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Byki

B Team - NSL 1st Division
Doerhoefer Park - 16 September 2007

Byki fight to stay in race

The Byki did their best to keep in touch with the leaders in the 1st Division and battled to a 1:1 draw with Lemont FC at Doerhoefer Park in Downers Grove last Sunday. The match was played at an unbelievable pace for the full 90 minutes and the Byki had to work hard to grab a share of the points.

With a record of 7-2-4, the Byki sit in fifth place in the Championship Section, nine points behind leaders Royal FC, and four behind FC Steaua Chicago. The 1st Division title is probably out of reach, but the coveted second promotion spot is still there for the taking. The Byki, however, missed an opportunity to gain ground on third-place Lemont, who remain two points ahead of the Byki in a crowded race.

Coach Joe Gambino knew that Lemont would still be stinging from the 4:1 pasting that the Byki handed them back in August, so he tried to prepare his players for an attacking onslaught right from the start. Sure enough, Lemont came out firing and grabbed the lead after three minutes. A quick set of passes broke down the Byki defense and the final pass set a striker free in the box. With only Jorge de la Cruz to

beat, the Lemont player made no mistake to give his side a 1:0 lead.

The pace of the match was certainly not the way the Byki wanted to play. Lemont put high pressure on Byki defenders when they had the ball at their feet, forcing the Byki to make errant passes. Rather than stringing passes together and making Lemont work on the defensive end, the Byki shifted to a more direct style. As Gambino watched the game unfold, he knew his team could not keep this up and still win the game.

The Byki had a great chance to level the score in the 22nd minute off of a corner kick. The Lemont keeper dropped the cross, leading to a frantic battle for possession. John Jenkins had a look at the goal, but his shot was blocked and Lemont finally cleared the ball after a mad scramble.

Three minutes later, Lemont came close to doubling their lead. A little throw-in on the left side led to a booming shot from distance that hit the crossbar. The Byki replied immediately when Brett Frischmann drove a low cross from the right side through the Lemont goal area, but no teammate was at the far post to follow up.

In the 35th minute, a long pass down the left flank got behind the Byki defense. As the Lemont winger angled in on the goal, de la Cruz came out strongly and made a huge save in the middle of the box. The Byki then came fast on the counter. Ivan Torossian sent Jenkins into the open with an exquisite through ball. Jenkins wasted no time, blasting a shot at the onrushing keeper. The ball hit the goalie and then floated over his head into the net. It was Jenkins' second goal in as many matches for the Byki.

At halftime, Gambino emphasized the need to slow the game down and make quick, simple passes. The players were certainly buying into his plan, but the conditions of the match made it difficult to execute. In the end, the Byki simply had to keep up and try to give back to Lemont a little bit of what they were getting.

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Lemont were denied by the woodwork three minutes into the second half. A cross from the byline on the right found a Lemont players open on the far side of the box. The Byki were slow to react, but the shot nicked the bar and the Byki were still safe. Lemont had another opportunity hit the woodwork in the 56th minute when a free kick deflected off the defensive wall and then glanced off the crossbar.

De la Cruz stymied Lemont again in the 72nd minute. After a pass on the right side got behind the backline, de la Cruz challenged for the ball with a slide tackle. The Lemont player got through de la Cruz, and Doug Towsey gave chase, cutting off the Lemont player's angle to the goal. The Lemont player tried to induce a penalty by flopping in the box, but the referee wasn't at all interested.

The Byki had two great chances to win the game in the final ten minutes. With Jenkins running free in the Lemont end, he twisted his defender into the turf with a killer fake and had the keeper beaten with a shot from 15 yards, but the

shot clanged off the post. Jenkins was one of the few Byki players who looked comfortable playing at this frenzied pace.

Russ Haynes sprinted onto a through ball a few minutes later, but was stopped in his tracks by a whistle for offside. The Byki didn't agree with the decision, questioning whether the referee was in the right position to make that kind of call.

With the teams grouped so closely together and only three weeks left in the season, there is very little margin for error. If the Byki keep it up, it will be their opponents who are uncomfortable with their margin for error.

B TEAM SCORING SUMMARY

Jenkins 2 (Torossian); 36th; 1:1.

