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Byki

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Tornadoes

Over 40 Team - Sportszone Over 30 League
Sportszone - 5 November 2007

Tornadoes twist past Byki

The Byki Over 40s dropped their second match in as many contests last Monday when they fell 5:3 to the Tornadoes. The team showed a bit of improvement over the opening-match debacle versus Deva Development, but there's a lot of work to be done before the Byki can regain last season's form.

Striker Dominic Demarets got back into the swing by notching a hat trick. Demarets was a goalscoring terror last season and the Byki need to find someone to complement him upfront because one man cannot be relied upon to carry the entire scoring load himself.

The Byki got off to a great start against the Tornadoes. Good pressure in the midfield created a quick turnover 1:35 into the match. Bernhard Kleine slid a simple pass to Demarets, who easily snaked past his defender and slipped the ball underneath the onrushing keeper for a 1:0 lead.

The Byki nearly upped their advantage to two goals several minutes later while they were killing a penalty. Rick Bolesta alertly tried to lob the ball over the goalie, who miraculously tipped the ball to safety. The Tornadoes equalized shortly thereafter, just before the conclusion of their

power play.

The Tornadoes grabbed the lead with 2:48 left in the first half when they beat the Byki on the counterattack.

The Byki tried to reply in the dying seconds of the half, but could not find the target. The hustling Fleet Neighbors pushed forward to win a ball in the corner. He sent a crazy shot on target that deflected off of the crossbar. Jim Jacobs controlled the rebound, but saw his shot go wide.

It was a reasonably coherent Byki offense at work in the first half, but the team was leaving big gaps in the midfield. Kleine has the team playing the 3-2 formation once again this year. The Byki have been staying too far back in front of their goal, however, allowing teams with good long-range shooters to take potshots at goalie Sal Farhan. The Tornadoes capitalized a couple of times when the Byki backed up, but they might have put the game away early with better finishing.

The Tornadoes went 3:1 up early in the second half when Farhan had no chance on an open shot from distance.

The Byki closed to within 3:2 with 13:58 to go when the Byki finally showed that they knew how to execute a counterattack. Neighbors started the play on the left flank and sent an exquisite diagonal pass through midfield for Demarets on the right side. Demarets did the rest, slithering around the defender and depositing the ball into the back of the net.

The Byki fell asleep 1:10 later on a Tornadoes free kick. The Tornadoes put the ball in play quickly and fired past Farhan before any Byki could figure out what had happened.

Another counterattack opportunity with 8:51 left brought the Byki back to 4:3. The energetic Jacobs made a great pass to Demarets on the left side of the area. Once he found his opening, Demarets buried his shot into the upper corner of the goal.

An excellent chance to level the score eluded the Byki 2:25 later. Sweeper Eric Tower stole the ball at the Byki red line and led a 2 v 1 with Jacobs. He dished the ball to Jacobs

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at just the right moment and the winger picked his spot at the far post, barely missing the target.

The Tornadoes wrapped up the result with 1:08 to go and the Byki scrambling to get another score. Within Farhan out, a shot off of the corner boards curled into the goal.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1st: Demarets 2 (Kleine); 1:35; 1:0.

2nd: Demarets 3 (Neighbors); 7:02; 2:3. Demarets 4 (Jacobs); 12:09; 3:4.

BYKI LINEUP (3-2): Farhan – Wiecek, Tower, Cooper – Kleine, Demarets. **Bench:** Bolesta, Gorecki, Jacobs, Neighbors, Siepiora, Silverstein.

Byki

1 : 14

Deva

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Sportszone - 29 October 2007

Byki dominated by Deva

After a promising winter at the Sportszone last year, the Byki Over 40 Team returned to action on October 29 to compete in the Over 30 League at the same venue. Last year, the Sportszone could only attract enough teams to field a four-team league, which was dominated by the Sportszone's house team. In 2007, the Over 30 League has grown to seven teams, giving the Byki a set of new challenges.

The oldboys certainly looked challenged in the opener, when they faced Deva Development. Deva was actually the Sportszone house team, only with a new name. There was nothing new about the way played, crushing the feeble Byki by a 14:1 score.

The Byki, many of whom had not played since the end of the 2006-07 indoor season, looked rusty and out of sync. Deva took full advantage and relentlessly pounded away on the hapless Byki.

The Byki welcomed several new players into the fold. Eric Tower and Nick Elmkinssi just turned 40 to become official members of the team. Ernesto Garcia and Jon Silverstein came from the Over 30s to bolster the roster. The lack of familiarity between teammates didn't help the cause, and some players were already grumbling that the Byki were carrying too many players.

Coach Bernhard Kleine refused to buy that logic. "We lost 14:1 with a 15-man roster," he snorted afterwards. "If we had played with 10 or 11, they might have scored 20." There's no doubt that Deva ran the Byki ragged. A squad that is out of shape and out of sorts to start the season need all the help they can get.

