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Red Team - NSL 1st Division
Conkey Forest Preserve - 21 September 2008

Byki smash Srpska, move into 3rd

The Red Team climbed the table in the Championship Section when they blasted FK Republika Srpska 5:1 at Conkey Forest Preserve last Sunday. Five different Byki scored the goals in a balanced attack that dominated Srpska throughout. The Byki are now in third place in the Championship Section and the team have lost just once in their last 12 matches. With the gap between the Byki and FC Steaua Chicago at eight points for the last promotion spot, there may not be enough time left for the Byki to make up the difference, despite their best efforts.

With coach Joe Gambino unavailable due to other commitments, the team were left with two big holes to fill: coach and goalkeeper. The positions were filled admirably by Andy Lane and Ryan Eliasek. Lane stepped in for Gambino on the sidelines and directed the team flawlessly, leading to friendly speculation that Lane may usurp the one-time NSL Coach of the Year (see accompanying story on the Bits & Pieces page). Eliasek, who had left Chicago for a few months to participate in military training, could not have come back into the fold at a more opportune time.

The Byki were looking for a chance to avenge their 4:2 defeat to Srpska in Week 2 of the season. They exacted payback in a thorough and comprehensive fashion. Srpska were forced to chase the game from early on and were fortunate to be within 2:1 at the break. The Byki really stepped on the gas in the second half in a punishing way.

The Byki gave notice in the opening moments that they came ready to play. Ivan Torossian played a terrific through ball for strike partner Kevin Biggs. The chance went begging, as Biggs yanked a left-footed shot wide of the back post.

The Byki grabbed the lead at the 20-minute mark. Minos Bouzoukis launched a long-range blast that was saved by the keeper. He couldn't control the ball, however, and Torossian pounced on the loose ball for his seventh goal of the campaign.

It didn't take long for the Byki to double their advantage. In the 25th minute, Bouzoukis sent a free kick from the flank

into the box. Chad Daniel flicked a header on frame, forcing the goalkeeper to tip the ball over the bar for a corner kick. Daniel took the subsequent corner and swung the ball directly into the goal over the befuddled keeper. Francis Boghicev was impressed by Daniel's effort. "Goals like this are like dates for Daniel or hits by [David] Hasselhof," he noted. "They're once in a lifetime and get you hooked on a feeling."

Srpska pulled one back late in the half when the Byki got sloppy with the ball in their end of the field, but the 2:1 halftime score was flattering to the visitors. The Byki were in control of the contest and simply needed to finish the job. At halftime, Lane reminded the team that they clearly had been the better side and it was important to stay positive and confident.

The second half was no contest. The Byki defense were all too eager to put pressure on the Srpska strikers and ensured that the play was always going to be in the Byki attacking third. Striker Abraham Ruiz added a spark on the right side and he eventually found himself one-on-one with the goalkeeper. Ruiz scuffed his chance and aggravated an old injury in the process.

Biggs had a great opportunity to make it 3:1 moments later. With only the keeper to beat, he chipped a shot over the bar then looked at Lane and gave a wink. Despite not finishing off golden opportunities, all of the traffic was running one way and it was only a matter of time before the third goal came.

Srpska tried to clear a Byki corner kick in the 57th minute, but the ball went straight to Bouzoukis. "I was hanging around the 18 looking to collect any stray balls that were cleared out by the defense," he said. Bouzoukis was in perfect position and cracked a volley that went through a crowd before eventually settling into the right corner of the goal.

The fourth goal was imminent, but shoddy finishing prevented the Byki from breaking the contest wide open. Sensing that the Byki were poised for a victory in his coaching

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debut, Lane grew impatient with the poor marksmanship. "Matt Fleming wasted more chances than I can count, which means more than two," said Lane. "Then, Matt Domek exchanged some intricate one-touch passing with the opposing keeper, who eventually grew bored and picked up the ball to kill the chance. And then Ivan went for the dramatic flying volley instead of the sure thing after a cross from Biggs, and nothing."

The breakthrough finally came in the 67th minute. Brandon Huell crossed the ball into the area for Torossian, who danced around in the box before leaving a back-heel pass for Fleming. The midfielder found the range and stroked the ball into the back of the net.

Richard Sodeinde, seeing his first action with the Red Team, finished the scoring late in the match when he was able to turn past a defender without being hacked to the ground. After taking a pass from Torossian, he used his legs to devastating effect and then placed a right-footed shot just inside the near post from the top of the box.

