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Colomex

B Team - NSL 1st Division
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B Team survive thug tactics

The B Team took a huge step towards injecting themselves as contenders in the 1st Division when they dismantled Deportivo Colomex 3:1 at Winnebago last Sunday. Goal-keeper Jorge de la Cruz made several tremendous first-half saves to help his team retain their slim 1:0 margin. The Byki turned the screws tighter in the second half and scored twice more to put the game on ice. The Byki are 5-1-1 in their last seven encounters.

Once the Byki assumed control of the contest, things got ugly, as vicious play erupted on several occasions. The situation was not helped by a referee who had little idea how to manage a game that was about to boil over. To their credit, the Byki maintained their composure.

The Byki took an unlikely lead after 16 minutes. John Jenkins threw the ball in near the left corner in the Colomex end of the field. Eamon Colwell received the ball and sent a looping cross toward the goal. The cross morphed into a shot, as the ball sailed into the far upper corner over the outstretched arms of the goalkeeper. "I knew it was going to be dangerous when I kicked it," said Colwell. "I just didn't know how

dangerous."

Colomex replied by immediately turning the momentum in their favor. Their forwards had speed to burn and the Byki backline were often caught chasing, rather than marking. Without de la Cruz and his acrobatic saves, Colomex easily would have had the lead by halftime.

De la Cruz came up with a foot save in the 22nd minute after Colomex countered down the left side of the box. The open striker had a great look, but de la Cruz came up with a better save.

In the 35th minute, Colomex played the ball long and their striker outran both Colwell and sweeper Doug Towsey. He came in alone on de la Cruz and shot the ball high. Moments later, the ball was loose inside the Byki goal area. A Colomex shot was blocked out of desperation and cleared.

Colomex created yet another breakaway in the 42nd minute. De la Cruz came hard off his line and made an amazing save, with his legs spread wide. The Byki left a Colomex forward open in the box in the first minute of stoppage time, but de la Cruz sprawled to keep the ball out of the net.

The Byki almost snatched a second tally two minutes later when Conor Casey crossed the ball inside on a free kick, Russ Haynes was open momentarily and fired a shot, only to see the Colomex keeper stick out his foot to make the save.

Halftime brought relief to the Byki, who felt grateful to have survived the onslaught with their lead still intact. Coach Joe Gambino told his players that they had to play a more physical style to blunt the speed of the Colomex forwards.

The game got a lot more physical after the break, but only because it appeared that Colomex had left their best soccer behind in the first half. The Byki scored two crucial goals to put the game out of reach in the first 23 minutes, and it was clear that there would be no way back for Colomex.

The Byki went up 2:0 in the 58th minute when Ivan

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Torossian won the ball on the right side. He dribbled past Colomex defenders and threaded an exquisite through pass for Jwo-Horng Lin, who was sprinting into space. The pass took Lin 1 v 1 with the goalie and he easily slotted underneath him for his fourth goal of the season.

The game belonged to the Byki and the Byki alone in the 68th minute. A hustling Jenkins, making his Byki debut, chased down a ball that appeared headed out for a goal kick. The keeper came away from his goal to clear the ball and that decisive move proved tragic, as Jenkins sent the ball toward the empty goal from a seemingly impossible angle. The ball kissed the inside of the far post and rolled into the net for an unassailable 3:0 lead.

Hard fouls, nasty challenges and shameful confrontations then polluted what had otherwise been a fiercely competitive match. The referee could have cleaned up the nonsense a lot earlier, but his application of the laws of the game lacked

common sense.

Colomex spoiled the shutout bid by de la Cruz when they finished off a well-taken chance in the 83rd minute. A dangerous cross from the left side was met by a striker who nailed an impressive volley six yards from goal.

The Byki survived their first test in the Championship Section in impressive fashion. Their climb up the table may take them to unprecedented heights if they maintain this level of soccer.

B TEAM SCORING SUMMARY

Colwell 2 (Jenkins); 16th; 1:0. Lin 4 (Torossian); 58th; 2:0. Jenkins 1; 68th; 3:0.

B TEAM LINEUP (4-4-2): Jorge de la Cruz – Towsey, Colwell, Gallo, Casey (c) – McGrath, Lin, Torossian, Bridge – Jenkins, Haynes. **Bench:** Harake, Lane.

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Byki take care of tired Bosnians

A match that had gone goalless for over an hour rapidly transformed into a scoring fest, and the A Team were the last ones standing in a thrilling 3:2 victory over Chicago Thunder at Winnebago last Sunday. The teams traded five goals in the last 19 minutes and debutante Pete Sarprong provided the Byki with a happy ending by setting up the equalizer and then scoring the winner in stoppage time. The Byki improve to 4-2-6 for the season.

Thunder were a shadow of the side that pummeled the Byki 6:2 back in May. Many of their young, speedy attackers had returned to college and the difference in their level of play was palpable. They barely missed out on making it into the 1st Division's Championship Section and were left to play out the string for 2007.

