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FC Steaua

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Byki

B Team - NSL 1st Division
Concordia University - 30 September 2007

Byki even-stein with Steaua

The Byki exited the race for promotion to the Major Division on the heels of their 1:1 draw with FC Steaua Chicago last Sunday at Concordia University. The sides fought tooth and nail, as both teams created enough chances to win the game. In the end, a draw was a fair result.

The outcome puts the Byki at 8-3-4 and gives them no chance of finishing in the top two spots in the Championship Section. The players were obviously dejected, but their hopes and dreams didn't need to rest on Sunday's match. "We didn't lose our shot because of this game," said stopper Tony Gallo, who was out with injury. "We lost it because of the results early in the season."

The Byki have been a revelation in the second phase of the season, unbeaten so far in four matches against the best teams in the 1st Division. They have managed to avenge losses to Deportivo Colomex, Khaboor FC and Steaua, but the loss of those points and points from other matches were the key reason for their position in the table. "The closeness of the competition in the 1st Division has never been more evident than it has been this season," said Byki President

George Gorecki. "I've always said that you have a chance to win a little piece of the championship every Sunday. So, every point you lose puts you one step further away from that goal."

Steaua pressed for the early advantage and were nearly rewarded for their efforts. In the 18th minute, the Byki were guilty of some sloppy passing in front of their penalty area, resulting in a turnover. Jorge de la Cruz was forced to make a diving save on a quick shot taken from just outside the box.

Steaua had a great opportunity in the 34th minute when a slick pass from the right wing created an opening at the top of the box. As the Steaua striker dribbled in, de la Cruz came out hard to make the save. Steaua tried to pound the rebound home, but the Byki defense blocked that effort.

The Byki then began to turn the screws at the other end. They earned three corner kicks in the next few minutes and then finally broke through five minutes before the break. Russ Haynes ran hard down the right wing to get a cross in. The Steaua goalkeeper made a legs-spread save on the ball from Haynes, but the ball ricocheted out in front and the alert Jwo-Hornig Lin headed the ball home from six yards.

The teams continued to trade salvos in the second half. In the 51st minute, Ahmad Harake played a nice pass to John Jenkins, who slid past his defender and fired a hard shot on target from 20 yards. Good reflexes allowed the Steaua keeper to tip the ball over.

Just after the hour mark, Nate Bridge floated a dangerous ball into the mixer from 40 yards out. The ball bounced in front of the goalie, resulting in a wild scramble and the Byki shooting over the top.

In the 66th minute, Steaua returned the favor with a cross that flustered the Byki defense. They headed the ball clear for a corner and Steaua made nice work out of that set piece when they sent the ball into the goal area. De la Cruz dove to smother the loose ball.

The home side got the tying goal two minutes later. De

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la Cruz came out to the top of the penalty area to flag down a Steaua cross and clashed with a Steaua striker. Neither player could control the ball and it slithered behind everyone, eventually knocked into the empty net by a supporting Steaua player.

Things turned ugly in the 71st minute when Luis Arredondo was viciously kicked in the back by a Steaua player. The referee brandished his red card and Steaua were forced to play shorthanded the rest of the way.

Both teams had great opportunities to score in the final ten minutes, but none better than Lin's blast in the 82nd minute that clanged off of the crossbar.

The Byki were reduced to ten men when Jenkins was shown two yellow cards in rapid succession. Jenkins and a Steaua player were exchanging pleasantries during a dead-ball lull, which caused the referee to caution Jenkins. The striker could not leave well enough alone, however, and the referee flashed yellow again moments later when the Jenkins

continued his dissent. Afterwards, the referee said that Jenkins insulted him, which prompted the send-off.

With extra space on the field and ample stoppage time, the sides searched for a winner, yet both came up empty. Although the draw killed the Byki chances for glory, it didn't do much for Steaua's chances. Steaua had gone into Week 15 in second place, but now trail Deportivo Colomex by a point. In order to finish second, Steaua have to beat Khaboor FC and hope that Lemont and Colomex play to a draw on the final day of the season.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Lin 5 (Haynes); 40th; 0:1.

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

L. Shore B

2 : 2

Byki

Over 30 Team - NSL Over 30 Division
Montrose & Cumberland - 29 September 2007

Draw leaves Byki at rock-bottom

Two very late goals allowed the Byki oldboys to salvage a 2:2 draw versus Lake Shore B in the gloaming at Montrose and Cumberland last Saturday. The result leaves the Byki with a final record of 2-3-11 for the season, and in fifth place in the five-team Blue Section.