It was a fitting end to a comprehensive performance. "We could have wound up winning the game 8:1, no joke," commented Conor Casey afterwards. "They had a full team too. We just played very well and the biggest difference from our performances of late has been the work rate of the guys. We emphasized it before the game. In fact, I haven't seen the lads work this hard to win every ball since the 3:0 game against Lemont."

Minos Bouzoukis, Conor Casey, Chad Daniel, Matt Fleming, Andy Lane, Richard Sodeinde and Ivan Torossian contributed to this report.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Torossian 7; 20th; 1:0. Daniel 2; 25th; 2:0. Bouzoukis 2; 57th; 3:1. Fleming 1; (Torossian); 67th; 4:1. Sodeinde 1 (Torossian); 80th; 5:1.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Eliasek – Black, Casey (c), Rose, Dziekiewicz – Domek, Huell, Fleming, Boghicev – Biggs, Torossian. **Bench:** Bouzoukis, Daniel, Ruiz, Sodeinde, Towsey.

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Byki scoring chances go begging

After Mother Nature wiped out Week 14 of play in the National Soccer League with a weekend of non-stop rain, the Byki resumed play last Saturday when they faced Hellenic United at Olympic Park in Schaumburg. The Byki came up on the short end of a 1:0 scoreline, despite a workmanlike effort that held United in check for most of the match. The loss drops the Byki to 4-1-9 for the season and ends any possibility of the Byki sneaking into the NSL post-season.

The Byki roster was severely depleted, with nine regular players missing, four of whom are normally starters. Even though coaches Eric Tower and George Gorecki could have hoped for a stronger lineup, they certainly can be grateful that the depth of the Byki player pool has allowed them to field a full squad every week.

Gorecki wanted to see the same level of effort and discipline that the team put in versus the West Indies Jets. That match ended in a narrow 1:0 defeat also (later overturned as a forfeit win after a Byki protest), but the players were able to demonstrate that one way to stay to competitive is to play hard for the entire 80 minutes.

The Byki put out just that level of effort, yet still fell short at the end. "Soccer matches are often decided by which team does the most with their chances," noted Gorecki. "With a zero on the scoreboard, we obviously didn't do anything with our chances. Give credit to Hellenic; they took advantage of their opportunities and put one in when it counted."

The Byki created two great scoring scenarios inside the first ten minutes. Jan Winter led a counterattack up the left wing, dribbling all the way to the goal line. He skipped past his defender and drilled a hard shot from a sharp angle. The goalkeeper dove full stretch to turn the shot wide of the goal.

Minutes later, Winter crossed in a corner kick towards the far post. Tower got to the ball first and sent a header toward goal that smacked off the upper corner of the framework. Those early salvos were inches away from paydirt, but the inability to convert was crucial for the Byki.

The Byki created a high-pressure situation in the United penalty area in the 31st minute. With the ball loose in the box, Jim Jacobs and Nick Elmkinssi took turns trying to drive the ball through the maze of legs. The United defense repelled both attempts.

Two minutes later, Chris Cardenas made a smart overlap along the right flank from his sweeper position and crossed the ball for Jacobs. The striker was open, but could not get his head cleanly onto Cardenas' cross.

"We played a smart half and were very compact in defense," said Gorecki. "Hellenic had a good bit of possession, but sprayed shots everywhere but on frame. Our chances were much better than theirs, but 0:0 tells you everything you need to know."

Hellenic came out with a renewed purpose to start the second frame and placed Byki netminder Dean Fukar under

stress in the opening minutes. In the 44th minute, a quick move by a Hellenic player on the left side of the box resulted in a shallow-angle shot. Fukar read it perfectly and saved easily. Five minutes late, Fukar jumped high to tip a dangerous cross out of play.

The match boiled over a bit at the hour mark when the referee showed his red card to a Hellenic player after he got into a skirmish with Byki winger Robert Dec. After Dec had stumbled into the Hellenic player, the player took offense and bundled up Dec, smashing him to the turf rugby-style. The game was delayed when the frustrated Hellenic player was reluctant to leave the field.

