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Over 30 Team - Schaumburg Rec League
The Sport Center - 19 October 2006

Byki back on track with big win

Coming off of a bitter loss in their first indoor game of the season, the Byki came in prepared and focused for their match versus Medicare FC on October 19. Before the game, coach Wei Zhang told the team to start the game with solid defense and to make simple passes. It was a straightforward message and the players responded accordingly, handing a thorough 5:1 spanking to Medicare. The Byki improved their record in the Schaumburg Rec League to 1-0-1.

The Byki dominated the game from the outset, but had little to show for it until the latter stages of the first half. "We carried out our strategy well," said Zhang. "I knew if we kept playing like this, it would be only a matter of time before the scores started coming."

The patience and discipline finally paid off with

8:15 left in the half. Nick Elkinssi made a pass from midfield to Dan Jedrzejowski on the right side. Jedrzejowski made a run along the touchline and passed the ball into the middle of the box for Ernesto Garcia. The midfielder collected the ball and put it into the net effortlessly for a 1:0 lead. After that first tally, things became easy. Marek Ciszewski stepped up and really made life difficult for Medicare, bagging two goals in the next two minutes.

Medicare pulled one back with 4:30 left to stay in contact with the Byki when they connected on a free kick just outside of the Byki penalty area. The Medicare player shot the ball right at the wall, and it somehow got through, changing the direction of the shot. The deflection wrong-footed goalkeeper Ryan Eliasek, who could only watch in agony as the ball slowly rolled into the net on the other side.

But that fluky goal didn't discourage the Byki. Right before the end of the first half, Ciszewski made a strong run along the right side. He swept past the Medicare defense and took a powerful shot that beat the keeper at the far post to give the Byki a commanding 4:1 advantage.

The Byki continued their total control of the game during the second half. As time wore on, some of the Medicare players became fatigued and had a hard time keeping up with the Byki. They chose to play the direct style by pumping long balls into their forwards. This tactic was a failure, as the Byki defensive combo of Eric Tower, Steven Pedlow and Doug Towsey eagerly won these hopeful passes. They dominated in the air and cleared out everything from

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The Byki offense, however, seemed to lose some momentum. The turnovers inexplicably began piling up, as the easy giveaways happened all too frequently. The Byki did manage to add one more goal to their total with 4:21 to go. Jedrzejowski got the ball in midfield on the right side, took a few dribbles and fired a long shot at the Medicare goal. The laser beam went straight into the net, capping off a satisfying 5:1 victory.

“I’m very happy with the way we played,” Zhang commented after the game. “I’m confident that more

wins will be on the way if we can continue to play at this level.”

Wei Zhang contributed to this story.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1st: Garcia 1 (Jedrzejowski); 16:45; 0:1. Ciszewski 2; 17:45; 0:2. Ciszewski 3; 18:45; 0:3. Ciszewski 4; 1:4.
2nd: Jedrzejowski 1; 20:39; 1:5.

BYKI LINEUP (2-3-1): Eliasek – Tower, Pedlow – Ciszewski, Elmkinssi, Jedrzejowski – Parra. **Bench:** Frischmann, Garcia, Geng, Hunter, Towsey.

Hellas

6 : 6

Byki

Over 40 Team - Sportszone Over 30 League
Sportszone - 30 October 2006

Huge comeback for Byki in opener

The Byki opened the indoor season with a bang, as they traded goals with a power-packed Hellas squad last Monday at the Sportszone in Melrose Park. Rich Ahrens led the way with two goals and two assists, as the Byki stormed back from a 5:2 deficit to forge a 6:6 draw.

Over 40 coaches Bernhard Kleine and Sal Farhan spent two months looking for a new indoor league and replied to an e-mail sent by the Sportszone, who were looking for teams to fill an Over 40 league. The Sportszone is a start-up operation and eventually could only find three other old-timers teams, all of whom combined to play in an Over 30 competition. The Byki fared well with only one youngster under the age of 40, the spry Joe Gambino. It may appear tiresome to have to play the same team every third week, but the Byki were eager to do anything to get away from the crooks at the Odeum.

When they arrived at the Sportszone, the Byki found a facility that had two modern indoor fields, ample elbow room to watch games and relax, and unlike the Odeum, a no-smoking policy that actually means something. “It’s a pretty impressive place,” said Byki President George Gorecki. “The Odeum was always an expo hall where they set up soccer fields in between trade shows. This place is all about soccer.”

If the Byki were impressed with the Sportszone, they also might have been impressed with the comeback over Hellas. The Greeks had just come off of a successful outdoor season in the NSL, where they reached the playoffs before losing in the first round. On Monday, Hellas appeared to have broken open a close game early in the second half, but the Byki refused to quit and earned a valuable point.

Hellas drew first blood with 12:54 left in the first half. A striker drilled a shot from long distance that was too hot for goalkeeper Sal Farhan to handle. The Byki defense backed away and gave up far too much ground, leaving Farhan exposed. Farhan was called upon to make several tough saves on the night and his brave acrobatics kept the Byki in the hunt.