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

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L. Shore A

Over 30 Team - NSL Over 30 Division
Winebago - 15 September 2007

Byki can't find the net

The Byki old-timers were shut out again last Saturday when they fell to Lake Shore A 3:0 at Winnebago. It was the eighth time that the Byki have gone goalless this season and the team have mustered a meager nine goals in their 13 matches.

It was a game of two halves against Lake Shore. In the first half, the Byki did a fairly good job of ball possession, even if they did not put much pressure on the Lake Shore goalie. Keeping possession of the ball has been a big problem for the team, as many players have tried to find success in launching the ball upfield as quickly as possible. The result of such a naïve approach is unfortunately predictable.

The Byki were down 1:0 at the break and had confidence that the second half would go their way. Instead, they failed to maintain whatever level of ball possession that they had worked for in the first half. Lake Shore found the back of the net twice more, while the Byki left the field frustrated yet again.

Coach Wei Zhang placed Nick Elmkinssi, Brett Frischmann and Dan Jdrzejowski in the center of his midfield formation in the hopes of getting everyone involved in the attack. Coupled with Lake Shore's lack of aggressiveness on defense, the Byki had plenty of opportunities to let the ball do the work.

But Lake Shore were the ones to nab the opening goal in the 21st minute. The play began innocently enough, when George Gorecki's poor pass to Frischmann in the middle led to a turnover, igniting a Lake Shore counterattack. The Lake Shore player sprinted behind the Byki defense and came in alone on Dan Blanco, slotting the ball home.

The Byki almost got that one back eight minutes later. Jim Jacobs put pressure on the goalie when a defender made a weak backpass. The keeper's clearance hit Jacobs, sending the ball spinning toward the empty net. Ernesto Garcia gave chase, but a defender beat him to the punch and cleared the ball away.

In the second half, the Byki had the first good chance to score. Elmkinssi floated a terrific cross over the defense on the right side for Sal Farhan. The striker had a free header, but sent the ball wide.

Lake Shore replied three minutes later when a shot from outside the box handcuffed Blanco and skittered underneath him for a 2:0 advantage. Blanco was aggravated by the gaffe, but he kept his head up and stoned Lake Shore forwards twice in the next six minutes to keep the Byki in the game.

Farhan initiated a dangerous breakaway in the 66th minute. He hesitated as he dribbled the ball in the center circle and then delivered a well-timed pass to Jacobs, who

had made the supporting run on the right. Farhan's pass met Jacobs in stride and the winger sprinted toward the goal with only the keeper to beat. The goalie came out to cut down the angle and was well-positioned to grab Jacobs' attempted chip.

Lake Shore caught the Byki defense unaware in the 70th minute and came on another breakaway. The Byki desperately claimed offside on the play, but their sluggish reaction to the pass was the real culprit on the breakdown. Blanco was powerless to stop the striker coming in alone.

The Byki had a golden opportunity to break the schneid four minutes from time. Farhan had the ball in the box and

dropped it smartly for Elmkinssi, who side-footed the ball at the gaping goal. A Lake Shore defender was in the right spot to boot the ball clear.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

BYKI LINEUP (4-5-1): Blanco – Zhang, Gorecki, Silverstein, Pedlow – Jedrzejowski, Frischmann, Hunter, Bolesta, Elmkinssi (c) – Garcia.
Bench: Farhan, Jacobs, Moore.

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
Team goals	3	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Eliasek	1080	34	2.83

Current record: 5-2-6

B TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Haynes	8	2	10
Torossian	4	2	6
Lin	4	1	5
Frsichmann	0	4	4
Colwell	2	1	3
Jenkins	2	1	3
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
de la Cruz	989	16	1.46
Drake	180	3	1.50

Current record: 7-2-4

O-30 TEAM, NSL O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Garcia	2	1	3
Elmkinssi	2	0	2
Frsichmann	0	2	2
Jedrzejowski	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	590	21	2.85
Silverstein	160	6	3.00
Cook	250	10	3.20
Tsipris	80	7	7.00

Current record: 1-2-11

Turkish FC

0 : 3
(Forfeit)

Byki

A Team - NSL 1st Division
Walker Park - 16 September 2007

Turks misplace tape measure

The Byki arrived at Walker Park in Burr Ridge last Sunday hoping to extend their recent good string of results by beating up on 1st Division cellar dwellers Turkish FC. The field, however, measured only 87 yards by 51 yards, which prevented the match from going forward. The FIFA Laws of the Game stipulate that the minimum length for a soccer field is 100 yards. As a result, the NSL awarded the Byki a 3:0 forfeit win.

