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Senior Red Team - NSL 2nd Division
Odeum - 12 December 2008

Byki prevail in duel of GKs

The Byki Red Team won their second match on the spin on Friday when goalkeeper Joe Gambino valiantly rallied his side to a 2:1 victory over CKS Warta C. Gambino and his Warta counterpart, Grzegorz Sulocha, engaged in keeper combat, as both delivered one marvelous save after another. Gambino proved more adept in the end and the 2-0-1 Byki climbed into a three-way tie for second place in the Blue Section of the 2nd Division.

It wasn't supposed to work this way. Gambino had planned to coach the Red Team this season and play with the Over 30s, but was forced into duty when no viable goalkeeper candidate materialized for the Senior squad. Juggling his playing and coaching responsibilities hasn't been easy, but the side hardly seems to have suffered for it in the early weeks of the indoor season.

Warta's C Team have played indoors in the NSL for a few years, but this is the first time that they have been a genuine Warta team. In the past, Warta loaned their name out to teams from the Okocim Soccer League who wanted to only play indoors in the NSL. The Byki expected a team of teenagers,

but Warta's slow start prompted their club's President to clean house when he saw that a number of players were simply not cut out for the competition level in the NSL. Warta brought a combination of youngsters and veterans, which led to a match played at a very high pace.

The Byki threw out the first salvo with 6:20 gone in the match when they created a flurry of close-range shots. Jason Sphar and Kevin Biggs were both in great position to score, but Sulocha was equal to the task and kept the Byki off the board.

Gambino made a game-changing save with 7:32 left in the half. The Byki defense were poorly positioned on a long throw from the Warta end, leading to a breakaway. Gambino came out to cut off the angle and stuck his hand out at the last moment to divert a shot destined for the far post.

Biggs was at it again with 1:57 to go. After dribbling out of a crowd of defenders at the top of the area, he turned to fire. Sulocha, however, got there first and smothered the shot right at Biggs' feet.

At halftime, Gambino reminded the team of the importance of defensive positioning. Warta liked to leave a striker lingering in the Byki half of the field to cherry-pick breakaway chances. The Byki weren't paying attention and consequently, Warta were creating lots of chances on the break.

It took the Byki all of 1:49 of the second half to forget Gambino's sermon. After losing sight of a Warta striker yet again, Gambino was left alone and made a miraculous save.

The Byki drew first blood at the 6:19 mark. Andrew Slaga passed the ball along the right wing to Josh Taylor in the corner. Taylor juked past his man and served up a diagonal ball across the box, where Jeff Samp drilled a first-time shot across the face of goal. The ball deflected off of a Warta defender into the back of the net.

Warta needed only 0:46 to reply. The Byki were a little too relaxed in the back and Warta took advantage, as a shot

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from the left corner beat Gambino at the near post.

The hard-working Byki regained the lead with 8:50 remaining. Kvar Black left the ball for Biggs at the top of the box. Biggs executed a nifty spin move to gain some space and nailed a shot through a bevy of legs that found paydirt.

Gambino came up big with 4:08 to go when the Byki coughed up possession in the back. With Gambino seemingly at his mercy, the Warta player lined up a shot. But Gambino read the play perfectly and denied the shot with a diving save.

The Byki had two great chances to put the game away in the final three minutes. Jesus Martinez led a counterattack and slipped a pass to an unmarked Sphar on the right side of the area. Sulocha did the job again, fearlessly blocking the shot at Sphar's feet. Moments later, Black dribbled the ball out of the corner and shot immediately. Sulocha blocked it,

but was out of position on the rebound. Slaga found himself on the doorstep of the goal, but Sulocha somehow recovered to keep the ball from crossing the line.

This was a game where the Byki could have played much better, but it was the kind of game that they have lost in the past. Their persistence and hard work were the key elements leading to victory.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Samp 1 (Taylor); 25:19; 1:0. Biggs 2 (Black); 29:10; 2:1.

BYKI LINEUP (2-1-2): Gambino – Rose, Black – Samp – Taylor, Sphar.

Bench: Biggs, Daniel, Dziekiewicz, Lubeck, Martinez, Slaga.

Byki

5 : 3

Kosova

Over 30 Red Team - NSL 2nd Division
Odeum - 12 December 2008

Byki comeback pleases coach

The Over 30 Red Team gained their first win of the indoor season on Friday with a pulsating 5:3 win over FC Kosova. Delfino Zacarias recorded his first Byki hat trick, while Marek Ciszewski added a pair of tallies. Jakub Banbor had three assists on the night. After coming back twice from two-goal deficits, the game had all the ingredients of a truly feel-good event.