2007 was definitely a season of frustration for a Byki squad that only mustered 12 goals in their 16 matches. Only twice in Over 30 history have the Byki scored fewer goals in an outdoor campaign. To be fair, the old-timers have never really been a scoring machine in the NSL. Last season, when they bagged an impressive 32 tallies, was the only time that the Byki have scored more than 20 goals in an outdoor season.

The lack of scoring punch has prevented the team from getting better results against mediocre competition. Although the Byki are not ready to mix it up at this time with Over 30 heavyweights like Wisla, the team really believe that they should be competitive with at least half of the Over 30 Division. It is difficult, however, to be competitive when you can't put the ball in the back of the net. Getting shut out eight times over the course of a season can do that to a team.

The Byki had high hopes of nabbing a win over Lake Shore B, whom they had tied and beaten in two previous encounters this summer. But the pockmarked pitch at Montrose and Cumberland prevents any team that likes the passing game to get into a comfortable rhythm. The treacherous conditions also claimed two victims. Striker Jake

Beaber lasted all of 16 minutes before he stepped in a hole, twisting his ankle. Ray Najera played the full term, but woke up the next morning with a swollen ankle that was double its normal size. "I wish that the Forest Preserve District would close this dump to soccer," snorted George Gorecki. "I'm amazed that more people don't suffer serious injuries in this hell hole."

The Byki had the opportunities to put away rag-tag Lake Shore early. In the opening moments, Beaber sent the ball to Peng Liu on the right. Liu dribbled to the byline and squared the ball to Najera in the box. Najera launched a first-time shot over the bar.

In the 15th minute, Liu knocked the ball back to Dan Jdrzejowski, who crushed a swerving rocket of a shot that just missed the post, leaving the goalkeeper rooted in place. Then, Nick Elmkinssi sliced a pass through the Lake Shore defense that put Beaber in the clear. Beaber turned and shot right away, narrowly missing the target. After the play, Beaber hobbled to the sideline following his ankle sprain.

Just before the interval, the Byki had a terrific chance from a corner kick. Najera crossed the ball into the middle, where Jdrzejowski flicked the ball along to Liu. But Liu first-time strike sailed over the bar.

Lake Shore built an unlikely 2:0 lead in the span of ten minutes in the second half. The Byki left a forward alone in the box in the 55th minute and he deftly sent the ball past

Dan Blanco, who had come out to challenge. Then, a poor turnover in midfield led to a breakaway. The striker snaked past Blanco and scored into an empty net, despite Najera's hustle to sprint back and support his goalie.

Just when things looked their most bleak, the Byki switched over to comeback mode. In the 79th minute, Liu made a brilliant through pass for Vitaly Tsipris. He sped in alone on the keeper and shot past the onrushing netminder, only to see the shot hit the goalpost. Tsipris didn't give up on the play and slid the rebound home to cut the deficit to 2:1.

In the first minute of stoppage time, the Byki pulled even. Jedrzejowski lofted a free kick from 30 yards into the crowded

penalty area. His placement could not have been better, as the keeper lost control of the ball after clashing with Steven Pedlow for control. With the ball loose on the doorstep of the goal, Elmkinssi was in the perfect spot to knock the ball into the unguarded net.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Tsipris 1; 79th; 2:1. Elmkinssi 3 (Jedrzejowski); 81st+; 2:2.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Blanco – Zhang, Pedlow, Silverstein, Geng – Jedrzejowski, Liu, Hunter, Beaver – Elmkinssi (c), Najera. **Bench:** Gorecki, Tsipris.

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	12	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Gambino	90	0	0.00
Najera	90	0	0.00
Eliasek	1080	34	2.83

Final record: 8-2-6

B TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Haynes	9	4	13
Lin	5	1	6
Torossian	4	2	6
Frsichmann	0	4	4
Colwell	2	1	3
Jenkins	2	1	3
Arredondo	0	3	3
Zoeller	1	1	2
Bridge	1	0	1
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	1169	18	1.39
Drake	180	3	1.50

Current record: 8-3-4

O-30 TEAM, NSL O-30 DIVISION

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

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Mansur, P Sr	40	0	0.00
Blanco	750	23	2.45
Silverstein	160	6	3.00
Cook	250	10	3.20
Tsipris	80	7	7.00

Final record: 2-3-11

Kozarac

0 : 3
(Forfeit)

Byki

A Team - NSL 1st Division
Conkey Forest Preserve - 30 September 2007

Forfeits: What a way to win!