The Byki have designs on securing their place in the 1st Division for 2008, so coach George Gorecki made sure to remind his players that the task ahead was not going to be easy. "Our goal has always been to get points every Sunday," he said. "The circumstances don't change that. We need to be on our game, otherwise you can face quite a shock out there."

There weren't many shocks in a first half of solid, but unspectacular soccer. The Byki had most of the possession and Thunder appeared to be content with a level scoreline.

Striker Zach Dance had a good chance in the sixth minute, but his shot was saved by the post. It got even better for the Byki in the 29th minute. Newcomer Alex Guzman made a smart overlap on the right side to run onto a ball played over

the top. With nothing but open space in front of him, he induced the keeper to come out and then laid the ball off to Matt Fleming, who was supporting in the middle. Fleming shot into an empty net, only to see the referee whistle for offside. "No way was that offside," said an exasperated Fleming. "I held up my run to make sure I was always behind the ball."

There were fireworks at both ends just before the break. The Byki were sloppy working the ball out of the back, resulting in a turnover. Goalie Ryan Eliasek read the play and made a tremendous diving save. The Byki countered when Chad Daniel drilled a shot from the top of the 18. The keeper dove to make the save and Dance hooked the rebound over the bar.

The Byki wanted to score the first goal and sweeper Jeff Samp took matters into his own hands in the 71st minute. He dribbled from the halfway line and wound up on the right side of the box. With nervous Thunder defenders unsure of what was going to happen next, Samp delivered a sweet diagonal ball to the far post, where Dan Stanley slid in to knock the ball home.

That goal changed everything. A game that had been calm and under control suddenly gained an edge. Thunder equalized five minutes later when they counterattacked down the right wing and passed the ball through the goal area. An unmarked forward slammed the ball past a diving Eliasek. "Our defense was solid all day," said Gorecki. "This is what happens when just one lapse occurs."

The next lapse came in the 83rd, but the lapse came from the brain-dead referee. A Thunder player made a foul throw-in on the left side. The ball was played toward the Byki goal and floated in at the upper corner of the far post. The Byki were livid. "I had been complaining about this player's foul throws all day," said Gorecki. "How the referee could miss it was inexcusable."

But the Byki weren't finished yet. Sarprong received a long pass from the back and made a daring flick past his defender. With the keeper coming hard, Sarprong side-stepped him and shot the ball toward the empty net. Stanley sprinted to knock the ball in at the doorstep of the goal and ensure no defender could recover.

Not happy with just the one point, the Byki went for all three, and got their wish in the first minute of stoppage time. Ahmed Goudeaux dribbled through the heart of the flat-footed

Thunder defense and made a superb through pass for Sarprong, who timed his run perfectly. With only the keeper to beat, Sarprong made no mistake, giving the Byki a satisfying 3:2 win.

It was good teamwork all around that led to victory. It was the sort of play that the Byki knew that they were capable of, and are only now fulfilling that potential.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Stanley 7 (Samp); 71st; 1:0. Stanley 8 (Sarprong); 85th; 2:2. Sarprong 1 (Goudeaux); 91st+; 3:2.

A TEAM LINEUP (4-4-2): Eliasek – Samp, Guzman, Gambino, Rose – Daniel, Sarprong, Stanley, Bouzoukis – Dance (c), Goudeaux. **Bench:** Dziekiewicz, Fleming, Zhang.

Byki Stats

A TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Dance	16	4	20
Stanley	7	3	10
Goudeaux	3	1	4
Bouzoukis	1	3	4
Gwin	1	1	2
Sarprong	1	1	2
Fleming	0	2	2
Lin	0	2	2
Mayer	0	2	2
Rose	0	2	2
Daniel	1	0	1
Harada	1	0	1
Gambino	0	1	1
Mansur, P Jr	0	1	1
Moore, C	0	1	1
Samp	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Eliasek	990	34	3.09

Current record: 4-2-6

B TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Haynes	8	2	10
Lin	4	1	5
Torossian	4	1	5
Frsichmann	0	4	4
Colwell	2	1	3
Jenkins	1	1	2
Zoeller	1	1	2
Arredondo	0	2	2
Harake	1	0	1
Lane	1	0	1
McGrath	1	0	1
Gallo	0	1	1
Team goals	3	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Colwell	1	0	0.00
Drake	180	3	1.50
de la Cruz	899	15	1.50

Current record: 7-1-4

O-30 TEAM, NSL O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Garcia	2	1	3
Elmkinssi	2	0	2
Frsichmann	0	2	2
Jedrzejewski	1	0	1
Liu	1	0	1
Moore, P.	1	0	1
Peng	1	0	1
Regueiro	1	0	1
Arredondo	0	1	1
He	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Mansur, P Sr	40	0	0.00
Blanco	510	18	2.82
Silverstein	160	6	3.00
Cook	250	10	3.20
Tsipris	80	7	7.00

Current record: 1-2-10

11 v 9 = Byki disadvantage

The Byki lost their third match in three tries versus Hellas this season when they dropped a 3:0 decision at Olympic Park in Schaumburg last Saturday. The defeat was a bitter disappointment for the oldboys, who held a two-man advantage over their shorthanded opponents, but had nothing to show for it. The Byki fall to 1-2-10 for the season.

