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Byki

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Khaboor

B Team - NSL 1st Division  
Winnebago - 23 September 2007

## Byki deliver knockout punch

The Byki B Team remained in the hunt for honors in the 1st Division on the heels of their 2:1 victory over Khaboor FC at Winnebago last Sunday. Russ Haynes set up the first Byki score and finished the job with a breakaway goal to seal the outcome. The Byki have 26 points from their 14 matches and have the opportunity to earn promotion or the overall championship if things go their way. The top five teams in the Championship Section are separated by six points with two weeks left in the season.

The match was marred by an ugly outburst from the Khaboor team. The referee terminated the contest in the 75th minute after the Khaboor coach had ignored his warnings about verbal dissent. At halftime, the referee told the coach that any other examples of dissent coming from the Khaboor team would result in termination. The Khaboor coach was livid after Haynes' go-ahead goal and the referee stopped the game before the ball was back at the center spot for Khaboor's kickoff. The referee was accosted by the Khaboor players, one of whom gave him a shove in the chest. A Byki fan at the scene called Bloomingdale police to restore order. That

action was probably the most sensible thing that happened at the field that day.

In his report, the referee identified three Khaboor players who attacked him. He submitted the report to the ISSA, who will administer punishment to the players. The minimum sanction for a referee attack is a two-year ban. With three players missing for the rest of the season, a weakened Khaboor side have effectively bowed out of the race.

The Byki, however, are in the thick of it. They bounced back nicely after a sluggish start to the match. By the middle of the second half, it was one-way traffic headed toward the Khaboor goal, and the winning goal was inevitable.

Khaboor came to Winnebago unprepared, as they started the match with just nine players. Several late-arriving players got them up to 11 after the first 10 minutes. The Byki were eager to take advantage of the short-sided Khaboor, but their eagerness got the better of them and they veered from their game plan of ball possession and pressure defense.

John Jenkins had the first good chance for the Byki in the 13th minute. With the diminutive Khaboor goalie way out of his area, Jenkins tried to lob the ball past him, but missed the goal. Fifteen minutes later, Kevin Biggs made a dandy run down the right side and crossed the ball into the middle. The keeper made a weak punch attempt, leaving the ball for Brett Frischmann ten yards from goal. Frischmann drilled a hard shot over the bar.

Haynes and Jenkins combined for a nice opportunity in the 30th minute, Jenkins made a clever flick to Haynes on the right side of the box. Haynes's shot barely missed the far post.

Khaboor then shockingly took the lead in the 36th minute. They played a quick pass up the middle on the counter, where the striker appeared to have handled the ball. The play got behind the defense and the striker knocked the ball over the onrushing Jorge de la Cruz.

The pot began to boil over in the 40th minute when the

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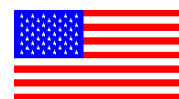
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referee sent off a Khaboor player after he head-butted Haynes after the two had gotten tangled up.

Just before the break, the Byki pulled level. Haynes sent a terrific cross to the far post from a corner and Nate Bridge opened his Byki account when he side-footed the ball into the back of the net. The shift in momentum could not have come at a better time for the Byki.

Khaboor's strategy for the second half was clear. Down a man, they were committed to preserving the 1:1 scoreline and then hope they might sneak another goal against the run of play. It was a failed strategy from the start, as the Byki approached the task at hand with energy and commitment. By the early stages of the second half, it became evident that the Byki would find a way to win the game.

The pressure kept building and the shots started coming with increasing frequency. With 15 minutes to go, Luis Arredondo made a steal at midfield and sprang Haynes on a breakaway, leaving the Khaboor defenders flat-footed. He

easily rounded the goalkeeper and slotted into the empty net.

Khaboor's coach ranted that Arredondo committed a foul when he stole the ball. The referee had heard enough and ended the match. "It was a terrible display by Khaboor," said George Gorecki. "But the referee may have made the situation worse by ending the game right when we took the lead. If their coach wouldn't keep quiet, the ref should have banished him from the field and carried on with the last 15 minutes."

With two games left, the Byki still have plenty of work left if they want to bring home hardware for the second straight season.

#### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Bridge 1 (Haynes); 44th; 1:1. Haynes 9 (Arredondo); 75th; 2:1.

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

Byki

1 : 0

Tanners

Over 30 Team - NSL Over 30 Division  
Winebago - 22 September 2007

## Tanners no match for Byki offense

The Byki old-timers posted their second victory of the season when they nipped the Tanners 1:0 at Winnebago last Saturday. The Tanners were still in the fight for the final playoff spot in the Red Section, so the defeat was a blow to their chances. The Byki still trail Lake Shore B by two points as the teams head into the final week of the season. If the Byki win, they will avoid finishing in the Blue Section cellar.

The final score flattered the Tanners, who never seriously challenged Dan Blanco's goal. The Byki let a boatload of chances go wasted and could have won the match handily.

Brett Frischmann looked set to give his side the lead on 17 minutes. He turned his defender inside out with a deft dribbling move and then came in alone on the goalkeeper. After freezing the goalie dead in his tracks, Frischmann inexplicably hit a slow roller right at him. An on-target shot anywhere else would have been a certain score.

The Byki grabbed the lead six minutes before the break when they beat the Tanners' offside trap. The Byki had fallen victim to the trap frequently in the first half because of their impatience. This time, however, was different and Sal Farhan slid a silky through pass for Jake Beaber, who sprinted behind the defense. The keeper came way outside of his box to engage Beaber, but Beaber got rid of him with a simple fake and drove the ball into the empty net. It was Beaber's first action since a shoulder injury several weeks ago and his return came at the perfect time.

The Byki had the momentum after the interval and came at the Tanners in waves. In the 52nd minute, Rick Bolesta

threw the ball in to Beaber, who turned quickly and sent Frischmann in alone with a spectacular pass. Frischmann drilled a hard shot at the near post, but the goalie somehow blocked it with a diving save.

The opportunities abounded in the final ten minutes of the match. Nick Elmkinssi sent a corner kick to the far post for the unmarked Farhan, who tried to head the ball home. A defender on the line intervened by going full stretch and heading the ball to safety.

Farhan was at it again in the 73rd minute. After dribbling along the goal line, he sent a diagonal pass back into the middle for Ken Hunter. With only the keeper to beat, Hunter took a page out of Frischmann's book and shot the ball straight into the keeper's arms.

Frischmann and Farhan each had chances to pad the lead in stoppage time. Their shots from short range could never find their way home, as Tanners players desperately blocked the path to the goal.

Despite the deceptively close score, the Byki did a good job of playing according to coach Eric Tower's game plan. They allowed no gaps in defense and moved the ball nicely from side to side to utilize the open space.

#### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Beaber 1 (Farhan); 34th; 1:0.

**BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2):** Blanco – Pedlow, Gorecki, Tower, Bolesta – Liu, Jacobs, Hunter, Elmkinssi (c) – Beaber, Najera. **Bench:** Farhan, Frischmann, Garcia, Wu.

WI Jets

0 : 3  
(Forfeit)

Byki

A Team - NSL 1st Division  
Summit Park - 23 September 2007

## Byki bad guests once again

For the second week in a row, the Byki traveled to play their game and, for the second week in a row, the game was not started because the field failed to conform to FIFA standards. Last Sunday, the WI Jets tried to stage a game on a field where one half was longer than the other. After much discussion, the Byki took another 3:0 forfeit win and wasted a beautiful Sunday.

Byki coach George Gorecki was disappointed that his squad was without a game yet again. Since August 12, the Byki have played just one match on the field. "I hope the players don't lose their patience because of this foolishness," he said. "But all we can do is show up for the games. It's up to the home team to make sure that that field is right."

As soon as the Byki started warming up, it was clear something was just not right. With a mish-mash of painted lines at one end of the field, it was difficult to tell where the goal area and penalty area were supposed to be. Gorecki paced off what he thought was the penalty area and came up with a box that was 21 yards deep, three more than the Laws of the Game specify. When the referee arrived and did his own inspection, his measurement agreed with Gorecki's.

