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Byki

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Royal FC

B Team - NSL 1st Division
Winnebago - 7 October 2007

Byki fall short in finale

The B Team ended their improbable and spectacular run on October 7 with a hard-fought 2:1 defeat to Royal FC at Winnebago. The victory ensured Royal's hold on the 1st Division Overall Championship, as they had clinched promotion to the Major Division going into the contest. The Byki finish the season at 8-3-5, good for fifth in the Championship Section.

The Byki saw their hopes for promotion dashed in their previous match, a 1:1 draw versus FC Steaua Chicago. Their primary intention against Royal was to avenge a 2:1 defeat in the first round of play and potentially deny their opponents the Overall Championship.

Royal, however, had other ideas and put immediate pressure on the Byki goal. In the fourth minute, they played a long ball over the Byki defense, leading to a breakaway chance on the right side of the box. Jorge de la Cruz came out forcefully to cut down the angle, but it took extra effort from sweeper Ashley Smart to clear the ball out of danger.

The visitors broke the ice a minute later with another long pass. Tony Gallo gave chase to the sprinting striker and de

la Cruz came to the edge of the area to challenge, but the Royal player broke free and slipped the ball into an empty net.

Coach Joe Gambino was unhappy about his team's preparation for the game. Given the late arrival of many players for the pre-match warm-up, he sensed a lack of intensity from the Byki. Royal's hot start underlined Gambino's frustration.

The game took a strange turn in the 18th minute. De la Cruz came out to snatch a bouncing ball near the top of the 18 and collided with a Royal striker who arrived too late to make a play on the ball. The referee whistled for a foul against the Royal player and when de la Cruz patted the Royal player on the shoulder to indicate that there were no hard feelings, the Royal player responded with a two-hand shove to the chest. The referee brandished his red card, leaving Royal to play short for the final 72 minutes of the contest.

That harsh decision prompted Royal to circle the wagons and protect their precious lead. The Byki were searching for cohesion and consistency, but were unable to get their game together during the first half. Royal had the only good scoring chance of the first frame, working a clever 1-2 on the left side of the box, resulting in a shot that hit the bar.

Gambino used his deep roster to wear down Royal in the second half. The tactic worked well, as the Byki crafted an equalizer in the 65th minute. Kevin Biggs executed a dangerous throw-in from the right touchline. His long heave found Jwo-Hornng Lin in the mixer, who flicked the ball along with a crafty little header. The ball bounced inside the goal area, where Russ Haynes slid in to knock the ball home. The Royal goalie was late to make a move on the ball and Haynes' hustle was just the tonic that the Byki attack needed.

A draw was a sufficient result for Royal to clinch the title, but would they be able to hold on? The Byki stepped up the pressure, and ten-man Royal suddenly found themselves on the back foot. In the 82nd minute, Ahmad Harake drilled a

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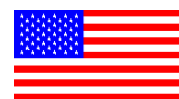
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shot from 20 yards that barely missed the goalpost. Five minutes later, Biggs launched another deep throw-in and a scramble ensued in the Royal penalty area. No Byki player could control the ball and only a desperate clearance by the Royal defense maintained the level scoreline.

Royal wrapped up the game and the championship one minute from the end when they beat the Byki on the counter. With players pushed forward seeking another goal, the Byki left de la Cruz to practically fend for himself. A long pass by Royal freed their striker and he lobbed de la Cruz for the clincher.

The team might have felt a letdown going into the match, but worked hard to get a result anyway. The Byki reached unexpected heights this season and it may be a stepping stone for bigger things in 2008.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Haynes 10 (Lin); 65th; 1:1.

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

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	10	4	14
Lin	5	2	7
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	1259	20	1.43
Drake	180	3	1.50

Final record: 8-3-5

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
Beaber	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

BYKI



Scarf Pictures

stown, NY with the baseball Hall of Fame. But many soccer fans have no idea where the soccer Hall of Fame is located. Some may not even realize the existence of a soccer Hall of Fame. The Hall is located in Oneonta, NY and the two cities are only 23 miles apart. This kind of trip would make a perfect twin killing for anyone who is a fan of both sports.

The latest batch of Byki scarf pictures has arrived at the BB office. Here are the stories behind the pictures.

Original Byk **Wes Witek** was traveling in the United Kingdom not long ago and found the perfect backdrop for a scarf picture when he visited the home stadium of English champion Manchester United. Ever the intrepid one, Wes was able to get this picture just before the guy in the BMW ran him over. Fortunately for Wes, he still has his cat-like agility from the early days and emerged from the mishap with barely a scratch.



Sven Dahlquist became a member of the Over 40 club in October, and received an outstanding birthday present from his wife **Melissa**. They took a trip to upstate New York, where they

visited Cornell University, which is Sven's alma mater. While in the neighborhood, they also stopped by the baseball and soccer Halls of Fame.

Most casual sports fans associate Cooper-



located in Oneonta, NY and the two cities are only 23 miles apart. This kind of trip would make a perfect twin killing for anyone who is a fan of both sports.

In this photo, Sven looks like he's trying to use the powers of the Byki scarf to protect him from being crushed by the giant soccer ball overhead.

George Gorecki took his Byki scarf to Colorado recently on a visit to the US Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. Many Olympic hopefuls in gymnastics, boxing and shooting live and train full-time at the complex.

In these snapshots, George is having some fun with the Olympic rings, as well as with a set of provocative statues.

