



# BOUNCINGS

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Byki

5 : 2

Hrvat B

A Team - NSL 1st Division  
Odeum - 15 December 2006

## Byki turn on the power

The Byki notched their first victory of the indoor season when they knocked off HNNK Hrvat B 5:2 last Friday. Russ Haynes led the way for the Byki with two goals, while Matt Fleming added a goal and an assist. It took a while for the Byki to find their rhythm, but once they did, the game was primarily one-way traffic pointed at the Hrvat goal.

That one-way traffic was fueled by several time penalties suffered by Hrvat, who only exacerbated the situation with their loud and profane displays of verbal dissent after they disagreed with the decisions of the referees. "The behavior of some of the Hrvat players was an embarrassment," said coach George Gorecki. "People disagree with referees all the time, but there are civilized ways of getting your point across." In addition to the four penalties, a Hrvat player was sent off for excessive complaining. It was a surprise that the referees did not wield their red cards on a couple of

other occasions.

The Byki eventually gained control of the encounter in the second half, but their rocky start cast doubt on whether they would even be competitive in the game. The starting five for the Byki looked generally clueless from the kickoff and the hard-charging Hrvat team was easily slipping behind them. "Our team was not ready at the start," said Gorecki. "I had to shuffle the positions around because of late arrivals and some players who didn't show up. The guys recovered nicely, however."

Hrvat went 1:0 up after only 1:53. The confused Byki defense left players unmarked all over the place and emergency keeper Joe Gambino was unable to stop an easy tap-in on the doorstep of the goal line.

With that bad goal out of their system, the Byki sought to get the game played on their terms. They sent out a warning of their intentions with 3:38 left in the first half. Paul Mansur made a strong run with the ball up the middle of the field, setting up an attractive combination play with Andy Lane and Dan Stanley. Lane knocked the ball to Stanley, who managed to get off a sharp-angle shot from the corner.

The Byki got the equalizer a minute later. With a free kick in the corner on the right side, Haynes drilled the ball into the middle of the box. The pinball-type play resulted in Todd Mayer redirecting the ball into the back of the net.

Moments later, Hrvat's parade to the penalty box began after Haynes had been tripped up. Haynes then took credit for the subsequent mayhem. "I went down easily on the play and the referee went for it," said Haynes. "Thanks to that, we were on the power play for something like seven consecutive minutes."

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The Hrvat player got an additional two minutes for questioning the call after having entered the penalty box. Less than 30 seconds later, a second Hrvat player tripped Josh Taylor near the boards. The referees immediately showed their blue cards, but the Hrvat player wasn't satisfied. He continued his harangue and got another two minutes, and then received a one-way ticket to the locker room after insulting the referee. The mess provided the Byki with a 5 v 3 power play that spilled over into the second half.

The Byki got to work on their two-man advantage right after the break. Gabi Dziekiewicz made a solo run down the right flank and blasted a shot at the goal. The keeper made the stop and left a rebound in the middle of the area. Mansur got there first, but could not find an opening and lost the ball.

Haynes gave the Byki a lead that they would never relinquish 2:14 into the second half. Minos Bouzoukis made a crafty pass off of the boards from the wing. Haynes swooped into the middle of the box and tattooed

a first-time shot past the goalie. Hrvat claimed that the ball hit the underside of the bar and came out, but the referees immediately signaled for a goal.

The game really boiled over moments later. With 0:12 left on their last penalty, the Hrvat bench thought that the referee motioned for their player to re-enter the field on a dead ball at the Hrvat red line. As soon as the player took the field, Gorecki asked the referee why the player had not completed the full penalty time. The referee responded by sending the player back to the box and then assessing another two minutes for having too many men on the field. "I thought that the Hrvat coach was going to jump out of his skin after that call," said Gorecki.

Once order had been restored, Fleming scored a crucial goal from the dead ball. With Hrvat down two men again, they could not set up a wall to block an attempt at goal. Fleming saw his chance and calmly side-footed his shot past the befuddled keeper. "The goalie had no idea what was going on," said Fleming.

# Byki Stats

## A TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Haynes	6	1	7
Fleming	2	2	4
Dance	2	1	3
Dziekiewicz, G	1	1	2
Bouzoukis	0	2	2
Mansur, P Jr	0	2	2
Mayer	1	0	1
Stanley	1	0	1
Moore	0	1	1
Rose	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Gambino	38	2	2.00
de la Cruz	76	7	3.50
Eliasek	76	8	4.00

Current record: 1-1-3

## OVER 30 TEAM,SCHAUMBURG

Player	G	A	Pts
Ciszewski	14	2	16
Jedrzejowski	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	11	1	12
Ahrens	4	4	8
Siepiora	4	1	5
Gambino	3	1	4
Kleine	1	2	3
Marvin	1	1	2
Mansur, Sr	0	2	2
Wiecek	0	2	2
Farhan	1	0	1
Cooper	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Mansur, Sr	7	0	0.00
de la Cruz	114	16	5.89
Neighbors	117	22	7.90
Farhan	98	27	11.57

Final record: 0-1-7

"I just put the ball in the corner."