Meanwhile, Jeff Samp immediately noticed that the halves of the field were unequal. Sure enough, the distance from the halfway line to one goal line was 60 yards, while the distance on the other side was 50 yards. Additionally, the referee determined that the penalty spot was marked 13 yards from the goal line, instead of 12.

Gorecki asked the referee what was going to happen next and the referee wanted the two teams to decide. "Typical non-committal referee," snorted Gorecki. "The Laws of the Game give him the authority to say that the field is unplayable because it doesn't meet the standards, and he wants the teams to decide whether to play." Gorecki instead called NSL President Gregory Vlamakis for a decision. After speaking with the referee, Vlamakis declared that the game could not be played on that field.

The Jets offered to move the game to an adjacent field, which was marked according to the rules. But that would require them to take down the nets and put them up on the new field. Normally, such a turnover can be accomplished in no more than 20 minutes. Seeing that it took the Jets over 30 minutes just to put the nets up on the original field, the Byki had little hope that the game could get started anytime soon.

"It was already forfeit time by the time they offered the new field," said Gorecki. "I asked the players whether they wanted to wait and they clearly wanted to play immediately, not wait indefinitely for the Jets." The game never got off the ground and the Byki walked away with the points.

### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Forfeit goals: 3:0.

**A TEAM LINEUP (4-4-2):** Najera – Samp, Guzman, Rose, Delaunay – Daniel, Bouzoukis, Goudeaux, Fleming – Stanley, Sarprong. **Bench:** Pirillis, Ruiz.

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## MAJOR DIVISION

Championship Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria	14	12	1	1	53	15	37
SAC Wisla	14	9	2	3	38	15	29
CKS Warta	14	7	2	5	42	39	23
B-H Lilies	14	7	2	5	28	29	23
HNNK Hrvat	14	6	1	7	25	32	19
FC Romania	14	5	3	6	36	47	18

Classification Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Honduras SC	14	6	2	6	32	25	20
Gazelle SC	13	5	4	4	18	18	19
KF Ulqin	14	6	0	8	28	30	18
Jahbat FC	13	3	2	8	26	36	11
Albanian Stars	14	2	4	8	21	39	10
NK Prijedor	14	1	5	8	17	39	8

## FIRST DIVISION

Championship Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Royal FC	14	10	2	2	45	20	32
FC Steaua Chicago	14	8	4	2	41	22	28
Deportivo Colomex	14	9	0	5	34	30	27
Stare Byki B	14	8	2	4	29	20	26
Lemont FC	14	7	5	2	39	22	26
Khaboor FC	13	6	3	4	33	28	21

Classification Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Chicago Thunder	14	6	2	6	37	23	20
Stare Byki A	14	6	2	6	38	35	20
West Indies Jets	13	5	2	6	28	26	17
FK Kozarac	14	4	0	10	32	48	12
West Bosnia SC	13	1	0	12	14	52	3
Turkish FC	13	1	0	12	12	56	3

## SECOND DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Das Magic	13	8	4	1	55	30	28
FK Podrinje	14	6	4	4	36	25	22
Pitbulls SC	13	3	2	8	30	53	11
GR-04	13	3	1	9	35	45	10
Los Chasquis	13	3	0	10	33	82	9

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
CKS Warta B	14	9	3	2	41	19	30
Real Independiente	13	7	2	4	42	39	23
FC Kosova	15	7	0	8	48	48	21
FC Transilvania	13	6	2	5	57	32	20
Juanacatlan	13	5	2	6	31	35	17

## OVER 30 DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Lake Shore A	15	11	2	2	56	29	35
Gato Verde	14	7	4	3	42	18	25
Tanners SC	14	4	5	5	29	45	17
Jahbat FC	14	3	3	8	38	55	12
West Indies Jets	14	1	4	9	20	43	7

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
SAC Wisla	15	11	3	1	59	24	36
Arabian FC	15	11	1	3	57	28	34
Hellas SC	15	7	1	7	40	40	22
Lake Shore B	15	3	1	11	24	49	10
Stare Byki FC	15	2	2	11	10	44	8