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Byki

6 : 5

Hellfish

Over 30 Team - Schaumburg Rec League  
The Sport Center - 30 November 2006

## Byki nearly let Hellfish off hook

The Byki Over 30 team were poised to pummel Schaumburg Rec League bottom-feeders Hellfish on November 30 as they raced out to a dominating 4:0 advantage in the first half. But the Hellfish struck back at the complacent Byki to incredibly snatch a 5:4 lead. The Byki restored order with two late strikes to wrap up a 6:5 win and improve their record to 4-0-2. The Byki sit it in third place in the Rec League.

Prior to kickoff, coach Wei Zhang told the team to keep playing solid defense and start the attack from the back. He especially emphasized that more players should get involved in the offense by taking shots after receiving passes distributed from the forwards.

The Byki started the game very well, with everyone playing exactly the way that Zhang had envisioned. The fullbacks were dropping back to look for the ball, while the midfielders checked back to support their teammates. The forwards held the ball and redistributed it to players making runs. As a result, the Byki were dictating the tempo and played a fantastic first half.

Andy Lane was celebrating his birthday and put the icing on the cake by scoring the first goal. With 5:33 gone, the birthday boy got the ball at the top of the box. Instead of bringing the floated pass down to the ground, Lane made a brilliant move by tipping it over the head of a Hellfish defender. That flick put Lane one-on-one with the goalie. Before the Hellfish keeper could react, Lane put the ball into the far side of the net.

Seven minutes later, the Byki sent a long ball into the Hellfish box. The goalie came out to punch the ball clear, but sent it straight to the feet of Nick Elmkinssi. The midfielder didn't hesitate to shoot and scored easily for a 2:0 lead.

The score swelled to 3:0 with 6:24 left in the half. Goalie Ryan Eliasek saved a Hellfish shot and started the counter-attack by throwing the ball to Doug Towsey on the left side of midfield. Towsey brought the ball up quickly, as the Hellfish were slow to react. With only one Hellfish defender back, Towsey immediately recognized the simple 2 v 1 opportunity unfolding. He unselfishly passed the ball to Marek Ciszewski on the right, who was wide open and made short work of this textbook scoring chance.

The Byki only needed another minute to add to their lead. Brett Frischmann controlled the ball on the left side, but was well defended. He released the ball to Ruben Parra on the right. Parra took a shot, catching the Hellfish goalie by surprise, sending the ball into the right corner of the net. Hellfish scored a late goal to pull within 4:1 at the break.

Zhang was pretty pleased with his team as he assessed the first half. "We did a great job and just needed to keep playing the same way," he said. "The players, however, apparently thought this game was over and let down their effort." The Hellfish changed their strategy in the second half and moved their best player to striker and began sending long balls to him directly from the back. This proved to be an effective tactic, since he was involved in four Hellfish goals

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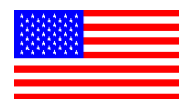
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in the span of 20 minutes. The now-disorganized Byki found themselves down 5:4 and scrambled to turn their fortunes around.

The Byki changed their game plan before it was too late and the sense of urgency made the team step up. Zhang assigned a defender to mark the Hellfish superstar full-time. With central midfielders Lane and Elmkinssi coming back to help on defense, the Byki quickly regained control. On offense, the Byki started doing what they did well in the first half: passing the ball at the back to create space up front.

The Byki saw almost immediate results to these changes. With 5:50 left in the contest, the Byki controlled the ball in the Hellfish half of the field. Jing Geng broke the Byki second-half scoring drought when he launched a shot from outside the Hellfish penalty area to knot the affair at 5:5.

The Byki didn't stop there. Right after the kickoff, the Byki regained possession of the ball. Elmkinssi passed to a wide-open Frischmann on the left. Frischmann dribbled a few steps and shot the ball into the net for the game-winning tally. The Byki went stout on defense and made sure to squash any

notions of a Hellfish comeback.

The mood in the locker room was a mixed bag. The Byki should have beaten the Hellfish easily, but instead let them back to the game. Fortunately the team woke up and finished the business before it was too late. "Love the result. Hate the process," Zhang said afterwards. "And we can definitely use a bit less drama in the future. I was really glad to see that the six goals came from six different players at five different positions."