The Hellenic squad were hardly fazed by having to play short and kept pressing the issue. They were rewarded five minutes from the end when an innocuous free kick from midfield turned into disaster for the Byki. The ball was floated into the Byki penalty area. A Hellenic player barely got his

head to the ball and the Byki defense allowed the ball to bounce in their box. A second Hellenic player rushed in to win the ball, dinking a little header over the onrushing Fukar. The rare instance of slack marking by the Byki was all that United needed to get the critical goal.

The Byki pushed players forward in the remaining time to conjure an equalizer. Their best chance came in stoppage time, as the Hellenic defense were unable to clear the ball after a second corner kick in succession. A miracle save by the goalkeeper kept the Byki off the board.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Fukar – Cardenas, Pedlow, Tower (c), Gorecki – Moore, Winter, Dec, Banbor – Jacobs, Elmkinssi. **Bench:** Jedrzejowski.

Byki Stats

RED TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Torossian	7	5	12
Haynes	7	2	9
Taylor	4	0	4
Biggs	1	3	4
Bouzoukis	2	1	3
Daniel	2	1	3
Arredondo	0	3	3
Ruiz	2	0	2
Samp	0	2	2
Bridge	1	0	1
Domek	1	0	1
Dziekiewicz	1	0	1
Fleming	1	0	1
Sodeinde	1	0	1
Boghicev	0	1	1
Casey	0	1	1
Team goals	3	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Tice	180	0	0.00
Eliasek	90	1	1.00
Gambino	540	9	1.50
Talpes, N.	270	8	2.67

Current record: 7-3-3

BLUE TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Benavides	4	2	6
Sodeinde	5	0	5
Bai	1	1	2
Ciszewski	1	1	2
Fleming	1	1	2
Sphar	1	1	2
Delaunay	1	0	1
Gallo	1	0	1
McGrath	1	0	1
Ogundipe	1	0	1
Stanley	1	0	1
Frischmann	0	1	1
Kanver	0	1	1
Team goals	9	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Boone	180	5	2.50
Tice	90	3	3.00
McGrath	90	3	3.00
Solis	180	6	3.00
Gambino	270	12	4.00
Jacobson	90	4	4.00
Klimaszewski	90	4	4.00

Current record: 3-0-10

O-30 TEAM, NSL O-30 DIVISION

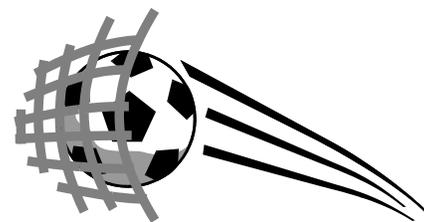
Player	G	A	Pts
Kekus	7	5	12
Dec	2	1	3
Elmkinssi	2	1	3
Winter	2	1	3
Banbor	1	2	3
Cardenas	2	0	2
Frischmann	1	1	2
Jacobs	1	1	2
Jedrzejowski	1	1	2
Silverstein	1	1	2
Gibbs	0	1	1
Team goals	4	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Klimaszewski	80	2	2.00
Zacarias	80	2	2.00
Fukar	480	13	2.17
Lopez	160	8	4.00
Blanco	240	13	4.33
Tsipris	80	5	5.00

Current record: 4-1-9



BYKI bits & pieces



Last Sunday, **Joe Gambino** made soccer take a back seat when he took a weekend trip to Wisconsin to celebrate his anniversary, leaving the Byki Red Team without a coach. **Andy Lane** was asked to pinch-hit and, under his leadership, the Reds trounced FK Republika Srpska 5:1. It was a magical day for Andy, who now wants to be referred to as "The Special One." Here is his story.

For most players on the Red Team, their Sunday routine was business as usual. However, most of them were unaware that their trusted coach, Joe Gambino, had deserted them for a moose love-athon in the forests of Wisconsin. When rumor spread about Gambino's penchant for moose knuckle, the call was made to the only man still drunk enough on a Sunday morning to agree to take on the coaching responsibilities: Andy Lane.

The situation seemed dour. The Byki desperately needed a victory and their fate was in the hands of an untested and only slightly cognizant coach. The new coach quickly gained the attention and respect of his new charges when he sent both **Josh Taylor** and **Maciej Kekus** straight home. The decision may have been harsh, but because neither player showed up for the game, there was little else that the strict disciplinarian could do. Having gained full respect of the team, Lane then prepared his dazzling pre-match speech. He mumbled and belched something unintelligible. Fortunately, **Conor Casey** is well versed in Lane "drunken speak" and translated for the team. Casey revealed that Lane had stated that the Byki had to win one for a Gay Gaffer, or something to that order. The troops, stiffening with Byki pride, were now properly motivated and eagerly stormed the field.

