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Dom & Bob Show a smash hit

The Byki Over 40 Team got onto the winning track last Monday when they downed the Tornadoes 6:4. Dominic Demarets had four goals and an assist, while strike partner Bob Marvin contributed three assists. The Byki improve to 1-0-4 on the season.

The victory avenges a 5:3 defeat to the Tornadoes in Week 2. The Byki played a disjointed match that night and allowed the Tornadoes free reign in the Byki defensive third of the field. The Byki were in control in the rematch, although some dodgy defending almost undid a spectacular attacking performance.

The Byki wasted no time grabbing the momentum. Goalkeeper Sal Farhan saved a shot and initiated a counterattack down the right side for Demarets. After slipping past one defender, Demarets wheeled out of the corner and fired past the keeper after just 1:17 had elapsed.

The Tornadoes leveled the affair 1:20 later. Farhan blocked a long-range shot and the rebound came right back to the shooter. He gave it another try and beat Farhan in

the low corner, as no Byki defenders came out to challenge. The Tornadoes were not bashful to shoot, but on the night, their accuracy was less than impressive.

Demarets and Marvin led a 3 v 2 counter at the 4:01 mark and the play ended with Demarets getting an open shot, but he was denied by the goalpost. The Byki went ahead for good midway through the first half. Farhan passed the ball to Marvin at midfield. He made a simple pass to Demarets, who streaked past his marker and drove a shot into the upper corner.

The score went to 3:1 when the Byki capitalized on a power play with 3:25 left in the half. Marvin laid off a neat square pass in the center circle to Demarets on the left. The Tornadoes were pushed too far forward, so it was easy pickings for Demarets to beat one defender and slam the ball past the keeper.

The Tornadoes had one other good chance with 2:01 to go. After Farhan punched a hard shot high into the air, the ball floated toward the goal. Farhan couldn't get there in time, but the alert Fleet Neighbors booted the ball off the line.

The Byki felt good about their first half of play. They realized that they could have had even more goals, as Demarets and Marvin combined for three shots that hit the framework.

The Tornadoes pulled one back early in the second half, as the Byki were confused about their marking assignments. But the Byki took care of business just minutes later, when Marvin finished off a counterattack by digging the ball out of the left corner and centering the ball for Stef Wiecek. Unmarked in the middle of the box, Wiecek turned and slid the ball past the keeper from short range to put the Byki 4:2 up.

It went to 4:3 with 14:23 to go when a slow roller from distance fooled Farhan and sneaked into the goal. Demarets

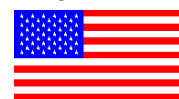
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then replied 2:03 later with his fourth tally of the night to bring the margin back to two goals.

Poor marking by the Byki allowed a back-door tap-in at the far post to make it 5:4 to the Byki with 8:00 left. The Byki then removed all doubt from the contest with 4:06 on the clock when Demarets sent the ball into the mixer on a corner kick and George Siepiora bulled his way into the box to knock the ball home.

As is their habit, the Over 40s have needed a few games

to get back into the groove. They're only four points away from third place and have an opportunity to climb the table.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Demarets 9 (Farhan); 1:17; 1:0. Demarets 10 (Marvin); 11:10; 2:1. Demarets 11 (Marvin); (pp); 17:35; 3:1. Wiecek 1 (Marvin); 26:10; 4:2. Demarets 12; 29:40; 5:3. Siepiora 1 (Demarets); 37:54; 6:4.

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

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Defensive mistakes prove costly

The Byki kicked off the indoor season last Friday with a workmanlike effort en route to a 4:1 defeat to FK Podrinje. The team played solid defense for most of the game, but Podrinje broke the game open with three goals in the final 10:46, taking advantage of a lack of fitness by the Byki.

The squad has a new look, with three brand-new players added to the roster, and all of the older players moving to the Over 30 side. With George Gorecki leading the Over 30s, Joe Gambino and Russ Haynes are in charge of the Senior team. "After coaching our club's top team for seven years, this seemed like a good time to make a change," commented Gorecki. "I felt that Joe was the best coach currently in the club and the best Byki players should have the best coach."

Gambino's first task will be to find a competent goalscorer. Zach Dance, who scored 64 goals in just 91 indoor and outdoor matches over the four years of his Byki career, has relocated, leaving a significant void. For now, Gambino's stated goal is to make sure that the Byki defense is water-tight and that the players make the most of ball possession.

Podrinje enjoyed most of the possession in the early minutes of the contest. Goalkeeper Ryan Eliasek was on his game, making critical saves when needed. Overall, the Byki showed good discipline on defense, blocking shots and preventing the Podrinje players from creating openings in front of the goal.

Podrinje came on the counter 3:44 into the game on the left wing. Eliasek used sharp reflexes to make a tough save. Three minutes later, Eliasek made a terrific diving save on an open shot from the red line.