*Eric Tower and Wei Zhang contributed to this story.*

#### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

**1st:** Lane 1; 5:33; 1:0. Elmkinssi 1; 12:30; 2:0. Ciszewski 13; (Towsey); 18:36; 3:0. Parra 2 (Frischmann); 19:36; 4:0.

**2nd:** Geng 1; 19:10; 5:5. Frischmann 1 (Elmkinssi); 20:20; 6:5.

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

Colomex

4 : 3

Byki

A Team - NSL 1st Division  
Odeum - 1 December 2006

## Poor defense leads to disappointment

The Byki continued their struggles in Week 2 of the NSL indoor season when they dropped a 4:3 decision to Deportivo Colomex last Friday. The Byki were once again plagued with a bevy of fundamental defensive errors. Colomex shots flew all over the Byki goal, and only a tremendous effort from keeper Jorge de la Cruz allowed the Byki to make a game of it in the second half.

The team have tried to emphasize ball possession in their offensive approach, but so far, have only managed to offend. The one bright spot so far has been Russ Haynes, who has scored three of team's four goals so far in his first action indoors in the NSL in nearly two years.

Colomex caught the Byki on the back foot almost from the outset. In the game's second minute, a pass inside the Byki penalty area left the defense unhinged in a massive mix-up. The Colomex striker incredibly missed an empty net amid the confusion. Two minutes later, de la Cruz bailed out his defenders with two big saves, as Colomex took potshots at the Byki goal.

In the fifth minute, the Byki were completely asleep in midfield. A long defensive clearance by Colomex resulted in a Colomex player coming in alone on de la Cruz, who snuffed the opportunity with his good positioning. Just 0:41 later, the

Byki were toiling to keep their heads above water, as Colomex shots rained down on the Byki net. De la Cruz withstood them all and managed to keep the game scoreless.

The Byki got their first genuine crack at the Colomex goal with 11:43 left in the half. Joe Gambino and Paul Mansur, Jr worked a terrific give-and-go play that sent Gambino into the clear. The striker drilled a near-post shot that was blocked by the diving keeper.

Colomex broke the ice with 7:58 to play. A forward fired a long shot off the boards and the rebound went straight to a teammate open in the box. His header beat an off-balance de la Cruz. Rather than shut the play down after the errant shot, Byki defenders stood fixed in the box, watching the Colomex player nod the ball home.

The Byki equalized with 1:24 left on a play where they finally displayed intelligent ball movement. Minos Bouzoukis took a free kick from midfield near the boards on the left side. He played a simple square pass to Mansur on the right. Mansur quickly sent a diagonal pass into the Colomex area for Dan Stanley, who turned and shot right away. The keeper made the initial save, but fumbled the ball right back to Stanley, who made good with his second bite of the cherry.

Colomex caught a break with 0:14 left. They sent a free

kick into the mixer, hoping for the best. They got more than they possibly could have wished for when the ball ricocheted off of Enda McGrath's knee and through the legs of de la Cruz for a 2:1 Colomex lead.

Colomex upped their advantage with two goals scored a minute apart midway through the second half. They went up 3:1 with 12:03 to go when they took advantage of a Byki defense slow to react on the counter. The score went to 4:1 when Colomex scored on the power play. Stanley had curiously been sent off for two minutes when he tangled in the air with a Colomex player for a loose ball. The Byki were totally unprepared when Colomex restarted things. Two quick passes were all they needed to get the ball to the open man, who gave de la Cruz no chance from short range.

Just when it looked like that goal would be the one to bury the Byki once and for all, the Byki woke up and started playing the type of soccer they knew they were capable of. With 8:11 left in the game, Bouzoukis led a counterattack up the middle. Haynes sprinted down the right side and Bouzoukis obliged him with a pass that hit him perfectly in stride. Haynes crushed a shot from the red line that scooted under the keeper's outstretched arm to pull the Byki to within 4:2.

With 5:51 to go, Haynes put the ball in play with a free

kick at the right-side boards. He dropped the ball back for Matt Fleming, who sent a shot through the maze of legs in the Colomex box. The unsuspected goalkeeper came up with a miraculous save.

