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Byki

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Prijedor

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

Byki wait too long to come back

The Byki oldboys made a spirited comeback from a 5:1 second-half deficit last Friday when they took on NK Prijedor, but they came up short at the end, as the Bosnians walked away 6:4 winners. It was an unfortunate outcome, but the Byki have only themselves to blame for their defensive lapses.

Slack marking was the topic of the day in the first half of the contest. Prijedor used a very direct approach to attack the Byki and the Byki always appeared to be a step behind the action. Before long, Prijedor had built a 3:0 lead.

Prijedor used smart ball movement to find the open man to set up their first score. The Byki left players open and paid the ultimate price, as Prijedor swung the ball from left to right, leaving a forward with a wide-open shot.

The Byki came right back in their search for an equalizer. Russ Haynes drilled a free kick from the red line that forced the keeper to make a diving stop. Just 0:20 later, Marek Ciszewski fired a long-range bomb that had the keeper beaten. Ciszewski, however, could not beat the goalpost and the Byki were still down 1:0.

Prijedor upped their lead to 2:0 with 8:29 left in the half.

After winning the ball deep in the corner, a Prijedor player made a simple square pass to an unmarked teammate in the box. He fired past a helpless Ray Najera. Four minutes later, a sloppy Byki turnover in their own end led to a long-distance shot that screamed into the upper corner of the goal to make it 3:0.

Ciszewski pulled one back just 1:04 later with an excellent individual effort. His free kick from the Prijedor red line hit the boards. Ciszewski chased down the rebound and shot again. The keeper made the save, but left the rebound for Ciszewski, who made no mistake on the third try.

The Byki came out after the break looking to take control of the match and peppered the Prijedor goal with shots, and even hit the framework twice more. But Prijedor survived the barrage and even added another goal to their total.

Haynes won a loose ball at the Prijedor red line after 0:43 and blasted a shot that froze the goalie and clanged off of the base of the goalpost. Minutes later, the hard-working Matt Fleming won the ball in the corner and dropped a pass for Ciszewski at the top of the box. The keeper made a nice save on Ciszewski's first-time shot.

Prijedor made it 4:1 with 12:23 left in the contest when they made the most of a counterattack with a shot from the right flank. The Byki left their goalkeeper stranded 3:52 later when they made an ill-advised line change. Prijedor had time and space, punishing the Byki to the tune of a 5:1 lead.

Just when it looked like all hope was lost, the Byki offense kicked into gear. Just 0:24 after the fifth Prijedor goal, Haynes answered by burying a shot from outside the area to bring the Byki to within 5:2.

Momentum shifted to the Byki with 7:15 to go when an unmarked Tony Gallo dribbled the ball up the gut and drilled a shot from long range. The keeper could only parry the ball and Haynes was in just the right spot to tuck home the rebound.

The Byki closed the gap to 5:4 with 6:09 left. Dan Jdrzejowski nailed a hard shot from the right wing and the

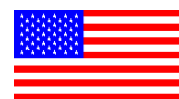
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ball deflected off of a defender. Ciszewski pounced on the loose ball and slotted past the startled goalkeeper.

Suddenly, the Byki were rocking and Prijedor were reeling. With 5:03 to go, Joe Gambino was trapped in the corner, to the right of the Prijedor goalkeeper. He dug the ball out of the scrum and dropped it back to Matt Treter. The winger hit a first-time shot that was destined for the far post. The ball hit the inside of the post and cruelly rebounded off to the side. "I was ready to ring up Matt's shot on the scoreboard," said coach George Gorecki. "He had everyone beaten and that ball should have gone in."

Prijedor recovered sufficiently to snatch another goal with 4:27 left to provide a bit of breathing room. The Byki would

come no closer, but everyone realized how narrow the margin between victory and defeat can be. "Prijedor capitalized on our poor attention to defense," said Gorecki afterward. "We hit the framework four times, so we put plenty of pressure on them. It's a matter of putting it together on both sides of the ball."

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Ciszewski 1; 15:49; 1:3. Haynes 1; 29:53; 2:5. Haynes 2 (Gallo); 30:45; 3:5. Ciszewski 2 (Jedrzejowski); 31:51; 4:5.