The Byki equalized 1:54 later when they expertly executed a quick counterattack. Dominic Demarets and George Siepiora led a 2 v 2 breakout. Demarets passed to Siepiora on the left side and Siepiora accelerated into space, driving a shot past the keeper.

The Byki took a 2:1 lead with 9:25 left, thanks to terrific hustle. Stef Wiecek worked hard to gain possession in the corner and knocked the ball off the boards. Ahrens was all alone to sweep the ball into the net.

Demarets made a bid to get on the board with 6:08 to go. He received a pass near the penalty area, made

a quick turn to get open and shot on target. The keeper made a frantic kick save to deny Demarets.

Hellas then began bringing the heavy lumber. They scored twice in the last 5:43 of the half to take a 3:2 lead into the break. The Byki, who had done a good job of holding their marks, suddenly began to fall apart. Hellas took advantage by peppering Farhan with shots from everywhere.

Things didn't get any better for the Byki after the interval. Gambino noted that the Byki would have to slow the pace and pass more frequently, because the kick-and-chase approach only led to turnovers, which allowed Hellas to attack in waves.

Gambino's warnings fell on deaf ears. Hellas were inches away from their fourth goal early in the second half. The Byki foolishly gave the ball away in their end and a Hellas shot clanged off of the crossbar.

The score went to 4:2 with 3:06 gone when the Byki were lazy coming back as Hellas charged in 3 v 2. Slack marking 0:56 later allowed Hellas to go up 5:2. A few Byki rolled their eyes and thought, "Here we go again."

The comeback started with 15:16 to go. Siepiora fired a shot on goal from the deep corner. The ball deflected off of the prone keeper right to Gambino, who tapped the ball in.

Byki confidence grew 3:16 later when Demarets finished off a long run down the right side with a shot that hit both posts before settling into the back of the net. Ahrens ignited the run by stepping on the ball at midfield and rolling a pass with the sole of his shoe to Demarets, who was sprinting behind him along the

boards.

The Byki really started feeling it when the Hellas netminder made a weak pass into the middle of the field a couple of minutes later. Ahrens was the only player from either side anywhere near the ball and he calmly knocked an easy roller into the unguarded goal. Suddenly, the game was level at 5:5 and there was plenty of time left to find a game-winner.

Hellas thought that they might be the ones to walk away with all three points when they converted a power play opportunity with 5:28 to go. The Byki looked like they were going to kill the penalty after dodging a few bullets, but Hellas pressure was too much to overcome.

One good comeback deserves another, so the Byki notched their third equalizer of the night with 1:35 left. Ahrens hit a simple square pass to Bernhard Kleine at the top of the box. Kleine side-footed a first-time shot through a crowded penalty area to make the score 6:6.

The oldboys looked good for the most part, making smart passes and keeping their shape on defense. Farhan bolstered the effort with several marvelous saves. If they eliminate the occasional lapses on defense, the Byki and their newly potent attack will play some good soccer at the Sportszone.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1st: Siepiora 1 (Demarets); 10:00; 1:1. Ahrens 1 (Wiecek); 11:35; 1:2.
2nd: Gambino 1 (Siepiora); 5:44; 5:3. Demarets 1 (Ahrens); 9:00; 5:4. Ahrens 2; 12:30; 5:5. Kleine 1 (Ahrens); 19:25; 6:6.

BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1): Farhan – Gorecki, Kleine – Castillo, Gambino – Marvin. **Bench:** Ahrens, Bolesta, Cooper, Demarets, Siepiora, Wiecek.

Byki Stats

OVER 30 TEAM, SCHAUMBURG

Player	G	A	Pts
Ciszewski	5	0	5
Jedrzejowski	1	1	2
Garcia	1	0	1
Pedlow	1	0	1
Elmkinssi	0	1	1
Frischmann	0	1	1

Goalie

Min	GA	GAA
Eliasek	100	6 3.00

Current record: 1-0-1

OVER 40 TEAM, SPORTSZONE

Player	G	A	Pts
Ahrens	2	2	4
Demarets	1	1	2
Siepiora	1	1	2
Gambino	1	0	1
Kleine	1	0	1
Wiecek	0	1	1

Goalie

Min	GA	GAA
Farhan	42	6 6.00

Current record: 0-1-0

SCHAUMBURG REC LEAGUE

October 26, 2006

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Belmont St Elite	3	3	0	0	31	6	6
Inter Puma	3	2	1	0	15	6	5
Galaxy	3	2	0	1	18	16	4
Stare Byki FC	2	1	0	1	8	6	2
Chi Town FC	2	0	2	0	9	9	2
Medicare FC	2	1	0	1	8	11	2
Stingers	3	1	0	2	13	29	2
Hellfish	3	0	1	2	10	17	1
United	3	0	0	3	16	28	0

SPORTSZONE OVER 30 LEAGUE

October 30, 2006

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Reszki	1	1	0	0	10	6	3
Stare Byki FC	1	0	1	0	6	1	1
Hellas SC	1	0	1	0	6	6	1
SportsZone	1	0	0	1	6	10	0