With all of the extra space that results from an 11 v 9 situation, it should have been easy for the Byki to control the ball and not force passes into difficult positions. But they did exactly that and Hellas played things intelligently to pull off a well-deserved win.

The Byki created one decent chance after six minutes. Matt Treter chased down a ball near the Hellas goal line and sent a back-header into the middle. Steven Pedlow had made the supporting run and sent his shot just narrowly wide of the post.

Hellas turned the game on its head when they struck for three goals in span of seven minutes in the middle of the first half. Terrible marking by the Byki resulted in the first score in the 21st minute. A Hellas player knocked in a cross from the deep corner to the far post and a teammate streaked in unmarked to blast a header past substitute goalie Jon Silverstein.

Four minutes later, a sluggish Byki defense paid the price for the way they handled a Hellas corner. The Byki headed the ball clear, but not out. A Hellas player received the ball just outside the area and chipped the ball back in to a teammate as the Byki were moving out of the box. The Hellas player easily slotted past Silverstein.

The score incredibly went to 3:0 in the 28th minute. Hellas

played a smart give-and-go on the right side, crossed the ball to the left and an open player cracked a lethal first-time shot that rocketed into the goal. The shell-shocked Byki didn't know what to make of this development.

It was pretty simple, really. The Byki, seeing a two-man advantage, treated the game with a casual approach. Hellas, on the other hand, realized that they had to work hard to compete in a match where they were down two players. The team that put in the hard work got the rewards.

To their credit, the Byki increased their work rate in the second half and saw much more possession than they had in the first 40 minutes. It wasn't enough to put sustained pressure on the Hellas keeper, but the Byki actually looked like they were competing. Hellas, satisfied with the job they did in the first half, played an intelligent style the rest of the way to preserve the lead. They came on the occasional counterattack, but they were clear on their intent to defend their territory.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

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

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MAJOR DIVISION

Championship Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria	11	9	1	1	35	11	28
CKS Warta	12	7	2	3	37	32	23
SAC Wisla	11	6	2	3	25	13	20
HNNK Hrvat	12	6	1	5	25	26	19
FC Romania	11	5	3	3	36	31	18
B-H Llies	11	5	2	4	21	21	17

Classification Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Gazelle SC	10	4	3	3	15	15	15
Honduras SC	10	4	1	5	22	21	13
KF Ulqin	11	4	0	7	23	27	12
NK Prijedor	10	2	2	6	11	24	8
Jahbat FC	10	2	1	7	17	27	7
Albanian Stars	11	1	2	8	14	33	5

FIRST DIVISION

Championship Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Royal FC	12	10	1	1	41	14	31
FC Steaua Chicago	12	7	3	2	37	20	24
Lemont FC	11	7	2	2	34	17	23
Stare Byki B	12	7	1	4	26	18	22
Deportivo Colomex	12	7	0	5	28	26	21
Khaboor FC	10	6	1	3	27	21	19

Classification Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Chicago Thunder	12	5	2	5	30	21	17
Stare Byki A	12	4	2	6	32	35	14
West Indies Jets	10	3	2	5	21	22	11
FK Kozarac	11	3	0	8	20	41	9
West Bosnia SC	10	1	0	9	13	33	3
Turkish FC	10	0	0	10	8	49	0

SECOND DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Das Magic	10	7	2	1	45	23	23
FK Podrinje	11	5	2	4	26	21	17
Los Chasquis	10	3	0	7	27	51	9
Pitbulls SC	10	2	2	6	22	38	8
GR-04	11	2	1	8	26	36	7

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
CKS Warta B	12	8	2	2	35	16	26
Real Independiente	10	7	0	3	36	29	21
FC Kosova	13	6	0	7	34	41	18
Juanacatlan	11	5	1	5	27	25	16
FC Transilvania	10	3	2	5	28	26	11

OVER 30 DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Lake Shore A	12	8	2	2	45	26	26
Gato Verde	12	5	4	3	33	18	19
Tanners SC	12	4	5	3	29	38	17
Jahbat FC	11	3	3	5	31	43	12
West Indies Jets	9	0	4	5	14	29	4

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
SAC Wisla	12	9	3	0	48	17	30
Arabian FC	12	8	1	3	41	20	25
Hellas SC	13	7	1	5	37	28	22
Stare Byki FC	13	1	2	10	9	41	5
Lake Shore B	12	1	1	10	14	41	4