Podrinje broke out on top with 8:11 left in the first half when they made a smart play on a corner kick. The Podrinje player sent the ball back to the corner of the Byki penalty area and a supporting teammate blasted a one-touch shot through the defense.

The Byki began getting their game together in the latter stages of the first half. Debutante Nick Zager won the ball in the corner and went straight to goal. The Podrinje keeper anticipated well and blocked Zager's shot.

Zager was at it again just moments later. His pass off the boards whizzed past Josh Taylor, who had made the run through the middle of the box. Podrinje came immediately on the counter, catching the Byki off-guard. Eliasek made a tremendous save on a shot from the right flank.

With 4:36 left, Crisan Talpes made a steal at the Podrinje red line and worked a nifty 1-2 with Gabi Dziekiewicz. With the keeper out, Talpes missed equalizing by inches when his shot hit the post.

Gambino switched goalies at the break, bringing in Nicoara Talpes, who happens to be Crisan's twin brother. Although brother combinations have played together in the Byki, it is the first time in history that twin brothers have been teammates.

Crisan Talpes' hard work paid off when the Byki knotted the score with 1:47 gone in the second half. The Podrinje keeper was dribbling the ball in his own end and Talpes put pressure on him. The startled goalie tried to quickly clear the ball, but banged it off of Talpes instead. The ball floated back over the keeper's head into the unguarded goal.

It was a deserved equalizer, but the Byki were unable

to sustain the same pace as their opponents, who never seemed to slow down. Podrinje grabbed the lead midway through the second half when their striker chased down a ball in the corner and snaked past Dziekiewicz. His blast from short range gave Nicoara Talpes no chance.

As the game wore on, the Byki seemed to be on the back foot more and more. Podrinje took advantage and put the result beyond doubt with two goals in the span of 0:36 late in the game. They made it 3:1 when they cranked two open potshots at the Byki goal and finally buried the third one on the rebound. The Byki defense reacted too slowly and paid the price. An unlucky bounce off the boards gifted

Podrinje their fourth goal. After a shot hit the edge of the boards and rebounded high in the air, a Podrinje forward outjumped Nicoara Talpes and lobbed a header over him.

The Byki have the makings of a good squad. Working harder in training is sure to accelerate the cohesion between the veterans and the newcomers.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

C. Talpes 1; 20:47; 1:1.

BYKI LINEUP (2-1-2): Eliasek – Samp, Dziekiewicz – Taylor – Rose, Ruiz.
Bench: Bouzoukis, P. Mansur Jr, Stanley, C. Talpes, N. Talpes, Zager.

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Wisla

Over 30 Team - NSL Over 30 Division
Odeum - 23 November 2007

O-30s optimistic despite opening loss

The Byki Over 30 Team returned to the National Soccer League's indoor competition last Friday after a two-year absence and took on powerhouse Wisla. The perennial contenders were the better side in a 4:2 victory, but the remade Byki played their most competitive match against a top opponent in the Over 30 Division in quite some time.

The fresh look for the Byki was a restructuring of the Over 30 Team. Older players who have been playing in the A and B Teams moved to the oldtimers' circuit for the winter. Joe Gambino hatched the idea during the summer and all of the older Senior players responded enthusiastically to the invitation. George Gorecki is coaching the squad and was fairly happy with his team's performance versus Wisla. "It's the best Byki Over 30 Team that the club has ever been able to put together," he said. "It's a good start after just three practices and we will play even better as the season moves forward."

The attendance at training has certainly made a big difference. Previously, no more than a handful of Over 30 players could be counted on to regularly attend training. During this pre-season period, nearly everyone on the roster has been at training every week.

On Friday, the Byki made it clear to Wisla that they were going to have to work hard to get the three points. The Byki played at a high pace with ferocious intensity and the Wisla players knew that the match would not be a stroll in the park.

The Byki had the first good chance with 5:29 gone in the contest. Sweeper Wei Zhang made a nice through pass

for Russ Haynes at the corner of the Wisla penalty area. Haynes stepped on the ball and rolled it to Andy Lane, who made the run on the right wing. Lane fired a hard shot, forcing a diving save from the Wisla keeper.

Wisla grabbed the lead after 6:50 when the Byki were napping on a free kick on the left wing. The Byki defensive wall blocked the shot, but the rebound rolled to the top of the arc, where a Wisla player shot past a helpless Ray Najera.

The Byki were unfazed by the goal and kept looking for the equalizer. Haynes had three great opportunities in the first half, all of them saved by the goalie. As the shots came hard and fast, the Wisla keeper had a few choice words for his defenders, who many times left him high and dry.

Wisla increased their lead to 2:0 early in the second half, as they came 2 v 2 on the counter. The shot deflected off of a Byki defender, leaving Najera stranded.

Joe Gambino was inches away from getting the Byki on the board moments after the Wisla goal. Tony Gallo launched a shot from distance that hit the back boards. With the ball loose in front, Gambino tried to poke it home before the goalkeeper covered it.