With the score 3:1, the Byki went for the jugular and stormed the Hrvatski goal with aggressive attacking force. With 12:35 left in the match, Haynes led the way on the counter and shot hard from the right side, the keeper making the save.

Just 0:50 later, the Byki executed a dazzling 2 v 1 sequence. Haynes dribbled at full speed, waiting to lure the defender. At the right moment, he fed the ball to Stanley with a killer pass. Stanley's shot was saved, but the rebound went straight to Haynes in the box. With the keeper down, the goal was an inviting target for Haynes. Yet the netminder came out of nowhere to stop what appeared to be a certain score. Stanley had another great chance just 0:29 later, but was denied by the bar.

The Byki went on the defensive with 8:00 left in the game when Fleming saw blue for kicking the ball away after the whistle. Gambino played bravely during the Hrvatski power play, coming up with a magnificent save from short range. But the Byki could not clear, leading to an open tap-in that brought Hrvatski to within 3:2 with 7:05 to go.

Fleming felt badly for his lapse and was relieved when Haynes picked him up with 6:32 left. After a shot was blocked by the Hrvatski defense, Haynes latched onto the loose ball and dribbled into the corner. From there, he lined up one of his famous sharp-angle shots and beat the goalie at the far post. For Haynes, it was his

sixth tally in five matches, an impressive return to first-team football since his knee injury.

Whatever momentum Hrvatski thought they had after their power-play goal was decisively negated by Haynes' goal. Just to make sure that Hrvatski weren't getting any other fresh ideas, the Byki put the result beyond any doubt with 3:03 to play. Dziekiewicz fought through a harsh challenge near the left-wing boards at midfield and wound up in the corner. He dropped the ball back for Fleming who dribbled across the face of the penalty area. The midfielder knocked an angled pass off the boards into the middle, where Dziekiewicz beat the slow-to-react defender and buried a first time shot to put the Byki 5:2 to the good.

"Overall, we played well tonight," said Gorecki. "The lineup was shuffled around with all of the guys missing, but everyone adapted. We've got to keep playing smart soccer and things will keep going our way."

#### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

**1st:** Mayer 1 (Haynes); 16:32; 1:1.

**2nd:** Haynes 5 (Bouzoukis); (pp); 2:14; 2:1. Fleming 2; (pp); 4:45; 3:1. Haynes 6; 12:28; 4:2. Dziekiewicz 1 (Fleming); 15:57; 5:2.

**BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1):** Gambino – Rose, Mansur, P. Jr – Bouzoukis, Stanley – Haynes. **Bench:** Dziekiewicz, Fleming, Lane, Mayer, Taylor.

Byki

3 : 9

Hellas

Over 40 Team - Sportszone Over 30 League  
Sportszone - 18 December 2006

## Hellas prevail in finale

Hellas piled on to the woes of the Over 40 Team when they administered solid 9:3 pounding last Monday. Hellas ripped through the Byki defense with give-and-go plays all night long and the Byki defense were constantly chasing players who had gotten behind them. Despite playing with a shortened roster, the Byki created a bevy of scoring chances, only to be thwarted by some stellar goalkeeping from the Hellas netminder. With their porous approach to defending, the Byki were always going to struggle in this game. But if they had converted a few more of their opportunities, they could have made the final score a little more respectable.

Hellas needed only eight minutes to run out to a 3:0 lead. The Byki were almost passive on defense, allowing the Hellas players time and space to move the ball. Hellas took full advantage by pounding shots on the over-matched Fleet Neighbors, who was keeping the goal area warm for the late-arriving Jorge de la Cruz. Both keepers got their fill of shots flying all around.

The Byki pulled one back with 11:18 left in the first half. Bernhard Kleine fired a free kick at the Hellas goal and his shot deflected off of a defender. The hustling Joe Gambino was in position to knock the rebound into the back of the net.

After Hellas made it 4:1 a couple of minutes later,

the Byki converted a power-play opportunity. Rather than sitting back and waiting for a turnover, the Hellas penalty killers tried to force the issue and sought a short-handed goal. Their zeal for goals backfired when they lost the ball and the Byki came fast on the counter. Kleine sped up the middle with the ball and drew the defense toward him. He dished to Dominic Demarets on the left side at precisely the right moment and the striker did not disappoint, burying his shot inside the far post for his 11th goal of the season.

Hellas increased their lead to 5:2 when a free kick from the red line hit the Byki wall, wrong-footing de la Cruz. The Byki tried to reply to that score moments later when Kleine and Demarets engineered a 2 v 1 situation. Demarets' shot was saved and Kleine's follow-up on the rebound went into the safety net above the wall.

The Byki had made a lot of mistakes on defense early in the game, yet found a way to break out of their lethargy and began moving the ball well on offense. They would need more of this type of play in the second half in order for a comeback to have any meaning.

