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Over 30 Team - Schaumburg Rec League
The Sport Center - 7 December 2006

Another successful comeback

The Byki Over 30 Team continued their winning ways when they disposed of pesky Chi Town FC by a 4:3 scoreline last Thursday. It was the team's third win in a row and fifth in their last six matches. As has been their habit recently, the squad left things open until the latter part of the second half before securing the points. At 5-0-2, the Byki face Inter Puma in the finale of the first session. A draw will assure the Byki of the third-place finish in the nine-team circuit.

It was a match that the Byki dominated and they easily could have registered a double-digit goal total. They were stymied by shots hitting the framework, and those misses, combined with Chi Town taking advantage of defensive miscues, resulted in a game that appeared to be much closer than it really was.

Bill Hardin came back into the fold at goalkeeper, giving busy Ryan Eliasek a much-needed break. Eliasek, who plays on multiple teams, has been an important cog in both the Over 30 Team and the A Team, who are playing in the NSL. Hardin made his Over 30 debut during the 2006 outdoor season.

Things started pretty well for the Byki. It took only one minute for Dan Jedrzejowski to break the ice on an unsuspecting Chi Town defense. It was the perfect recipe to keep Chi Town back on their heels from the outset of the contest.

The Byki kept playing at their desired attacking tempo. Byki shots clanged off of the bar and the post, which gave the team a sense of their superiority. A slightly better level of accuracy, however, would have buried hapless, one-win Chi Town before halftime.

The Byki upped their lead to 2:0 after 8:00 had elapsed. On a corner kick, Ken Hunter astutely dropped the ball to Marek Ciszewski instead of sending a cross into the box. With all of the Chi Town defenders expecting a ball in the mixer, Ciszewski was left unmarked. It's never a good idea to leave a sharpshooter unattended and the Byki top scorer did not disappoint, driving the ball into the back of the net.

Chi Town did their best to try to level the playing field and their preferred method was to dish out some hard fouls against Byki players. As the game became more physical, it morphed into a back-and-forth contest in the midfield. The Byki created a few good chances to score, but couldn't finish them off. Chi Town pulled one back with four minutes to go before halftime when a Byki player held the ball too long. Chi Town stole the ball and quickly countered to make it 2:1 at the interval.

At halftime, coach Wei Zhang reminded the players to be extremely careful during the first few minutes of the second half and not repeat the mistakes that were made the previous week, when the Byki let the Hellfish come back into the game after taking an early 4:1 lead.

The players listened well and started off the second half playing very positive soccer and dominating possession of the ball. The lead was extended to 3:1 after 5:30.

The Byki were showing that they were the better team, but the shots that hit the framework in the first half came

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back to haunt them. Chi Town were opportunistic and transformed Byki mistakes into goals. With 15:00 to go in the match, Chi Town sent a long ball to their forward, whom Jing Geng marked tightly. Geng decided to make a play for the ball, but unfortunately mistimed his challenge, leaving the Chi Town forward with only the keeper to beat. He scored an easy one-on-one goal to cut their deficit to 3:2.

Chi Town incredibly evened the affair with 12:11 left. A careless Byki pass at midfield was intercepted and Chi Town wasted no time converting that mistake into a goal.

With everything to play for, the Byki rolled up their sleeves and got things back under control. They finished the business with ten minutes left in the game by letting the ball do the work. Brett Frischmann and Andy Lane broke down the Chi Town defense by executing a brilliant series of passes between one another. Frischmann finished off the play when he fired

a shot past the goalie from the top of the box on the left side.

Zhang was pleased with his team's attitude. "Again, this should have been an easy win," he said. "We played well the whole game but were unlucky at scoring. We must have hit the bar or post six or seven times. As a result, instead of 10:0, we won 4:3. But, a win is a win."

Eric Tower and Wei Zhang contributed to this story.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1st: Jedrzejowski 3; 1:00; 0:1. Ciszewski 14; (Hunter); 8:00; 0:2.

2nd: Third Byki goal unknown. Frischmann 2 (Lane); 15:00; 3:4.

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

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A point well-earned

The Byki halted their three-game losing streak to start the indoor season when they settled for a share of the points following their 2:2 draw with Khaboor FC last Sunday. The quality of play in the match was a huge improvement over the team's first three games, and that improvement put the Byki only seconds away from winning the contest, as Khaboor scored a power-play goal with 0:52 to knot the score. The Byki stand at 0-1-3 for the season.

In a match where coach George Gorecki wanted his team to concentrate on defense, things started off on a dubious note when Khaboor scored their first goal after only 0:17 had elapsed. "Our guys were a little too relaxed at the kickoff," said Gorecki. "But we rebounded nicely and played a strong defensive game overall."