Just 0:37 later, Matt Fleming came alone on the break, but the Wisla netminder did well to come out early and block the shot.

Najera came up huge in the middle of the second half with three tremendous saves. He stoned an open Wisla forward in the box and then followed that up by saving

point-blank shots that came at him in rapid succession.

Gambino pulled the Byki to within 2:1 with 7:55 left when his hustle left the Wisla goalie flustered. Gambino chased an errant pass into the corner. The keeper came out to clear the ball, but got fooled when it took a strange bounce off of the boards. The ball fell to Gambino, who slotted into the empty net.

Wisla did well to deflate Byki momentum when they made it 3:1 just 0:39 later. An unmarked striker had Najera dead to rights, but Najera used amazing reflexes to get his hand to the shot. The rebound came straight back to the striker, who made no mistake the second time around.

Wisla put their stamp on the match with 3:59 left when they scored on a power play. They came breaking out four-on-none at midfield as the Byki scrambled to get back on defense. A shot from deep on the right wing found the

inside of the far post to make it 4:1.

The Byki kept plugging away and were rewarded with a penalty in the game's final minute. Fleming played a corner back to the supporting Matt Treter, who shot first-time. A Wisla defender handled the ball, leading to a penalty kick for the Byki. Fleming converted the spot kick.

"Wisla's coach noticed right away that this was a different Byki team," noted Gorecki. "With this kind of effort, it's going to be a productive season."

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Gambino 1; 30:05; 2:1. Fleming 1; 37:12; 4:2.

BYKI LINEUP (1-3-1): Najera – Zhang – Fleming, Gallo, Lane – Haynes.
Bench: Ciszewski, Elmkinssi, Frischmann, Gambino, Jedrzejowski, Pedlow, Treter.

Byki Stats

A TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Talpes, C.	1	0	1
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Eliasek	19	1	2.00
Talpes, N.	19	3	6.00

Current record: 0-0-1

O-30 TEAM, NSL O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Fleming	1	0	1
Gambino	1	0	1
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Najera	38	4	4.00

Current record: 0-0-1

O-40 TEAM, SPORTSZONE LEAGUE

Player	G	A	Pts
Demarets	12	1	13
Marvin	1	5	6
Kleine	2	2	4
Farhan	0	3	3
Neighbors	0	3	3
Siepiora	1	0	1
Wiecek	1	0	1
Bolesta	0	1	1
Jacobs	0	1	1
Silverstein	0	1	1
Tower	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Farhan	147	24	6.86
Neighbors	63	17	11.33

Current record: 1-0-4

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MAJOR DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
NK Prijedor	1	1	0	0	5	3	3	RWB Adria B	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
B-H Lilies	1	1	0	0	3	2	3	FK Kozarac	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
HNNK Hrvat	1	0	1	0	2	2	1	SC BiH	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
RWB Adria A	1	0	1	0	2	2	1	CKS Warta	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
KF Ulqin	1	0	0	1	2	3	0	SAC Wisla	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Albanian Stars	1	0	0	1	3	5	0	Royal FC	1	0	0	1	1	4	0

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Khaboor FC	1	1	0	0	10	0	3	FK Bosanska Dubica	1	1	0	0	12	0	3
Deportivo Colomex	1	1	0	0	8	1	3	FK Podrinje	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
FK Republica Srpska	1	1	0	0	5	1	3	Podlasie	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Chicago Thunder	1	1	0	0	4	0	3	Lemont FC	1	1	0	0	5	3	3
CKS Warta C	1	1	0	0	5	3	3	West Bosnia SC	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Stal Mielec	1	1	0	0	4	2	3	CD Taximaroa	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Oak Park Tricycles	1	0	0	1	3	5	0	Capitol Czarni Jaslo	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Lake Shore SC	1	0	0	1	2	4	0	Pitbulls SC	1	0	0	1	3	5	0
CKS Warta B	1	0	0	1	1	5	0	Real Independiente	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Juanacatlan	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	Stare Byki FC	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
Montenegro SC	1	0	0	1	1	8	0	HNNK Hrvat B	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Chicago Inter R-B	1	0	0	1	0	10	0	Los Chasquis	1	0	0	1	0	12	0

OVER 30 DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
B-H Lilies	1	1	0	0	7	2	3
RWB Adria	1	1	0	0	6	2	3
SAC Wisla	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
Arabian FC	1	1	0	0	6	5	3
HNNK Hrvat	1	0	0	1	5	6	0
Stare Byki FC	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
Polonia SC	1	0	0	1	2	6	0
NK Prijedor	1	0	0	1	2	7	0

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Deva Development	5	5	0	0	55	25	15
Chicago Force	6	5	0	1	31	22	15
Chicago Soccer	5	2	1	2	18	17	7
Arsenal	6	2	1	3	37	41	7
Peaked Venture	5	1	0	4	21	28	3
Stare Byki FC	5	1	0	4	16	38	3
Tornadoes	6	2	0	4	27	34	6