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

Byki

1 : 3

Real

A Team - NSL 1st Division
Odeum - 30 November 2007

Byki can't solve packed-in Real

The Byki dropped to 0-0-2 to start the indoor season when they disappointingly fell 3:1 to Real Independiente last Friday. Real played a good portion of the match with just one substitute and a disjointed Byki attack failed to capitalize. The Byki defense was not up to the standard they set in Week 1, allowing Real to shoot at the Byki goal from all angles.

Coach Joe Gambino has been stressing the need for the Byki to maintain ball possession, and his players could hardly have been worse in that aspect of the game than they were on Friday. Many players held the ball too long, dribbled too much, and generally disdained making the easy pass. With Real defenders occupying space in front of the Byki goal, a patient approach was called for, but few Byki realized the importance of changing their game to force the opponent into jeopardy situations.

Real got off to a dream start when they broke into the lead after only 0:38 had elapsed. The Byki defended in a passive fashion and Real calmly stroked the ball from one side to the other. An open player blasted a shot from the right side just under Ryan Eliasek's crossbar.

The Byki needed just 3:50 to reply. A free kick from the right corner whizzed through the Real penalty area and over to Jeff Samp on the left flank. Samp tried to shoot for the far post, but Dan Stanley ran through the middle and redirected the ball past the keeper with a well-taken, first-time shot.

The Byki nearly snatched the lead 0:58 later when Josh Taylor broke behind the defense and had the keeper alone. Real's goalie made a forceful intervention and slid at Taylor's feet to block the shot.

Real grabbed the lead with 1:38 left in the first half. A long shot crashed off of the back boards and caromed into

the middle of the Byki penalty area. An unmarked Real player slammed the loose ball past Eliasek.

The Byki made little progress to solve the Real defense after the break. They failed to move the ball quickly to take advantage of space and Real comfortably packed themselves in and dared the Byki to come at them.

Real could have padded their lead with 10:11 left in the contest. After the Byki defense allowed a Real player to dribble freely up the middle, it was left up to Eliasek to save the day. Eliasek stoned the shooter with a brilliant save, but Real controlled the rebound. The second shot hit both goalposts and incredibly did not cross the line.

The Byki had a gilt-edged chance to equalize with 3:47 to go. Taylor received a pass at midfield and sprinted toward the Real goal. As he crossed the red line, he teed up a long-range bomb that the keeper never saw. The ball ricocheted off of the underside of the crossbar and was cleared by the defense.

Gambino rolled the dice with a little more than three minutes left in the game and went to six-attacker mode, replacing Eliasek with Samp. The Byki attacked with more urgency, but got no closer to scoring. Real got a slop goal in the waning moments as they victimized Samp to cap off a 2 v 1 counterattack.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Stanley 1 (Samp); 4:28; 1:1.

BYKI LINEUP (2-1-2): Eliasek – Samp, Bouzoukis – Taylor – Stanley, Biggs. **Bench:** Black, Dziekiewicz, Rose, Ruiz, C. Talpes, Zager.

Moribund Byki get clobbered

The Byki Over 40 team saw their record drop to 1-0-5 for the season when Peaked Venture administered a clinical 10:2 whipping last Monday at the Sportszone. The match was an opportunity for the Byki to climb the table, as Venture were ahead of them only by virtue of goal difference.

Amazingly, a team whose roster appeared to be bulging at the beginning of the season is now having a hard time fielding at least one substitute for each position. Although the number of players is not the critical issue at hand, coach Bernhard Kleine has sought to stock a deep roster because the Byki are playing in an Over 30 league.

Venture attacked the Byki goal in waves at the start, but the Byki managed to keep them at bay with organized defending. The Byki sneaked a goal against the run of play on a counterattack, but their advantage did not last very long. Sharp passing and good ball control eluded the Byki, and

the constant giveaways put the defense under pressure. Venture, to their credit, passed the ball well and their movement eventually broke down the Byki. Venture peppered the Byki goal with long-distance shots and their uncanny accuracy only encouraged them to shoot at every opportunity. The long bombs led Venture to a 4:1 lead at the break.