The draw spoiled Khaboor's perfect 3-0-0 record, so the Byki knew that they had played well against a quality opponent. Khaboor is a new version of Winged Bull B, a team created after the ISSA suspended the entire Winged Bull organization. Winged Bull's A Team had reportedly been involved in a referee attack in an out-of-state tournament this past summer.

The early Khaboor lead did not faze the Byki. Just 2:07 later, the Byki struck back when they put high pressure on the Khaboor defense in front of their own goal. Minos Bouzoukis floated a long diagonal ball for Zach Dance, who was unmarked in the box. Dance incredibly sent his sitter over the crossbar, but the rebound went to Paul Mansur,

whose shot was desperately tipped high by the goalkeeper. That shot also came back off of the high glass. With the keeper off-balance, Dance finished the job by nodding the ball home.

The match then continued at a torrid pace. With 7:42 left in the half, Khaboor came fast on the counter. The Byki were a bit slow to react and were relieved when a Khaboor shot hit the post. A couple of minutes later, Khaboor ignited a 3 v 2 break, but Ryan Eliasek made a huge save to keep the score at 1:1.

The Byki turned that save into a counterattack of their own. Dance blasted a shot off of the short boards and the deflection went to Matt Fleming, whose shot was blocked by a defender. Russ Haynes, making the supporting run, crushed a first-time shot into the back of the net to give the Byki the lead.

Haynes had another great chance with 2:07 to go. Bouzoukis sent a long pass for David Green in the corner. Green flicked the ball into the middle for Haynes, who had an open look just outside the box. Haynes' shot, however, sailed high over the target.

The match tightened up in the second frame. The Byki looked set to add to their advantage with 13:49 left when they earned a free kick at the top of the arc. Khaboor put three players in their wall, along with a fourth in the vicinity. This tactic left many Byki players unmarked and Fleming astutely slid the restart to Gabi Dziekiewicz on the right flank.

Dziekiewicz struck the ball with force, but the keeper made a good save.

As things began to reach the boiling point, time penalties became a factor in the match. The Byki were masterful in killing a penalty midway through the second half. They played with excellent discipline and coordination, denying open shots to Khaboor's players. Chris Moore cleared a dangerous ball out of the middle of the area, while Eliasek made two brilliant saves during that sequence.

The Byki could not convert on any of their two man-advantage situations. Khaboor came close to scoring a shorthanded goal with 6:47 to go when they got the better of the Byki on a 2 v 2 counter. Eliasek, however, proved to be a stone wall in the net, denying an open shot with a flailing kick save.

The Byki felt hard done by when two calls failed to go their way. Mansur was sprinting through the middle of the field with the ball at full speed, leaving Khaboor defenders in his wake. The last defender clipped Mansur's foot as he went past. Mansur stumbled, the foul taking away a clear advantage.

But the referee only awarded a free kick when a time penalty seemed appropriate.

The Byki were really steamed when Bouzoukis was sent to the sin bin moments later for a trip at midfield that looked no less serious than the foul Mansur had suffered. Khaboor jumped at their opportunity and caught the Byki scrambling during the power play. An open shot from close range gave Eliasek no chance and the Byki had to be content with one point for the evening.

"Our guys finally showed what they were capable of," said Gorecki afterwards. "I hope that this performance gets us on the right track."

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1st: Dance 2 (Mansur); 2:24; 1:1. Haynes 4 (Fleming); 13:41; 1:2.
2nd: None.

BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1): Eliasek – Dziekiewicz, Mansur, P Jr – Bouzoukis, McGrath – Dance (c). **Bench:** de la Cruz, Fleming, Green, Haynes, Lane, Moore.

Byki Stats

A TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Haynes	4	0	4
Fleming	1	2	3
Dance	2	0	2
Mansur, P Jr	0	2	2
Stanley	1	0	1
Bouzoukis	0	1	1
Dziekiewicz, G	0	1	1
Moore	0	1	1
Rose	0	1	1
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
de la Cruz	76	7	3.50
Eliasek	76	8	4.00

Current record: 0-1-3

OVER 30 TEAM, SCHAUMBURG

Player	G	A	Pts
Ciszewski	14	2	16
Jedrzejewski	3	1	4
Parra	2	2	4
Garcia	3	0	3
Frischmann	2	1	3
Elmkinssi	1	2	3
Hunter	1	2	3
Lane	1	2	3
Geng	1	1	2
Pedlow	1	1	2
Tower	1	1	2
Team goals	1	x	x
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Zhang	25	1	2.00
Hardin	50	3	3.00
Eliasek	250	19	3.80
Geng	25	2	4.00

Current record: 5-0-2

OVER 40 TEAM, SPORTSZONE

Player	G	A	Pts
Demarets	10	1	11
Ahrens	3	4	7
Siepiora	4	1	5
Cooper	1	1	2
Gambino	1	1	2
Marvin	1	1	2
Wiecek	0	2	2
Farhan	1	0	1
Kleine	1	0	1
Mansur, Sr	0	1	1
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Mansur, Sr	7	0	0.00
de la Cruz	84	11	5.50
Neighbors	105	18	7.20
Farhan	98	27	11.57

Current record: 0-1-6

Hellas squeeze past Byki

The Over 40s registered their best defensive performance of the season last Monday versus Hellas, but their inability to put consistent offensive pressure on their undermanned opponents resulted in a 3:2 setback. The Byki finish the regular season at 0-1-6 and will meet the Greeks one more time next Monday in what is being called a playoff game.