But the Byki needed the second-half turnaround to transform their frowns into smiles. Coach George Gorecki, furious at his team's pathetic display in the first half, unleashed a profanity-laced tirade at the break that was loaded with f-bombs. "Before the game, I told the guys how impressed I was with their play at training on Wednesday," said Gorecki. "Then they go out and lay a big steaming turd in the first half. It's hard not to be upset."

The Byki paid no attention to their defensive duties and consistently pushed all five players into attack, leaving the door wide open for Kosova counterattacks. If Kosova had shot with better accuracy, they would have had the Byki dead and buried by halftime. On the other end, the attack was a herky-jerky series of plays forcing the ball forward. "It looked like a pick-up game out there," snorted Gorecki. "Everybody in this team knows we're better than that."

It took Kosova just 0:46 to grab the lead. A long ball out of the back bounced behind Dan Jedrzejowski and the Kosova player he was chasing. Goalie Dean Fukar hesitated as he came out for the ball and cleared right to the feet of a Kosova player. With Fukar out of position, it was a simple matter to blast the ball home.

The score went to 2:0 with 3:07 gone after a sloppy Byki turnover. The Kosova players made two snappy passes to

release a player on the left side of the box. Fukar saved the initial shot, but no Byki were around for the rebound, which a Kosova player tapped into the empty net.

The Byki cut the margin in half 2:21 later. Ciszewski took advantage of a Kosova turnover and crushed a shot from the left corner that the keeper never saw.

Kosova got that one back midway through the first half. The Byki lost possession in the midfield and Kosova drilled one from long range. The ball deflected off of Ciszewski, leaving Fukar stranded, as he committed to the initial trajectory of the ball.

The Byki applied smart pressure while killing a penalty with 8:27 left in the half. Ciszewski had the ball inside the Kosova penalty area and looked set to score, but the Kosova netminder bravely slid in to make the save.

The Byki pulled to within 3:2 just 1:05 later and still shorthanded. With a free kick at the arc, Banbor found Zacarias unmarked at the right post. Zacarias made no mistake for his first goal of the season.

The Byki got their act together on defense in the second half. Marking tightened up and Kosova breakaways were eliminated. This stability in the back allowed the Byki to get their offense on track.

The Byki drew level with 7:48 to go in the match. Banbor led a 3 v 2 counter right up the middle. With the Kosova defenders backpedaling, Banbor dished off to Zacarias on the right flank and Zacarias buried his shot just inside the far post.

The final minutes belonged to the Byki. With 5:02 remaining, Banbor won a loose ball at the Kosova red line and passed to Zacarias, who quickly took the opening and

was denied by a tough save by the goalie. Seconds later, Ciszewski launched one from long range. The keeper blocked it and the rebound fell to Zacarias. The keeper blocked that one as well.

Kosova's goalkeeper had a difficult endgame and his decisions proved crucial to the outcome. With 1:20 to go, Banbor and the Kosova goalie chased down a loose ball in the corner. Banbor got there first, pounded the ball off the back boards, right into the path of Zacarias, who slid the ball home to make it 4:3.

The result was confirmed just 0:23 later. Jay Brough tangled for possession with the goalie in the same corner and the two fell in a heap. Brough got the ball back into the middle, where Ciszewski deposited a shot from the top of the area into

the empty net.

It was a stirring comeback for the Byki, who appeared to have no business winning this game after their atrocious display in the first half. They showed the level of their pedigree, however, when they reversed their ugly start into a tremendous finish.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Ciszewski 1; 5:28; 1:2. Zacarias 1 (Banbor); (sh); 11:38; 2:3. Zacarias 2 (Banbor); 30:12; 2:3. Zacarias 3 (Banbor); 36:40; 4:3. Ciszewski 2 (Brough); 37:03; 5:3.

BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1): Fukar – Jadrzejowski (c), Winter – Dec, Banbor – Brough. **Bench:** Cardenas, Ciszewski, Lane, Najera, Zacarias.

AYSO

1 : 6

Byki

Over 30 Blue Team - CPSL Over 30 Division
Max McCook - 9 December 2008

Byki get their defense together

The Over 30 Blue Team played their best defensive game of the season as they handily brushed aside an overmatched AYSO side 6:1 at Max McCook last Tuesday. Eric Tower got his second hat trick of the season and Doug Towsey added a pair of goals, as the Byki improve their record to 4-0-4 for the season.

Smart ball possession and patient build-up have been rarely seen by this squad, but they really had their act together in this match. The Byki didn't break the game open until the last 11 minutes of the contest. The pressure was mounting on AYSO as they tried to circle the wagons defensively and it was only a matter of time before the Byki salted away the three points.

The biggest accolades in this match have to go to the side's effort on defense. The Byki were constantly hounding AYSO wherever they began their attack and the technical deficiencies of the AYSO players led to a bevy of unforced turnovers. AYSO rarely created any openings in the Byki backline, as everyone in the squad took their defensive responsibilities very seriously.