In the second half, the Byki abandoned their defensive posture and decided to throw all of their effort into attacking. It's an all-or-nothing strategy, and it came up nothing for the Byki. Venture utilized the space to full advantage and they broke the game open when they blitzed the Byki for four goals in the span of three minutes in the second half. After that outburst, the Byki were simply a beaten bunch.

Rick Bolesta contributed to this story.

Byki Stats

A TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Stanley	1	0	1
Talpes, C.	1	0	1
Samp	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Eliasek	53	3	2.15
Talpes, N.	19	3	6.00
Samp	4	1	9.50

Current record: 0-0-1

O-30 TEAM, NSL O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Ciszewski	2	0	2
Haynes	2	0	2
Fleming	1	0	1
Gambino	1	0	1
Gallo	0	1	1
Jedrzejowski	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Najera	76	10	5.00

Current record: 0-0-2

O-40 TEAM, SPORTSZONE LEAGUE

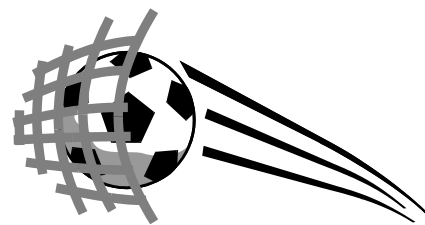
Player	G	A	Pts
Demarets	12	1	13
Marvin	1	5	6
Kleine	2	2	4
Farhan	0	3	3
Neighbors	0	3	3
Siepiora	1	0	1
Wiecek	1	0	1
Bolesta	0	1	1
Jacobs	0	1	1
Silverstein	0	1	1
Tower	0	1	1

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

Current record: 1-0-5



BYKI bits & pieces



Several Byki and friends took a trip to the Chicago Brauhaus to celebrate Oktoberfest recently. This is annual event that has been going on for over 20 years and **Wei Zhang** took the initiative to organize the outing. Wei also took the pictures that accompany this story.



Matt Treter and Wei Zhang really enjoy their beer at the Brauhaus.

The Brauhaus is a bottomless pit of fun and merriment, as longtime visitors can attest.

George Gorecki, who might be the biggest fan of the Brauhaus, once proclaimed, "If you go to the Brauhaus and don't

have a good time, then there must be something wrong with you, not with the Brauhaus."

Wei is always on the lookout for a good opportunity to take a scarf picture and things could not have worked out better at the Brauhaus. One of

the attractions at the Brauhaus is the lively band, who play a steady stream of German beer-drinking music. The ringleader of the band is

Guenther, an enthusiastic showman who loves to lead the crowd in song and games. Veteran readers of *BB* will recall that a few Byki have participated in the Brauhaus yodeling contest, and **Russ Haynes** finally won the competition a couple of years ago, after several failed tries in

which Russ was convinced that the contest was fixed.

Wei astutely put the Byki scarf on Guenther, and judging by the pictures, Guenther really enjoyed his new accessory.



Guenther is the first musician to perform while wearing a Byki scarf.

The Byki kicked off their celebration of the club's 25th anniversary by taking a trip back to where it all started when they met up at the Billy Goat Tavern last Saturday. It was a good opportunity to take a trip down memory lane, as some of the new guys were not up to speed on the club's origins. Two of the principal characters involved in setting up the first Byki game were at the Billy Goat last week, **Edi Pinkowski** and **George Gorecki**. This story has been told and re-told innumerable times, but relative newbies



Guenther shows off his new Byki scarf as he leads the crowd in *Ein Prosit*.



Byki scarves were in abundance at the Billy Goat Tavern.

like **Conor Casey** and **Chad Daniel** enjoyed the trash-talking between Edi and George that was still going strong after 25 years.

One event on the anniversary calendar that has been discussed a lot in the last two months is a reunion game, which would once again bring

together the opponents that squared off in the first Byki match on June 9, 1983. Original Byk **Mark Sokolowski** has been feverishly trying to get his squad back together and has obtained commitments from nearly everyone who was on that 16-man roster. Edi, unfortunately, has not had as much success in motivating his former teammates to lace up the boots one more time. At last count, Edi's squad has only four players with any interest of turning back the clock.