Hellas put a dent in those plans when they upped their advantage to 6:2 after only 0:31 had elapsed, thanks to a sleepy Byki defense.

Good hustle resulted in the third Byki goal just 0:33 later. Paul Mansur dribbled up the left wing along the boards and sent the ball into the corner. A Hellas defender and the goalie converged on the ball, but mixed up their communication when Gambino swooped in to put pressure on the situation. The confusion left Gambino with the simple task of sliding the ball into the empty net from a tough angle.

The Byki were down by three and were in good

position to cut into the deficit further with a flurry of chances over the next several minutes. Demarets led a 3 v 3 counterattack and passed the ball to the right side for Brian Cooper, who had run into space. Cooper smartly dropped the ball back for Demarets, who drilled a shot that was saved by the keeper. Gambino pounced on the rebound, but the keeper was in position to make that save as well.

A couple of minutes later, George Siepiora let one go from distance, which the goalie deflected off of the glass above the crossbar. The ball floated back to Gambino, who tried to beat the keeper with a header. The keeper tipped that one away also while being bulldozed by Gambino into the net.

With 13:28 to go, Gambino stole the ball and passed to Siepiora on the right. Siepiora's shot caromed off the boards to Gambino, whose follow-up attempt nicked the goalpost.

Not being able to turn even one of those terrific chances was a killer for the Byki. Hellas made it 7:3 with 11:09 left, effectively deflating any hope for a Byki comeback. The game opened up significantly at that point, as the Byki worked hard to get more players forward. With extra open space and tired Byki legs on defense, Hellas scored twice more, but probably could have done better. De la Cruz made several remarkable saves.

#### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

**1st:** Gambino 2 (Kleine); 9:42; 1:3. Demarets 11 (Kleine); (pp); 14:48; 2:4.  
**2nd:** Gambino 3 (Mansur); 1:04; 3:6.

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

# NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

December 15, 2006

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Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria A	5	3	1	1	15	13	10	SC BiH	5	5	0	0	17	5	15
FK Kozarac	5	3	1	1	18	15	10	West Bosnia SC	5	3	1	1	16	10	10
HNNK Hrvat	5	2	1	2	11	10	7	B-H Lilies	5	2	1	2	18	15	7
CKS Warta	5	2	1	2	15	15	7	Outlanders SC	5	2	1	2	11	13	7
NK Prijedor	5	2	1	2	15	14	7	Royal FC	5	1	0	4	7	21	3
RWB Adria B	5	0	1	4	9	16	1	SAC Wisla	5	0	1	4	13	18	1

## FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Romania	5	5	0	0	27	11	15	Honduras SC	5	5	0	0	25	9	15
Khaboor FC	5	4	1	0	23	7	13	Albanian Stars	5	5	0	0	29	14	15
KF Ulqin	5	4	0	1	25	8	12	West Bosnia B	5	3	2	0	10	4	11
FK Bosanska Dubica	5	3	0	2	19	11	9	Chicago Thunder A	5	3	1	1	18	7	10
Deportivo Colomex	5	3	0	2	11	13	9	Lemont FC	5	3	0	2	19	15	9
B-H Lilies B	5	2	1	2	13	16	7	Pitbulls	5	3	0	2	14	11	9
SAC Wisla B	5	2	1	2	9	13	7	Real Independiente	5	2	1	2	7	10	7
FK Podrinje	5	2	0	3	16	15	6	Lake Shore SC	5	1	1	3	8	11	4
Stare Byki FC	5	1	1	3	13	16	4	Royal FC B	5	1	0	4	13	30	3
CKS Warta C	5	1	0	4	5	22	3	CKS Warta B	5	0	1	4	10	20	1
Oak Park Tricycles	5	0	2	3	6	17	2	HNNK Hrvat B	5	0	1	4	6	22	1
Chicago Thunder B	5	0	1	4	5	21	1	Chicago Inter Bulldogs	5	0	0	5	10	18	0

## OVER 30 DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Outlanders SC	4	3	1	0	29	10	10
RWB Adria B	4	2	2	0	20	13	8
HNNK Hrvat	4	2	1	1	20	12	7
SAC Wisla	5	2	0	3	25	21	6
NK Prijedor	4	2	0	2	16	26	6
RWB Adria A	4	1	2	1	10	12	5
Hellas SC	5	0	0	5	11	37	0

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	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Belmont St Elite	8	7	0	1	64	24	14
Galaxy	8	7	0	1	55	31	14
Stare Byki FC	8	6	0	2	35	27	12
Inter Puma	8	3	1	4	31	25	7
Stingers	8	3	0	5	37	55	6
Medicare FC	8	3	0	5	33	53	6
United	8	3	0	5	44	62	6
Chi Town FC	8	1	2	5	29	41	4
Hellfish	8	1	1	6	37	47	3

**SPORTSZONE OVER 30 LEAGUE**  
**December 18, 2006 - FINAL STANDINGS**  
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	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
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