Things tightened up with 1:06 left. Fleming sent a free kick along the boards on the right flank to Haynes in the corner. Haynes side-stepped his marker and toe-poked a cheeky shot from a sharp angle past the perplexed netminder to bring the Byki within one. The Byki pushed players forward in the dying moments, but could not find a way to bag an equalizer.

"We have to get away from the outdoor mentality," said Fleming. "We've got to plat early balls to feet and not look at the long ball so much." Good advice, but when will the Byki listen?

#### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

**1st:** Stanley 1 (Mansur); 17:36; 1:1.

**2nd:** Haynes 2 (Bouzoukis); 10:49; 4:2. Haynes 3 (Fleming); 17:54; 4:3.

**BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1):** de la Cruz – Haynes, Moore – Fleming, Mansur, P Jr – Dance (c). **Bench:** Bouzoukis, Gambino, McGrath, Rose, Stanley.

# Byki Stats

## A TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Haynes	3	0	3
Stanley	1	0	1
Bouzoukis	0	1	1
Dziekiewicz, G	0	1	1
Fleming	0	1	1
Mansur, P Jr	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
de la Cruz	57	5	3.33
Eliasek	19	2	4.00

Current record: 0-0-2

## OVER 30 TEAM, SCHAUMBURG

Player	G	A	Pts
Ciszewski	13	2	15
Parra	2	2	4
Garcia	3	0	3
Jedrzejowski	2	1	3
Elmkinssi	1	2	3
Frischmann	1	1	2
Geng	1	1	2
Hunter	1	1	2
Lane	1	1	2
Pedlow	1	1	2
Tower	1	1	2

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Zhang	25	1	2.00
Eliasek	250	19	3.80
Geng	25	2	4.00

Current record: 4-0-2

## OVER 40 TEAM, SPORTSZONE

Player	G	A	Pts
Demarets	9	1	10
Ahrens	3	4	7
Siepiora	4	1	5
Gambino	1	1	2
Marvin	1	1	2
Wiecek	0	2	2
Farhan	1	0	1
Kleine	1	0	1
Cooper	0	1	1
Mansur, Sr	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Mansur, Sr	7	0	0.00
Neighbors	105	18	7.20
de la Cruz	42	8	8.00
Farhan	98	27	11.57

Current record: 0-1-5

# SportsZone clobber Byki thoroughly

The Byki Over 40 Team endured a serious whacking last Monday when SportsZone ran roughshod all over them, winning handily by a gaudy 11:2 scoreline. The oldboys now fall to 0-1-5 for the season. The Over 40s have been stressing defense lately, with mixed results. But the one-way traffic toward the Byki goal was not a pretty sight.

Coach Bernhard Kleine had to press Fleet Neighbors into emergency goalkeeper duty due to Jorge de la Cruz getting lost on the way to the arena. "Not only did Jorge get lost on the roads," said Kleine afterwards. "As it turns out, the entire Byki squad got lost in this game."

The Byki were barely on the field when SportsZone opened the scoring in the first minute of the match, thanks to a Byki defense that was asleep at the wheel. This was exactly the type of start that Kleine wanted to avoid. The Byki tried to build up their attack in order to create an equalizer, but found themselves on the back foot instead.

SportsZone increased their lead to 2:0 on an easy score off the counterattack several minutes later. The Byki defense was caught too far upfield, a clear sign that the players were not paying attention to their defensive positioning. Against a strong team like SportsZone, those mistakes will be killers.

The SportsZone striker beat Neighbors with a lob with 12:05 to go to make it 3:0. The fourth goal came moments later when Neighbors was beaten with a hard shot from distance.

At this point, the game looked like it might get out of hand. The Byki tried to turn things around, creating several great scoring chances in the latter stages of the first half. Bob Marvin and Sal Farhan were poised to knock the ball in, but the timing simply was not there. Dominic Demarets managed to pull one back just before halftime, surprising the SportsZone goalie with a high, floating shot from 30 yards.

"We were just sloppy with our passing and we often got caught in 3 v 2 or 4 v 3 situations," said Kleine. In their previous meeting against SportsZone, the Byki made up for their defensive deficiencies by putting away their scoring opportunities. By not converting their chances, the uphill climb was going to be a steep one.

SportsZone opened the second half by scoring twice in the opening minutes to go up 6:1. That outburst left little doubt that a Byki comeback was not in the cards. Byki defenders were not able to keep up with the give-and-go plays and the strong runs down the field by SportsZone.

