfielder crossed the ball into the middle and his teammate’s header nicked the crossbar before settling into the back of the net. The goal was a disappointment for the Byki, who were desperate for a chance to regroup at halftime.

Nothing that was said at halftime helped matters when play resumed. Wisla’s lead swelled to 3:0 in the first minute of the second half, as the Byki looked flat and confused. Wisla came at the Byki aggressively and the Byki defense was slow to react. A shot from the left corner of the box beat Blanco at the far post.

Things looked like they might get out of hand six minutes later when the referee awarded Wisla a penalty kick. A pass played right up the middle found a Wisla player making a run

in the box. Russ Haynes fought for the ball and knocked the player down with a hip check, prompting the referee to blow the whistle. Haynes contended that he was using his body to shield the Wisla player from the ball, but the arbiter wasn’t buying into that story. Wisla converted the spot kick to take a commanding 4:0 lead.

The score went to 5:0 after 60 minutes when a long-range bomb found the upper 90. The Byki were looking tired and ragged and the relentless Wisla side gave them more than they could handle.

The Byki salvaged a bit of pride in the 71st minute when Haynes made a forceful run inside the box and was hauled down by a defender. Without hesitation, the referee pointed to the spot. Rather than increase his team-leading goal total, Haynes ceded the responsibility of taking the penalty to Brian Wager. Wager rejoined the Byki for two matches while traveling to Chicago on vacation and the Byki got full value from his cameo appearance when Wager expertly drove the penalty kick low and into the corner of the net.

*Matt Treter contributed to this story.*

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

Wager 1 (pk); 71st; 1:5.

**BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2):** Blanco – Wager, Gorecki, Tower, Mazzini – Lane, Hunter, Jacobs, Elmkinssi (c) – Haynes, Soriano. **Bench:** Bolesta, Garcia LaForrest.

Byki Stats												
A TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION				B TEAM, NSL 2nd DIVISION				OVER 30 TEAM, NSL				
Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts	
Dance	9	4	13	Ruiz	7	2	9	Haynes	8	7	15	
Goudeaux	6	1	7	Daniel	3	4	7	Garcia	5	2	7	
Fleming	2	5	7	Haynes	5	1	6	Soriano	5	2	7	
Samp	2	2	4	Stanley	3	3	6	Elmkinssi	2	3	5	
Ciszewski	2	1	3	Pirrillis	2	3	5	Ibeagha	3	1	4	
Delaunay	1	2	3	Arredondo	3	1	4	Parra	3	1	4	
Nash	1	1	2	McGrath	3	0	3	Jacobs	1	1	2	
Wolfe	1	1	2	Walker	3	0	3	Pedlow	1	1	2	
Taylor	0	2	2	Lane	0	3	3	Tsipris	0	2	2	
Bouzoukis	1	0	1	Gallo	1	1	2	Wager	1	0	1	
Gambino	1	0	1	Cardenas	0	2	2	Gorecki	0	1	1	
Zwickl	1	0	1	Lewkowicz	1	0	1	Lane	0	1	1	
Daniel	0	1	1	Anane	0	1	1	Regueiro	0	1	1	
Dziekiewicz, G	0	1	1	Mansur, P Jr	0	1	1	Tower	0	1	1	
Team goals	1	x	x	Team goals	1	x	x	Zhang	0	1	1	
								Team goals	1	x	x	
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	
de la Cruz	990	19	1.73	Orris	335	0	0.00	Blanco	880	26	2.36	
Gambino	90	2	2.00	Zwickl	135	1	0.67	Hardin	80	5	5.00	
Current record: 7-3-2				Current record: 8-3-1				Current record: 4-1-7				

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## MAJOR DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Winged Bull	10	9	0	1	33	9	27	KF Ulqin	12	8	3	1	28	12	27
Honduras SC	10	7	0	3	33	17	21	RWB Adria	8	7	0	1	23	10	21
Jahbat FC	11	5	3	3	26	21	18	SAC Wisla	12	6	2	4	26	14	20
CKS Warta	11	2	3	6	18	26	9	Gazelle SC	10	3	4	3	20	17	13
BH Lilies	11	2	2	7	19	37	8	NK Prijedor	10	4	1	5	21	23	13
West Indies Jets	9	0	2	7	4	20	2	FK Kozarac	12	0	0	12	10	55	0

## FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Romania	11	10	1	0	61	16	31	Albanian Stars	11	9	0	2	32	17	27
Stare Byki FC	12	7	3	2	28	21	24	Royal FC	13	7	2	4	40	22	23
Winged Bull B	12	5	3	4	35	31	18	Chicago Thunder	12	6	2	4	37	32	20
Deportivo Colomex	11	4	3	4	29	20	15	HNNK Hrvat	10	5	1	4	31	33	16
Transilvania Vampires	11	1	2	8	20	38	5	West Bosnia	12	4	2	6	22	27	14
SC BiH	12	0	0	12	10	46	0	Turkish FC	13	2	1	10	23	65	7

## SECOND DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Lemont FC	10	8	1	1	26	13	25	Stare Byki B	12	8	3	1	32	11	27
Melrose Park SC	12	8	1	3	39	28	25	FK Podrinje	12	5	5	2	30	16	20
GR-04	7	2	1	4	20	32	7	Real Independiente	11	3	4	4	19	25	13
CKS Warta B	10	2	0	8	21	27	6	Tilza FC	11	1	3	7	12	24	6
								Lake Shore SC	11	2	0	9	10	33	6

## OVER 30 DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Winged Bull	11	10	0	1	51	13	30	SAC Wisla	13	10	1	2	56	17	31
Arabian FC	13	9	3	1	49	25	30	Hellas SC	13	7	2	4	33	30	23
Gato Verde	13	8	0	5	22	23	24	Lake Shore A	11	7	2	2	35	18	23
Stare Byki FC	12	4	1	7	30	31	13	West Indies Jets	13	5	2	6	19	29	17
Lake Shore B	13	1	0	12	8	40	3	CD Taximaroa	10	4	1	5	21	16	13
Melrose Park SC	11	1	0	10	6	41	3	Tanners SC	13	1	0	12	17	64	3