This prompted Edi to take a new tack. Because the eligibility rules for that first game required that everyone on Edi's team had to have graduated high school in 1983 or later, Edi used the occasion at the Billy Goat to recruit **Matt Treter** and **Wei Zhang** into his squad. A lame and failed attempt to build a team, to be sure, but it's hardly surprising, given the lameness of Edi's original team in the first place.



The club is also proud to unveil its 25th Anniversary logo. The winning design was submitted by Russ Haynes and the club's Board of Directors made some modifications before sending it off to California for patches to be made. The logo will appear prominently on the club's website, in *Byki Bouncings*, and on the club's new uniforms. All of these changes will begin in January.

Although the official uniforms will be worn by the players, the club will also be producing some limited-edition replica jerseys in early 2008. This will allow current and former players, as well as fans, to retain a memento of this historic milestone. Orders will be taken in advance and numbering and personalization will be available for these replica shirts. Keep your eyes open for the details!

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MAJOR DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
B-H Lilies	2	2	0	0	6	4	6	RWB Adria B	2	2	0	0	8	2	6
RWB Adria A	2	1	1	0	5	2	4	SC BiH	2	1	1	0	9	3	4
HNNK Hrvat	2	1	1	0	5	3	4	FK Kozarac	2	1	1	0	6	3	4
NK Prijedor	2	1	0	1	7	6	3	CKS Warta	2	0	1	1	1	4	1
KF Ulqin	2	0	0	2	3	6	0	SAC Wisla	2	0	1	1	1	4	1
Albanian Stars	2	0	0	2	3	8	0	Royal FC	2	0	0	2	2	11	0

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Chicago Thunder	2	2	0	0	9	0	6	Capitol Czarni Jaslo	2	2	0	0	10	1	6
FK Republica Srpska	2	2	0	0	8	2	6	Podlasie	2	2	0	0	6	1	6
Stal Mielec	2	2	0	0	7	3	6	West Bosnia SC	2	2	0	0	6	3	6
Khaboor FC	2	1	1	0	15	5	4	FK Bosanska Dubica	2	1	0	1	17	7	3
CKS Warta C	2	1	1	0	10	8	4	FK Podrinje	2	1	0	1	6	4	3
Oak Park Tricycles	2	1	0	1	15	5	3	CD Taximaroa	2	1	0	1	7	6	3
Deportivo Colomex	2	1	0	1	9	4	3	Lemont FC	2	1	0	1	6	6	3
CKS Warta B	2	1	0	1	5	7	3	Real Independiente	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Juanacatlan	2	0	0	2	1	7	0	HNNK Hrvat B	2	1	0	1	4	5	3
Lake Shore SC	2	0	0	2	2	9	0	Pitbulls SC	2	0	0	2	5	9	0
Montenegro SC	2	0	0	2	3	12	0	Stare Byki FC	2	0	0	2	2	7	0
Chicago Inter R-B	2	0	0	2	0	22	0	Los Chasquis	2	0	0	2	1	21	0

OVER 30 DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria	2	2	0	0	11	5	6
SAC Wisla	2	2	0	0	8	4	6
B-H Lilies	2	1	0	1	10	7	3
HNNK Hrvat	2	1	0	1	10	9	3
Arabian FC	2	1	0	1	8	9	3
NK Prijedor	2	1	0	1	8	11	3
Stare Byki FC	2	0	0	2	6	10	0
Polonia SC	2	0	0	2	5	11	0

SPORTSZONE OVER 30 LEAGUE

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Deva Development	6	6	0	0	62	29	18
Chicago Force	6	5	0	1	31	22	15
Chicago Soccer	6	3	1	2	27	22	10
Arsenal	7	2	1	4	42	50	7
Peaked Venture	6	2	0	4	31	30	6
Tornadoes	7	2	0	5	32	42	6
Stare Byki FC	6	1	0	5	19	49	3