Tower opened his account with 4:33 gone in the match. Nick Elmkinssi led the attack down the left flank, dropping a pass back for Paul Mansur. Seeing Tower unmarked, Mansur made the straightforward square pass and Tower did the rest. Tower wasted no time taking advantage of an AYSO defense that gave him lots of time and space. His long blast from just inside the midfield stripe hurtled past the goalie, who was fortunate to get a hand to the ball, but couldn't keep it out of the net.

Five minutes later, Don Robertson intercepted a pass and sent Jay Brough into the clear. Brough fired a hard shot that forced the goalie to make a diving save.

The Byki took a 2:0 lead at the 13:16 mark. Mansur jumped to keep a Byki defensive clearance in play near the touchline and headed the ball to Towsey in the center of the field. Towsey raced past one man and slammed a shot off of the inside of the post and into the back of the net.

The Byki moved the ball around smartly and engineered a few good opportunities, but could not add to their goal total. With 6:33 left before the break, Tower passed the ball to Brian Cooper, who received it with his back to the goal. Not realizing the time he had, Cooper laid off a pass on the left side of the box for Elmkinssi, whose first-time attempt went wide.

Two good chances went wasted in the late moments of the half. Dave Rout made a slick feint past a defender and tried a near-post shot from the right side that went narrowly wide. Moments later, Tower stole the ball at midfield and was off to the races on a breakaway. His shot went straight at the keeper, however.

AYSO had their best moments of the match in the first seven minutes of the second half. Perhaps the Byki were a bit too complacent and AYSO still had plenty of life in them. Goalie Dean Fukar made several glittering saves to erase the errors of his teammates. He stopped a hard shot at the 3:07 mark after the Byki were slow to react on defense. After the Byki got sloppy with the ball in their own end, Fukar bailed them out with a smothering save.

The Byki started looking shaky a few minutes later. Slack marking resulted in a wide-open AYSO shot, but the ball clanged off of the post. The enlivened AYSO squad peppered the Byki with a flurry of shots, but Fukar squelched things with another timely save.

Those saves proved crucial, as the Byki finally decided to retake control of the match. Elmkinssi stole the ball with 14:34 left to spring a 2 v 1 counter. He cut a pass behind the lone defender to Tower, who had only the keeper to beat. But the AYSO netminder made a spectacular save to deny the Byki.

Then the bottom fell out for AYSO. The Byki struck three times in a span of 5:17 to put the result beyond doubt. Fukar initiated things by dribbling out of his box after a save and booted a long pass to Towsey, who astutely dropped the ball back for Tower. The midfielder atoned for his series of near-misses by burying a shot just inside the far post.

The score went to 4:0 just 2:23 later. Towsey drilled a free kick from 20 yards past the keeper and the befuddled AYSO players. One player went on a tirade to the referee, whining that Towsey had not put the ball in play within the allotted 5 seconds. The arbiter, who kept the whistle in his pocket for most of the night, wasn't interested in listening to the complaint.

Sharp passing sliced up AYSO with 7:33 left. Brough fed Pete Stamatakos on the left, who then slid the ball to Tower, whose clinical finish gives him 11 goals on the campaign. The season has been a revelation for Tower, who has never

scored more than six goals in a season in his Byki career and has never had a hat trick.

Fukar lost his shutout moments later, as AYSO worked a nice give-and-go to open up the middle of the Byki defense. The short-range shot gave Fukar no chance. Robertson took responsibility for the breakdown, but several teammates admitted that they had messed up as well.

The Byki put a nice, red bow on the affair in the dying moments. Rout stole the ball and quickly moved the ball to Elmkinssi deep on the right side of the area. The keeper got a hand to Elmkinssi's shot and deflected it off of the crossbar.

They scored their sixth goal deep into stoppage time and it was the most elegant effort of the night. Brough dribbled the ball up the gut and knocked a pass over to Brian Cooper on the left side of the box. Cooper made a smart overlap and Brough rewarded him with a pass into space. Cooper picked his spot and fired a first-time shot past the goalkeeper.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Tower 9 (Mansur); 4:33; 0:1. Towsey 3 (Mansur); 13:16; 0:2. Tower 10 (Towsey); 37:10; 0:3. Towsey 4; 39:33; 0:4. Tower 11 (Stamatakos); 42:27; 0:5. Cooper 1 (Brough); 52:54 (+); 1:6.

BYKI LINEUP (3-2-1): Fukar – Towsey, Zadlo, Cooper – Tower, Mansur P Sr – Elmkinssi. **Bench:** Boleska, Brough, Neighbors, Robertson, Rout, Stamatakos.

