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Another fantastic finish for Byki

As if their dramatic comeback versus Capitol Czarni Jaslo on January 4 wasn't enough, the Byki followed that up last Friday with a stunning 2:1 win over FK Bosanska Dubica. Crisan Talpes and Josh Taylor launched separate bombs 0:53 apart in the final two minutes to erase a 1:0 Dubica lead. The Byki improved their record to 2-1-6 for the season.

It was third consecutive solid performance against a strong team in the Blue Section. The Byki have picked up four points in those three matches and have really played some solid soccer. No one was more solid than goalkeeper Nicoara Talpes, who repelled nearly every shot that came his way. He picked up the slack when his teammates gave the Bosnians too much room to operate and his timely saves kept the Byki in the hunt in a tightly contested match.

The early part of the match was a battle in the midfield, as neither side had much success in creating quality opportunities. Striker Kevin Biggs nearly gave the Byki the lead with 5:15 gone when he gained control of a loose ball in the Dubica area, but shot wide.

The game began to open up late in the first half. Jeff Samp

dribbled down the left wing and made a brilliant diagonal pass to Chris Rose, who overlapped on the right. Rose fired a cannon of a shot that the keeper barely grazed. The ball rebounded off of the underside of the crossbar and was cleared by the Dubica defense.

Dubica messed up an incredibly easy scoring chance a minute later. As Dubica came on the counter, they passed the ball to a player open at the far post. With Talpes stranded, all the Dubica player had to do was redirect the ball into the empty net. His shot rolled along the goal line, pinged off of the far post and was whisked away by a grateful Byki defense.

Talpes was in the right spot with 1:46 left in the half when a Dubica player was left unmarked on the right side. Talpes made a tremendous save on a shot from close range.

Dubica kept up the pressure, but the Byki defense held things together. With 14:25 left in the game, Dubica played a slick combo that ended with a pass sneaking into the Byki area. Talpes made a masterful block on a shot that was destined for the back of the net. Minutes later, Dubica caught the Byki in a 3-on-1 counterattack. Talpes stabbed at the shot with his outstretched leg to keep the contest scoreless.

Dubica drew first blood with 7:34 to go. A Dubica player received the ball at the top of the box, turned his defender, and shot wide of the goalpost. Talpes saved the rebound, but was unable to recover on the second rebound. The Byki claimed that the play should have been blown dead when Talpes was shoved into the boards following his first save, but the officials allowed the goal to stand.

The Byki got things rolling with 2:17 left as they worked the power play. Crisan Talpes, not to be outdone by his twin brother in the goal, notched his third tally of the campaign in impressive fashion. He launched a shot from long range that crashed off the glass and came right back to him. Talpes measured the second try a little bit better, crushing a shot into the upper corner of the goal. The Dubica keeper made a half-hearted attempt to wave at the shot, but the

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unmistakable clang when the ball hit the rear framework of the goal told the full story.

The Byki capped off their comeback just seconds later. Dan Stanley made a run with the ball along the right-wing boards and centered for Josh Taylor, who wasted no time taking his shot. He fired before a defender could close on him, drilling the ball past the rooted goalie. "I just put my head down and shot," said Taylor afterward. "I didn't know where the ball was going, but I hit it as hard as I could."

The Byki had a great opportunity to put the result beyond any doubt in the waning moments of the game. Paul Mansur and Jason Sphar led a 3 v 1 counter, catching the Dubica players pushed forward in search of an equalizer. Mansur and Sphar got the lone defender and the keeper totally off-balance

with a series of simple, little passes, leaving it for Sphar to put on the finishing touch. Sphar incredibly missed the target, leading to some good-natured needling in the post-game locker room.

Improvement in Byki teamwork has been the key element in their recent successes. With a little bit of momentum, they can continue to snatch points from the top teams.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

C. Talpes 3; 35:43; 1:1. Taylor 1 (Stanley); 36:36; 1:2.

BYKI LINEUP (2-1-2): N. Talpes – Black, Bouzoukis – Samp – Stanley, Biggs. **Bench:** Carvajal, Rose, P. Mansur Jr, Sphar, C. Talpes, Taylor.

Prijedor

4 : 5

Byki

Over 30 Team - NSL Over 30 Division
Odeum - 11 January 2008

Byki oldboys get the job done

The Byki Over 30s shook off some early defensive mistakes and rebounded from two first-half deficits to defeat NK Prijedor 5:4 last Friday in a hard-fought match at the Odeum. Luis Arredondo made his first appearance of the season for the old-timers, registering two goals. The balanced Byki attack saw six players contribute to the scoresheet. Perhaps the Byki shouldn't get too giddy, as they still reside in the Over 30 basement. But you have to start somewhere.