The victory improves the Byki to 5-2-6 on the season, taking them to the top of the Classification Section and ensuring a return to the 1st Division in 2008. The Byki are tied with Chicago Thunder and the West Indies Jets, all on 17 points. The Turks are 0-for-12 for 2007 and are headed back to the 2nd Division next year.

It wasn't the ideal way to win the game. Jeff Samp was eager to play. "We have some momentum from last week's win," he said. "We need to keep it going this week." But playing the game on a small field would only favor the Turks, who could muster the bare minimum of seven players to start the match.

The Turkish FC manager was desperate to get the game played. He told the referee that the park district assigned his team to the field and he didn't know that it was a field for U-11 games. "The manager didn't even know the requirement

for the minimum length," said coach George Gorecki. "I don't think the park district had much to do with this situation."

The Turkish FC manager offered to move the goals to make sure that they were 100 yards apart, but that was a failed effort from the start. Moving the goals would be easy enough, but repainting the lines would be an impossible task. "I told the guy he could never get the field ready in time," said Gorecki. "He's got until 12:15 [for a 12:00 kickoff] to be ready and we're having this argument with the referee at 12:20."

The worked out the kinks by playing a scrimmage game of 8 v 8, which ironically, was the appropriate number of players for a field of these dimensions. The Byki got their points and perhaps the Turks will search for a league that specializes in small-sided games.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Forfeit goals: 3:0.

A TEAM LINEUP (4-4-2): Eliasek – Samp, Guzman, Gambino, Rose – McGrath, Stanley, Goudeaux, Fleming – Sarprong, Ruiz. **Bench:** Ciszewski.

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MAJOR DIVISION

Championship Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria	13	11	1	1	50	15	34
SAC Wisla	13	8	2	3	35	15	26
CKS Warta	13	7	2	4	41	37	23
B-H Lilies	13	6	2	5	26	28	20
HNNK Hrvat	13	6	1	6	25	29	19
FC Romania	13	5	3	5	36	44	18

Classification Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Honduras SC	13	6	2	5	31	23	20
Gazelle SC	12	5	3	4	17	17	18
KF Ulqin	13	5	0	8	26	29	15
Albanian Stars	13	2	3	8	20	38	9
Jahbat FC	12	2	2	8	21	36	8
NK Prijedor	13	1	5	7	17	34	8

FIRST DIVISION

Championship Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Royal FC	13	10	2	1	43	16	32
FC Steaua Chicago	13	8	3	2	40	21	27
Lemont FC	13	7	4	2	38	21	25
Deportivo Colomex	13	8	0	5	30	28	24
Stare Byki B	13	7	2	4	27	19	23
Khaboor FC	12	6	3	3	32	26	21

Classification Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Chicago Thunder	13	5	2	6	32	23	17
West Indies Jets	12	5	2	5	28	23	17
Stare Byki A	13	5	2	6	35	35	17
FK Kozarac	13	4	0	9	32	45	12
West Bosnia SC	12	1	0	11	14	47	3
Turkish FC	12	0	0	12	9	56	0

SECOND DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Das Magic	12	7	4	1	48	26	25
FK Podrinje	13	5	4	4	29	24	19
Pitbulls SC	12	3	2	7	29	46	11
GR-04	12	3	1	8	31	38	10
Los Chasquis	12	3	0	9	32	68	9

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
CKS Warta B	13	8	3	2	36	17	27
Real Independiente	12	7	1	4	40	37	22
FC Kosova	14	7	0	7	46	43	21
FC Transilvania	12	5	2	5	43	31	17
Juanacatlan	12	5	1	6	29	33	16

OVER 30 DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Lake Shore A	14	10	2	2	52	26	32
Gato Verde	13	6	4	3	39	18	22
Tanners SC	13	4	5	4	29	44	17
Jahbat FC	13	3	3	7	35	51	12
West Indies Jets	13	1	4	8	20	40	7

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
SAC Wisla	14	10	3	1	55	21	33
Arabian FC	14	10	1	3	49	26	31
Hellas SC	14	7	1	6	38	32	22
Lake Shore B	14	3	1	10	21	45	10
Stare Byki FC	14	1	2	11	9	44	5