The Byki knew what they were getting themselves into when they chose to sign up for an Over 30 league. The relative youthfulness of the other teams in the league has certainly been a significant obstacle for the Byki, whose roster sports only two players under the age of 40. Judged in that context, many players are giving the Sportszone a positive review in their inaugural season of organizing a soccer league.

“Overall, I would say that the Sportszone has done a good job,” said Bernhard Kleine. “The facility is very nice and the refereeing has been pretty good.” Rick Bolesta, one of the most outspoken critics of the Odeum rec league, echoed Kleine’s assessment. “They don’t cheat their customers like the Odeum does,” he noted. “I would rather play here instead of the shortened games at the Odeum.”

With only four teams in the league, the Sportszone will have to do a better job of attracting new teams. The league quickly evolved into one very good team, one pretty good team, and two mediocre teams. The Byki and Hellas both lost all of the games they played against the two elite teams, Reszki and SportsZone.

For the Byki, their only interesting games came versus Hellas, against whom they match up reasonably well. The teams drew 6:6 to open the season and Hellas won 5:0 against a depleted Byki squad three weeks ago. With a nearly full roster available, the Byki had high hopes of evening the series last Monday.

Those hopes brightened midway through the first half when the Byki snatched the lead. After the teams knocked the ball back and forth with little rhythm in the early going, the Byki took the initiative on Hellas, who at times, appeared content to play keepaway. Joe Gambino came after the ball aggressively as Hellas players dinked around in front of their goal. Gambino was eventually fouled, gaining a free kick in the corner, to the right of the goalie. Gambino played the ball into the box, where a defender tried to knock it to safety. Brian Cooper pried the ball loose and shot past the diving keeper for a 1:0 lead.

The lead lasted just 1:13, as the Byki got too lax on defense.

A long shot gave Jorge de la Cruz no chance. But the Byki came right back after only 50 seconds. Dominic Demarets and Fleet Neighbors double-teamed a Hellas player at midfield to steal the ball away. Demarets and Gambino sprinted forward on a 2 v 1 counterattack. Demarets cranked a shot from outside the box, which caromed off of the boards. Demarets followed up the rebound and knocked it past the goalkeeper. For Demarets, it was his 10th goal of the campaign.

Hellas got a second equalizer with 7:36 left in the first half. They played a free kick from deep in the corner back to the red line. With all of the Byki packed into the middle of the penalty area, the Hellas player calmly toe-poked a shot past a diving de la Cruz.

The Byki needed to do a better job of playing easy and early passes. With only three substitutes on their bench, Hellas showed little desire to chase after the ball. They simply dropped back into defense and waited for the Byki to give the ball back to them. That happened with annoying regularity and it prevented the Byki from establishing any control of the tempo of the match. The Byki were somewhat a victim of their conservative 3-2 formation, as they failed to get players forward to help the attackers. But knocking the ball laterally a couple of times would have helped buy some time for the defenders to move into supporting positions. When the Byki attacked they usually came at Hellas 2 v 3, a matchup favoring the defense.

Hellas scored the game-winner with 7:33 left in the contest. After a free kick from the Byki red line, Hellas kept up the pressure, as the Byki failed to clear. A shot from the left wing bamboozled de la Cruz, who misjudged the spin of the ball after he made the initial save. The ball skittered over the line as he desperately tried to grab it back.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1st: Cooper 1; 7:42; 0:1. Demarets 10; 9:45; 1:2.

2nd: None.

BYKI LINEUP (3-2): de la Cruz – Gorecki, Kleine, Cooper – Farhan, Demarets. **Bench:** Ahrens, Bolesta, Gambino, LaForrest, Mansur, P Sr, Marvin, Neighbors, Wiecek.

Romanians put Byki on back foot

It was a night of defensive chasing last Friday when the Byki met FC Romania. The 2006 outdoor 1st Division titleholders showed that they can do damage indoors also, easily dispatching the Byki by a 6:2 score and handing the Byki their third defeat in as many outings.

If they do nothing else well, the Romanians place a premium on smart soccer and economy of movement. While the Byki seemed like they were always chasing a ghost, wide-open Romania players were tapping balls into an empty net.