The game started in stark contrast to Lane's dramatic pre-match activities. It was a fairly listless affair with a few cheap free kicks awarded by the referee to the wrong team. Meanwhile, the debutante manager finished signing autographs for his adoring fan just in time to see **Kevin Biggs** shank one wide of the post. This would be the first of many attempts by Biggs to suck up to the new manager by making sure he didn't surpass Lane's stunning career Byki goal total of one. The manager

was impressed by this and made a mental note to commend him on his futility.

Ivan Torossian and **Chad Daniel** decided to show up the new boss and propelled the Byki into a 2:0 lead. The remainder of the half went fairly predictably. Casey was kicking anyone moving, while **Kvar Black** reminded Casey to only kick the other team. Ivan later became distracted and lost concentration when the flowing locks of Casey ran towards him and demanded attention. Ivan, who was unable to take his eyes off of the galloping Casey, errantly played the ball to the wrong team, allowing Srpska to counter and score their first goal at the death of the half. Casey took no blame for the goal, insisting **Vidal Sassoon**, who was responsible for his girl-like hair, should be called and sued. Casey, however, was appreciative of the attention given him by Ivan and hoped that Ivan (known in some circles as the Argentine Jackhammer) would call him after the game.

At halftime, Lane pulled his head from the beer cooler and steadied himself for the decisive half-time address. He made his team clear on two important things. First, he reminded them that they were still leading by one and had been clearly the better side. Second, and more importantly, he explained to Ivan the minute differences between Argentinean women and Casey. "Casey isn't as hairy and is much thinner," he stated. With that knowledge at hand, Ivan led the boys back to the field with renewed vigor and passion.

The Byki rolled over Srpska in the second half, scoring three unanswered goals. When the final whistle blew, the team realized that they had been led by a man of extreme good looks and charm, as well as one of special tactical and managerial talents. They rushed to the sideline to carry the coach and newly anointed "Special One" on their shoulders around the field for a victory lap. "It was a good to get the victory in such convincing fashion," said Lane. "But it was a shame that some poor moose had to be subjected to four inches of Viagra-induced Italian sausage in order for the Byki to be so successful." Poor moose indeed, but what a Special victory.



This week in Byki history



Roth's hat trick KO's Express

The Byki captured the second title in club history when they defeated the Express 5:2 on July 21, 1988. Competing in the Odeum's D League, the Byki completed a highly successful run of earning trophies in three consecutive indoor seasons at the Odeum. Over that span, the Byki amassed an impressive 20-3-8 record. In addition to grabbing the title, the Byki also captured second- and third-place honors.

Stef Wiecek led the squad on this incredible string, taking over the reigns from George Gorecki. Although some Byki players reacted in shock when Gorecki announced the coaching change in the fall of 1987, he knew exactly what he was doing. Coupled with the 9-1-0 mark achieved in spring 1987, when the Byki won their first championship and recorded the only undefeated season in club history, that 16-month period was one of the most triumphant ever for the Byki.

In the final, the Byki accomplished a mission that looked nearly impossible at the beginning of the season. After a 1-2-1 start, the Byki machine got revved up and the team went 5-1-1 the rest of the way to finish at the top of the table. The Byki then completed the job by dispatching the pesky Express.

Doug Roth led the way with a hat trick. The Byki broke open a scoreless deadlock with a four-goal blitz over a seven-minute span in the second period. After Roth put away a shot following a goalmouth scramble, scoring ace Sergio Bertoncello set up Ted Piotrowski a minute later to make it 2:0. Moments later, Edi Pinkowski fed Roth, whose measured shot nutmegged the keeper. Bertoncello's dazzling solo run put the result beyond any doubt to put the Byki up by four. Roth netted the hat trick with 0:47 after the Byki took advantage of a stretched Express defense.

Bertoncello led the team with 17 goals and 8 assists in 11 games and the balanced Byki attack saw Piotrowski notch 13 goals, while Roth added 11.

Five strikes for Ciszewski, rest of Byki come up empty

Marek Ciszewski recorded the biggest day for a Byki player in outdoor competition when he scored five times versus the Albanian Stars on September 7, 1997 at the Albanian Center in Berkeley. Unfortunately, the scoring marvel got little help from his teammates, as the Stars prevailed 6:5 on the day.