Demarets increased his team-leading total to nine goals with 7:32 gone, thanks to his hustle and individual effort to cut the deficit to 6:2.

But the dam broke after that and Sportszone scored five more times in a span of seven minutes. As the match wore on, the problems for the Byki started getting worse. Playing shifts started getting too long and fatigue resulted in the Byki being overrun on defense. A decided lack of passing and teamwork just made the disappointing result a very messy game.

"Last week's game against Reszki was encouraging," said Kleine. "But this setback shows that the 3-2 system must be followed exactly in order to work."

*Bernhard Kleine contributed to this story.*

## BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

**1st:** Demarets 8; 20:40; 4:1.

**2nd:** Demarets 9; 7:32; 6:2.

**BYKI LINEUP (3-2):** Neighbors – LaForrest, Siepiora, Cooper – Demarets, Marvin. **Bench:** Bolesta, Farhan, Kleine, Mansur, P Sr, Wiecek.

# NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

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## MAJOR DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria A	2	2	0	0	8	3	6	SC BiH	2	2	0	0	5	0	6
NK Prijedor	2	1	1	0	6	5	4	West Bosnia SC	2	2	0	0	7	4	6
CKS Warta	2	1	0	1	5	4	3	B-H Lilies	2	1	0	1	6	6	3
HNNK Hrvatska	2	1	0	1	3	3	3	Royal FC	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
FK Kozarac	2	0	1	1	6	10	1	SAC Wisla	2	0	0	2	5	7	0
RWB Adria B	2	0	0	2	0	3	0	Outlanders SC	2	0	0	2	2	7	0

## FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
KF Ulqin	2	2	0	0	12	3	6	Honduras SC	2	2	0	0	11	3	6
FK Bosanska Dubica	2	2	0	0	10	2	6	Albanian Stars	2	2	0	0	11	6	6
Khaboor FC	2	2	0	0	10	2	6	Lake Shore SC	2	1	1	0	6	2	4
FC Romania	2	2	0	0	9	5	6	West Bosnia B	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
FK Podrinje	2	1	0	1	8	8	3	Chicago Thunder A	2	1	0	1	5	3	3
SAC Wisla B	2	1	0	1	3	4	3	Pitbulls	2	1	0	1	8	7	3
Deportivo Colomex	2	1	0	1	6	9	3	Real Independiente	2	1	0	1	3	5	3
B-H Lilies B	2	1	0	1	3	7	3	Lemont FC	2	1	0	1	6	9	3
Stare Byki FC	2	0	0	2	4	6	0	CKS Warta B	2	0	1	1	4	5	1
Oak Park Tricycles	2	0	0	2	3	6	0	HNNK Hrvatska B	2	0	1	1	1	5	1
Chicago Thunder B	2	0	0	2	2	10	0	Chicago Inter Bulldogs	2	0	0	2	5	8	0
CKS Warta C	2	0	0	2	2	10	0	Royal FC B	2	0	0	2	3	11	0

## OVER 30 DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Outlanders SC	2	2	0	0	15	2	6
RWB Adria B	2	1	1	0	9	5	4
SAC Wisla	2	1	0	1	13	7	3
HNNK Hrvatska	1	1	0	0	6	2	3
RWB Adria A	2	0	1	1	3	6	1
NK Prijedor	1	0	0	1	1	11	0
Hellas SC	2	0	0	2	4	18	0

## SCHAUMBURG REC LEAGUE

November 30, 2006

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Belmont St Elite	7	7	0	0	56	15	14
Galaxy	7	6	0	1	48	27	12
Stare Byki FC	7	5	0	2	31	25	10
Inter Puma	7	3	1	3	29	21	7
Stingers	8	3	0	5	37	55	6
Chi Town FC	7	1	2	4	27	37	4
Medicare FC	7	2	0	5	29	51	4
United	7	2	0	5	33	40	4
Hellfish	7	1	1	5	33	40	3

## SPORTSZONE OVER 30 LEAGUE

December 4, 2006

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Reszki	6	6	0	0	50	25	18
SportsZone	6	4	0	2	51	35	12
Hellas SC	6	1	1	4	32	40	4
Stare Byki FC	6	0	1	5	20	53	1