It took the Romanians a little while to get warmed up, but once they did, the barrage on the Byki goal was constant. They hit the crossbar 6:17 into the game, which was a warning of things to come. The Byki helped by committing a foolish turnover deep in the corner to Ryan Eliasek's right. The Romanians took full advantage and slid the ball home for a 1:0 lead.

The Romanians played the counter nearly to perfection. With 8:40 left in the first half, they blew past the Byki defense in a 2 v 2 situation, but Eliasek made a massive save to deny a goal. A few minutes later, the score went to 2:0 as the Romanians used quick and precise passes to draw the Byki out of position. The killer pass went to an unmarked player at the far post, who redirected the ball past the diving Eliasek. FC Romania went 3:0 up with 2:01 to go when they converted on the power play.

The Byki pulled one back with 1:26 left when Chris Moore dug the ball out of the corner on the left and lofted a high ball across the goal. Matt Fleming met Moore's pass with a well-timed side-foot volley that he hit on the first touch. But the Romanians countered that strike just 0:40 later, as they outpaced the Byki on the counter.

The Byki tried to pull themselves together in the second half. With 14:00 left in the game, Paul Mansur dribbled the ball straight up the gut, drawing the defense toward him. He laid off a pass to Zach Dance at just the right moment and the striker drew a bead on the goal, but was denied by a fine save from the keeper.

The Byki were at it again 0:49 later. As they rushed forward on a 3 v 2 breakout, Joe Gambino found Dance open on the left. Dance's shot was saved again, but the keeper failed to secure the ball. Fleming pounced on the rebound and did no better, as the goalie was in position for the second shot.

The attacking pressure finally paid dividends with 12:22 to go. Chris Rose won the ball in midfield and dumped it off to Dance, who set off on a long, weaving run through the middle. After side-stepping three Romanian defenders, Dance calmly slotted the ball past the diving goalkeeper to bring the Byki to within 4:2.

But Byki joy was short-lived. The Romanians remained relentless on the counterattack, as they scored twice more to put the result beyond any doubt. On both goals, the Byki were caught a step behind their high-flying opponents.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1st: Fleming 2 (Moore); 17:34; 1:3.

2nd: Dance 1 (Rose); 6:38; 2:4.

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

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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	4	2	1	1	12	11	7	SC BiH	4	4	0	0	12	2	12
HNNK Hrvat	4	2	1	1	9	7	7	West Bosnia SC	4	2	1	1	10	8	7
FK Kozarac	4	2	1	1	15	13	7	B-H Lilies	4	2	0	2	15	12	6
NK Prijedor	4	2	1	1	13	11	7	Outlanders SC	4	2	0	2	8	10	6
CKS Warta	4	1	1	2	9	11	4	Royal FC	4	1	0	3	5	15	3
RWB Adria B	4	0	1	3	5	10	1	SAC Wisla	4	0	1	3	10	13	1

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Romania	4	4	0	0	19	8	12	Honduras SC	4	4	0	0	22	7	12
Khaboor FC	4	3	1	0	18	5	10	Albanian Stars	4	4	0	0	25	12	12
KF Ulqin	4	3	0	1	21	7	9	West Bosnia B	4	3	1	0	9	3	10
FK Bosanska Dubica	4	3	0	1	17	7	9	Chicago Thunder A	4	3	0	1	17	6	9
FK Podrinje	4	2	0	2	14	12	6	Pitbulls	4	2	0	2	10	11	6
B-H Lilies B	4	2	0	2	12	15	6	Lemont FC	4	2	0	2	12	14	6
Deportivo Colomex	4	2	0	2	9	12	6	Real Independiente	4	2	0	2	5	8	6
SAC Wisla B	4	2	0	2	7	11	6	Lake Shore SC	4	1	1	2	7	9	4
CKS Warta C	4	1	0	3	5	18	3	Royal FC B	4	1	0	3	10	22	3
Stare Byki FC	4	0	1	3	8	14	1	CKS Warta B	4	0	1	3	9	16	1
Chicago Thunder B	4	0	1	3	4	14	1	HNNK Hrvat B	4	0	1	3	4	17	1
Oak Park Tricycles	4	0	1	3	5	16	1	Chicago Inter Bulldogs	4	0	0	4	8	13	0

OVER 30 DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Outlanders SC	3	3	0	0	25	6	9
HNNK Hrvat	3	2	1	0	17	7	7
RWB Adria B	3	2	1	0	16	9	7
RWB Adria A	4	1	2	1	10	12	5
SAC Wisla	4	1	0	3	20	18	3
NK Prijedor	3	1	0	2	11	23	3
Hellas SC	4	0	0	4	8	32	0

SCHAUMBURG REC LEAGUE

December 7, 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 11, 2006

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Reszki	7	6	0	1	52	36	18
SportsZone	7	5	0	2	62	37	15
Hellas SC	7	2	1	4	35	42	7
Stare Byki FC	7	0	1	6	22	56	1