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Byki 0-for-4 indoors

Progress has been slow for the Byki Over 40 Team, who dropped their fourth consecutive match to start the indoor campaign, a 6:4 defeat to the undefeated Chicago Force. The Byki were hampered by having only three substitutes available, but were able to turn around a 5:1 halftime deficit and play some pretty good soccer for a change in the second half.

The Byki began the match with a nice level of discipline and did well to maintain possession during the opening ten minutes of the contest. The Force scored first, midway through the first half with a cheap goal that was helped enormously by the Byki defense. When the Byki failed to clear the ball, it was easy pickings for the Force, who converted their chance handily.

Four minutes later, the Byki knotted the score at 1:1. Bob Marvin worked a very nice give-and-go sequence with Eric Tower, and Marvin deposited the ball into the back of the net for his first tally of the season. All of the positive play by the Byki in the early going bore fruit and a well-deserved equalizer.

Just when it looked like the Byki were getting their game together, the Force put their foot on the gas pedal and blitzed the Byki to the tune of four goals in the last five minutes of the half. "We lost our focus and allowed too many easy goals," lamented coach Bernhard Kleine.

At the start of the second half, Kleine replaced Fleet Neighbors in goal with Sal Farhan, which proved to be a good move. Farhan remains Kleine's best option between the pipes, but the coach got Farhan into the offense the last two games to liven things up and give some help to striker Dominic Demarets.

In the 24th minute, the Byki cut the deficit to 5:2 when Neighbors sent a long ball from midfield off the

boards on the near side of the goal. Kleine was in the perfect spot and fired a shot from 12 yards just under the crossbar for his second goal of the season.

After the Force got that one back to make it 6:3, the Byki really played some smart soccer to close out the game. They rallied to close to within 6:3 in the 32nd minute when a sequence of excellent possession made the Force chase the ball. Kleine found Demarets with a slick pass and the striker dribbled past a defender and shot past the keeper.

Three minutes from time, it was Demarets again. Rick Bolesta played provider and Demarets did the rest. He found an opening from 13 yards and slammed a shot off the post in the top corner to make it 6:4. The Byki would get no closer in the dying moments, as shots by Kleine and Marvin sailed wide.

Losing is never acceptable, but Kleine found plenty of positives in the match. "Five terrible minutes at the end of the first half cost the Byki this game," he said. "The effort in the second half shows that this group is far more cohesive than in the first three games. A tie would have been deserved and was within reach. Every player really executed the game plan."

Bernhard Kleine contributed to this story.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1st: Marvin 1 (Tower); 15:00; 1:1.

2nd: Kleine 2 (Neighbors); 24:00; 2:5. Demarets 7 (Kleine); 32:00; 3:6. Demarets 8 (Bolesta); 39:00; 4:6.

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

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Deva dump on Byki again

The Byki Over 40 Team had the extreme misfortune of taking on the Sportszone's toughest team for the second time in three weeks on November 12. Deva Development beat up on the Byki by a 14:1 score in that first meeting, and the Byki had hardly any reason to be cheery about the 12:3 defeat in the rematch. The Byki are 0-0-3 to start the fall campaign.

Many players were grouching before kickoff about the strange scheduling. Nothing that happens at the Sportszone can come as a surprise to anyone, as logic is not management's strong suit. The Over 30 League contains seven teams, yet no team has to sit out on a given Monday. That's because the Sportszone is forcing some teams to play two games in one night. The Byki have luckily avoided that fate this season. "Oldtimers teams should not have to play twice in the same day," said George Gorecki. "Many players have all they can handle with just one game."

Deva were in control after the midpoint of the first half and fully earned their victory. Unlike the first match between the sides, the Byki at least showed some level of progress offensively. But the gap between Deva and the rest of the league is massive. It's clear that the real competition will be for second place.

The Byki came roaring out of the gate, snatching the lead in the first minute of the game. Gorecki put a free kick into play by nudging the ball to Sal Farhan. Moved into a striker slot by coach Bernhard Kleine, Farhan went to work right away. He sent the ball along the boards to Dominic Demarets, who beat his man one-on-one in the corner. He slipped the ball past the keeper for his fifth goal of the season.

It took a while for Deva to get their game together, but they finally exploded for four unanswered goals in a span of 7:41. The Byki made critical mistakes on the first two goals and a team like Deva hardly need any

help. Deva pounced on a turnover in midfield to come quickly on goal to tie the game and then goalie Fleet Neighbors sent the ball into his own goal when his clearance ricocheted off of Stef Wiecek.

With 5:24 left in the half, the Byki came back to 4:2 when they did a nice job on the counterattack. Jim Jacobs fought for possession on the left side and fed to Kleine, who made no mistake driving the ball into an empty net. But Deva turned on their engines and bagged two more before the break, slicing up the Byki defense with quick passes.

Kleine wasn't unhappy with his team's performance, despite six goals conceded at halftime. The breakdowns, however, were fundamental in nature. Deva took advantage of slack marking by the Byki and knew just when to push players forward to leave the Byki outnumbered. A simple thing like getting everyone behind the ball led to disaster for the Byki.

Things hardly got better after the break, as the Byki had to deal with increasing fatigue. Deva let the ball do the work and were 9:2 up by the middle of the second half.

The Byki pulled one back with 8:38 left in the contest, finally showing that they could also play some smart soccer. Farhan spun out of danger in the deep corner on the left side and played a nice centering pass for Demarets. The striker didn't need to be asked twice and drilled a quick shot past the keeper's extended leg. Deva wrapped up the victory by scoring three late goals.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1st: Demarets 5 (Farhan); 0:49; 1:0. Kleine 1 (Jacobs); 15:36; 2:4.
2nd: Demarets 6 (Farhan); 12:22; 3:9.

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

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Deva Development	4	4	0	0	48	22	12
Chicago Force	4	4	0	0	24	12	12
Chicago Soccer	4	2	1	1	15	13	7
Tornadoes	5	2	0	3	24	29	6
Arsenal	5	1	1	3	32	39	4
Peaked Venture	4	1	0	3	19	23	3
Stare Byki FC	4	0	0	4	11	35	0

Byki Stats

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Player	G	A	Pts
Demarets	8	0	8
Neighbors	0	3	3
Jacobs	0	1	1
Farhan	0	2	2
Marvin	1	2	3
Bolesta	0	1	1
Silverstein	0	1	1
Tower	0	1	1
Kleine	2	2	4

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Farhan	105	20	8.00
Neighbors	63	17	11.33

Current record: 0-0-4