Byki Stats

SENIOR, NSL 2nd DIVISION

| Player | G | A | Pts |
|---------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Taylor | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Black | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Biggs | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Sphar | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Lubeck | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Martinez | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Samp | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Slaga | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Team goals | 1 | x | x |
| Goalie | Min | GA | GAA |
| Gambino | 114 | 5 | 1.67 |

Current record: 2-0-1

O-30 RED, NSL 2nd DIVISION

| Player | G | A | Pts |
|---------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Banbor | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Zacarias | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Kekus | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Ciszewski | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Dec | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| <u>Brough</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> |
| Goalie | Min | GA | GAA |
| Fukar | 114 | 8 | 2.67 |

Current record: 1-1-1

O-30 BLUE TEAM, CPSL

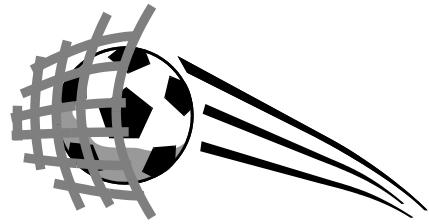
| Player | G | A | Pts |
|---------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Tower | 11 | 5 | 16 |
| Towsey | 4 | 6 | 10 |
| Mansur, Sr | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Elmkinssi | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Stamatakos | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Gallo | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Piotrowski | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Soriano | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Cooper | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Brough | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Team goals | 5 | x | x |
| Goalie | Min | GA | GAA |
| Fukar | 400 | 45 | 5.63 |

Current record: 4-0-4



BYKI

bits & pieces



The past few weeks have been big for Byki babies. **Sven Dahlquist** and **Jeff Samp** welcomed home new sons and also did not forget about the new connection that these boys will have with the Byki.

Leif Dahlquist was born on November 25 and Sven appears to think that he is a centerback of the future. Leif's vital stats came in at 8 lb, 13 oz and the crumb crusher was 20 inches tall. This picture shows Leif snoozing, as the proud parents mug for the camera.



Landon Samp was born several days later and may also be centerback material. At 7 lb, 8 oz and 20 inches, he is no slouch either. But that first name? Could Jeff trying to groom a new US National Team goalscorer to one day wipe out all of **Landon Donovan's** records? Time will tell.



NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

December 12, 2008

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MAJOR DIVISION

| Red Section | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts | Blue Section | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
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| RWB Adria A | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 9 | HNNK Hrvat | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 6 | 9 |
| RWB Adria B | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 6 | Deportivo Meridienne | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 8 | 6 |
| FK Republika Srpska | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 4 | Podlasie | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 4 |
| Albanian Stars | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 3 | FK Kozarac | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 3 |
| B-H Lilies | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 3 | NK Prijedor | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 3 |
| CKS Warta A | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 3 | SAC Wisla | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 14 | 0 |

FIRST DIVISION

| Red Section | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts | Blue Section | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
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| Real Independiente | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 2 | 9 | Jahbat FC | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 13 | 10 | 7 |
| Tricycles SC | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 9 | Capitol Czarni Jaslo | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 6 |
| Zaglebie SC | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 6 | CKS Warta B | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 9 | 6 |
| Albanian Stars B | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 3 | Stal Mielec | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 7 | 4 |
| West Bosnia SC | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 1 | CD Taximaroa | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| HNNK Hrvat B | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 14 | 1 | Deportivo Colomex | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 0 |

SECOND DIVISION

| Red Section | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts | Blue Section | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
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| Stare Byki Blue | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 6 | 9 | Arabian FC O-30 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 18 | 10 | 7 |
| Pitbulls SC | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 17 | 3 | 7 | Gremio FC | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 3 | 6 |
| SAC Wisla B | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 14 | 10 | 7 | Chicago Thunder | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 10 | 6 |
| NK Prijedor B | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 10 | 4 | Stare Byki Red | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 5 | 6 |
| Stare Byki O-30 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 8 | 4 | CKS Warta C | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 3 |
| Chicago Dynasty FC | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 15 | 4 | Chicago Inter R-B | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 11 | 3 |
| FC Kosova | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 19 | 16 | 3 | FK Podrinje | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 15 | 3 |
| Juanacatlan | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 20 | 2 | SAC Wisla Over 30 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 1 |
| Real Independiente B | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 1 | Montenegro | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 13 | 0 |
| West Bosnia B | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 20 | 0 | | | | | | | | |

CHICAGO PREMIER SOCCER LEAGUE

December 9, 2008

| | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
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| Mexico | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 49 | 22 | 12 |
| James Joyce | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 48 | 26 | 12 |
| Arabian Eagles | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 46 | 37 | 12 |
| Stare Byki FC | 8 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 33 | 43 | 12 |
| River Plate | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 30 | 35 | 3 |
| AYSO | 7 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 18 | 51 | 3 |