The Byki looked disjointed right from the beginning and allowed Deva far too much ball possession. After a certain point in the first half, the Byki found themselves dropping too far back into their defensive zone. This allowed Deva

time and space, which made their accurate passing and shooting all the more dangerous. The Byki were down by three by the middle of the first half, and then a three-goal flurry in the final 3:23 gave Deva a 6:0 lead at halftime.

Kleine switched some positions around for the second half, but the Byki had dug too deep a hole to climb out of. Shots rained down on beleaguered goalkeeper Sal Farhan, who did his best in the face of the heated onslaught.

By the time Deva had built a comfortable double-digit lead, they took their foot off the gas and gave the Byki a little more room to operate with the ball. The Byki threw this gift right back at their opponents, with wild shooting and generally poor decisions. The Byki created three good-looking counterattacks and botched them all, either by shooting when they should have passed, passing at the wrong time, or just simply shooting without thinking. It was a total and complete breakdown of both technique and thought.

The Byki salvaged a meager shred of pride with 1:13 left when they broke up Deva's shutout bid. Fleet Neighbors fought for a loose ball in the corner and the play carried into the goal area. The bouncing ball hit off of Neighbors' ample belly, preventing the keeper to get a clean grip on the ball. Dominic Demarets was eagerly waiting at the far post for the simple tap-in.

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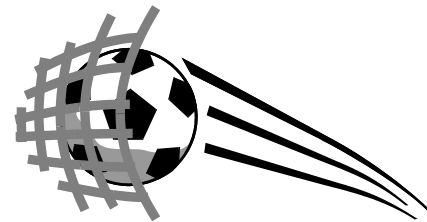
1st: None.

2nd: Demarets 1 (Neighbors); 40:42; 1:13.

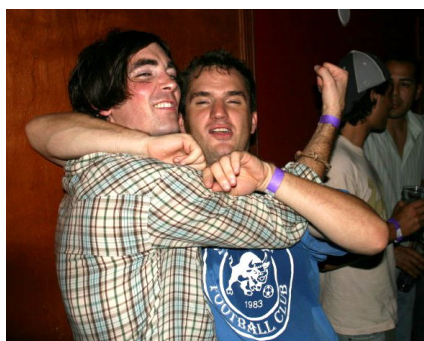
BYKI LINEUP (3-2): Farhan – Wiecek, Tower, Jacobs – Kleine, Demarets. **Bench:** Bolesta, Cooper, Elmkinssi, Garcia, Gorecki, Marvin, Neighbors, Siepiora, Silverstein.



BYKI bits & pieces



Nobody throws a party like the Byki and they certainly proved it in October. **Conor Casey** organized a night out at Redmonds, a beer-drinking joint in the heart of trendy Wrigleyville.



Russ and Conor show everyone the special love that only exists between teammates.

Through **Conor's** diligence, a total of 69 people took part in the festivities. And as you can see by the pictures on this page, some people had way more fun than others.

But the night out at Redmonds wasn't just a social occasion for the club to celebrate the end of another outdoor season. The Byki used the event as fundraiser. In exchange for bringing in a crowd to the bar, Redmonds charged everyone at the party \$25 for a three-hour window of unlimited beer flow. The Byki benefited



Joe Gambino (4th from left) tries to keep his teammates under control.

by Redmonds giving back \$11 to the club for every person in attendance. It was clearly a win-win, and the club netted \$800 on the night. That's a pretty good haul for just drinking beer.



Here's a good motto: Have Byki scarf, will travel.

And speaking of social events, the Byki will be kicking off their celebration of the club's 25th anniversary by taking a trip back to where it all started when they meet up at the Billy Goat Tavern on Saturday, December 1. The Billy Goat may appear like an odd venue for the birth of a soccer club, but it was on November 26, 1982 that the synthesis of the Byki began at the Billy Goat. It was on that day that the over-served loudmouth **Edi Pinkowski** threw down the gauntlet in front of a stunned **George Gorecki**. The Byki were born as a result of adolescent bravado creating a challenge and a group of older, wiser footballers accepting. Once the wheels were set in motion that day, there really was no going back. Newcomers to the club can read about all of the details surrounding the birth of the Byki in the history section on the club's website. Everything that happened on that memorable day will be retold, reviewed, rehashed, and thoroughly re-analyzed.

All current and former players and fans and supporters are encouraged to attend our visit back to the Billy Goat. We'll be meeting at 7:00 PM. The original Billy Goat Tavern is located near 430 N Michigan Ave on the lower level. See you all there!



Experienced Byki beer-drinkers ready for action.



SPORTSZONE OVER 30 LEAGUE

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Deva Development	2	2	0	0	24	3	6
Chicago Force	2	2	0	0	11	6	6
Tornadoes	3	2	0	1	17	16	6
Peaked Venture	3	1	0	2	16	18	3
Chicago Soccer	2	0	1	1	6	8	1
Arsenal	2	0	1	1	5	13	1
Stare Byki FC	2	0	0	2	4	19	0

Byki Stats

O-40 TEAM, SPORTSZONE LEAGUE

Player	G	A	Pts
Demarets	4	0	4
Neighbors	0	2	2
Jacobs	0	1	1
Kleine	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Farhan	42	19	19.00

Current record: 0-0-2