The Byki notched another victory by forfeit last Sunday when FK Kozarac didn't bother to show up for their scheduled match at Conkey Forest Preserve. It was the third straight win by forfeit for the Byki, who have unfortunately made a habit of winning this way. And the fun continues in this week's season-ending match versus West Bosnia SC. The relegation-bound blunderers have already informed the Byki that their team has fallen apart and that they won't be playing. The Byki will finish the 2007 season with a record of 8-2-6, and their 26 points will top the Classification Section. The team have played just one game on the field since August 12.

Some players are blaming the NSL's new competition format on the rash of forfeited games. But Byki coach George Gorecki wasn't having any of it. "Our wins over Turkish FC and WI Jets were the result of non-standard fields. I don't see how the league format is connected to that," he said. "Obviously, Kozarac and West Bosnia stopped caring after a certain point, but that is more a reflection on their organizations than it is an indictment of the competition format." Gorecki ran the numbers and found that 27% of late-season

games in the 1st Division ended in forfeits in 2007, as compared to 50% for the same period in 2006.

"People think that the situation is worse this year than before, so they grasp at reasons for the cause," said Gorecki. "The easy thing is to say that the format changed, so that must be the reason. The real reason that the situation seems worse this year is because it's happening to us four weeks in a row." Indeed, the Byki only picked up one forfeit win in their last five regular-season matches in 2006 and a total of two for the entire season.

The Byki will have several weeks before they begin preparations for the NSL indoor season.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Forfeit goals: 3:0.

A TEAM LINEUP (4-5-1): Gambino – Zhang, Pirillis, Rose, Delaunay – Daniel, Goudeaux, Stanley, Bouzoukis, Fleming – Dance. **Bench:** Ciszewski, Ruiz.

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MAJOR DIVISION

Championship Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria	15	13	1	1	58	19	40
SAC Wisla	15	9	3	3	39	16	30
CKS Warta	15	7	3	5	43	40	24
B-H Lilies	15	7	2	6	32	34	23
FC Romania	15	6	3	6	39	47	21
HNNK Hrvat	15	6	1	8	25	35	19

Classification Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
KF Ulqin	15	7	0	8	33	33	21
Honduras SC	15	6	3	6	33	26	21
Gazelle SC	15	5	5	5	20	22	20
Jahbat FC	15	4	3	8	30	38	15
Albanian Stars	15	2	5	8	22	40	11
NK Prijedor	15	1	5	9	20	44	8

FIRST DIVISION

Championship Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Royal FC	15	10	2	3	47	24	32
Deportivo Colomex	15	10	0	5	40	30	30
Lemont FC	15	8	5	2	43	24	29
FC Steaua Chicago	15	8	5	2	42	23	29
Stare Byki B	15	8	3	4	30	21	27
Khaboor FC	15	6	3	6	33	37	21

Classification Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Stare Byki A	15	7	2	6	41	35	23
Chicago Thunder	15	6	3	6	38	24	21
West Indies Jets	15	6	3	6	32	27	21
FK Kozarac	15	4	0	11	32	51	12
Turkish FC	15	3	0	12	18	56	9
West Bosnia SC	15	1	0	14	14	58	3

SECOND DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Das Magic	16	9	4	3	63	40	31
FK Podrinje	16	7	4	5	40	28	25
Pitbulls SC	16	5	3	8	40	57	18
GR-04	16	4	2	10	42	52	14
Los Chasquis	16	4	0	12	36	89	12

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
CKS Warta B	16	9	3	4	43	25	30
Real Independiente	16	9	3	4	49	42	30
FC Transilvania	16	9	2	5	66	33	29
FC Kosova	16	7	0	9	49	51	21
Juanacatlan	16	5	3	8	36	47	18

OVER 30 DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Lake Shore A	16	12	2	2	59	29	38
Gato Verde	15	8	4	3	45	20	28
Jahbat FC	16	5	3	8	41	55	18
Tanners SC	15	4	5	6	29	47	17
West Indies Jets	16	1	4	11	20	47	7

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
SAC Wisla	16	12	3	1	62	24	39
Arabian FC	16	11	1	4	59	31	34
Hellas SC	16	7	1	8	40	43	22
Lake Shore B	16	3	2	11	26	51	11
Stare Byki FC	16	2	3	11	12	46	9