Ciszewski was on an incredible scoring streak. He was responsible for 10 of the team's last 18 goals, a true goalscoring machine. Ciszewski carried the Byki on his broad shoulders back in those days and there were few teams in the NSL's 2nd Division who could do much about it.

Ciszewski opened his account after only five minutes, converting a pass from Matt Treter. After Dan Jedrzejowski earned a free kick just outside the box in the ninth minute, Ciszewski stroked the free kick past the goalie, who could only wave at the ball.

The Byki could not deliver the early knockout punch, and the defense went porous, allowing the Albanians to equalize by the 14th minute. By halftime, the Byki were down 4:2.

After the Albanians made it 5:2, Ciszewski rolled up his sleeves and got to work. Ciszewski scored his second goal from a free kick in the 75th minute. The Stars tried to put up a better wall this time, but it didn't matter to Ciszewski.

Five minutes later, Jedrzejowski was hauled down in the box, leading to a penalty. Ciszewski rammed the spot kick home to bring the Byki to within 5:4. The Albanians got that one back a few minutes later for a bit of breathing room, but Jedrzejowski made a run down the wing in the 88th minute and slipped a pass for Ciszewski for his fifth goal.

Ciszewski finished the season with 16 goals, most ever for one outdoor season. (Zach Dance since tied the record when he scored 16 in 2007.) Ciszewski's performance put him among the NSL's elite that year, as he finished third in the league in scoring.

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MAJOR DIVISION

Championship	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Classification	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Deportivo Meridienne	12	12	0	0	40	8	36	Jahbat FC	15	6	3	6	35	18	21
RWB Adria	14	11	2	1	48	23	35	KF Ulqin	14	5	1	8	30	31	16
B-H Lilies	14	7	2	5	37	33	23	Deportivo Colomex	13	2	7	4	29	32	13
Gazelle SC	13	6	3	4	24	13	21	CKS Warta	14	4	0	10	22	59	12
Honduras SC	14	6	3	5	27	23	21	Royal Chicago FC	14	3	1	10	24	50	10
SAC Wisla	14	5	3	6	21	23	18	HNNK Hrvat	15	2	3	10	21	45	9

FIRST DIVISION

Championship	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Classification	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Albanian Stars	14	11	1	2	40	13	34	NK Prijedor	14	7	1	6	28	25	22
FC Steaua Chicago	14	10	2	2	44	21	32	Khaboor FC	14	5	4	5	25	25	19
Stare Byki FC Red	13	7	3	3	32	16	24	West Indies Jets	14	5	4	5	35	28	19
Lemont FC	14	6	4	4	26	23	22	CKS Warta B	15	5	2	8	24	42	17
FK Republika Srpska	14	5	5	4	33	32	20	Stare Byki FC Blue	13	3	0	10	27	37	9
Das Magic	14	5	4	5	24	31	19	FC Romania	15	0	0	15	0	45	0

SECOND DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FK Podrinje	12	6	4	2	46	29	22	Ultras FC	13	9	2	2	33	16	29
Lemont FC Reserves	12	6	3	3	38	24	21	Juanacatlan	14	9	1	4	39	23	28
West Bosnia SC	11	7	0	4	38	31	21	CD Taximaroa	14	9	1	4	44	16	28
GR-04	11	6	1	4	35	25	19	FC Kosova	13	7	1	5	45	33	22
Deportivo Colomex B	11	5	1	5	47	45	16	Real Independiente	14	6	2	6	33	25	20
Turkish FC	12	0	1	11	22	59	1	Chicago Dynasty FC	13	3	1	9	29	54	10
								Mythos FC	14	0	0	14	14	83	0

OVER 30 DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Arabian FC	14	10	1	3	60	24	31	SAC Wisla	13	10	1	2	57	26	31
West Indies Jets	14	9	2	3	36	19	29	Gato Verde	14	7	2	5	28	22	23
Lake Shore B	14	8	2	4	40	19	26	Hellenic United	14	7	1	6	30	29	22
Jahbat FC	14	6	2	6	24	40	20	Stare Byki FC	14	4	1	9	24	43	13
Lake Shore A	15	0	2	13	11	51	2	Tanners SC	14	2	0	12	13	50	6