And that somewhere was versus Prijedor, whose only points of the season have come from their 6:4 win over the Byki back in November. The Byki remembered well their mistakes from that match. Although their defense in the first half left a lot to be desired, the Byki turned things up in the second frame, outscoring Prijedor 3:1.

Prijedor jumped into the lead after just 2:04. When two Byki defenders could not close down a Prijedor player dribbling in midfield, the whole team became unhinged when a simple pass to the left side of the box went to an unmarked Prijedor player. He beat his man off the dribble and fired past Ray Najera.

The Byki leveled the score 1:07 later. Nick Elmkinssi drove a hard shot from the right side directly at the keeper, who could only punch the ball high in the air. Arredondo pounced quickly and nailed a first-time shot, low into the corner.

It took Prijedor just 0:29 to go back in front. Slack marking by the Byki was the culprit again, as they allowed a Prijedor player to break through a double-team. He found his opening and shot past Najera, finding the far post.

Moments later, Arredondo crushed a hard shot from long

range. The rebound came out to Wei Zhang at the Prijedor red line. Zhang fired on frame and the keeper made a timely save.

The Byki evened the match at twos with 10:52 left in the first half. Eric Tower's shot from the red line was blocked and skittered to the right side of the box. Arredondo got to the ball first and slotted past the goalkeeper.

With 8:16 to go, Matt Fleming slid a quick pass to Elmkinssi on the left flank. The striker alertly shot first-time, but the keeper read the play perfectly to make the stop.

When a Prijedor forward dribbled past his marker with 6:26 on the clock, it left Najera alone and a well-placed shot made it 3:2.

Fleming thought he had the equalizer with 3:51 left when he drilled a shot from the red line. The keeper did the splits and somehow got his foot to the ball.

At halftime, the Byki regrouped. They had been a little surprised by Prijedor's aggressive style in the first half, and everyone knew that they could never maintain the same pace. The Byki wanted to keep the ball moving fast, convinced that this would break down Prijedor eventually.

Fleming played a brilliant through pass for Andy Lane after just 1:16 had elapsed in the second half. Lane was open on the left side, but was denied by the keeper's desperate kick save.

Hard work paid dividends at the 4:14 mark. Marek Ciszewski chased down a long clearance deep in the corner to the right of the Prijedor goal. Ciszewski's unrelenting pressure led to a turnover and it was a simple matter to slide the ball past the onrushing goalie.

The Byki stepped hard on the gas. Fleming came in fast on the dribble, shedding defenders in his wake. The keeper stabbed his shot out of the way with a well-timed kick. The Byki caught Prijedor napping with 11:58 left in the contest. With a free kick at the Prijedor red line near the boards, Joe Gambino saw that the goalie wasn't ready and fired into an unguarded net. The Prijedor players protested that the free kick should have gone their way, but that argument didn't fly. "I didn't know whose ball it was," said Gambino. "I looked back at the ref, and she was doing her five-count, so I just shot at goal."

Prijedor snatched back some Byki momentum when they squeezed out an equalizer with 9:18 to go. A long shot deflected off of Zhang and the rebound fell fortuitously at the feet of an open Prijedor player, who fired past the diving Najera.

The Byki shook off that minor setback with aplomb, needing just 0:44 to regain the lead for good. Lane dribbled the ball into the corner and looked for an opportunity to pass the ball off the end boards. His initial attempt was deflected and Lane then spotted Steven Pedlow filling the middle. Lane laid off perfectly for Pedlow, whose first-time slam gave the keeper no chance.

The Byki were on fire and Arredondo was in the middle of two great scoring chances, just seconds apart. His clever pass freed Brett Frischmann, whose hard shot went just wide.

The ball came back to Arredondo, who wasted no time with a follow-up. A tremendous leg save denied Arredondo his hat trick.

Prijedor received a tremendous break with less than six minutes left when Fleming was sent to the penalty box for four minutes after impeding a player dribbling past him. The referee's decision was a harsh one because the contact did not appear excessively flagrant. The Byki defended their goal with in well-organized fashion and Najera was at his best at crucial moments. With 4:07 to go, an open Prijedor player had a great chance to score, but Najera conjured a terrific kick save. Najera played magician moments later, when a shot hit the boards and ricocheted off of his back. Najera reacted quickly and cleared the ball before it could roll over the goal line.

Getting that first victory was a relief for everyone. The players have seen that they can compete with nearly every team, but it is this level of effort that is needed every Friday.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Arredondo 1; 3:11; 1:1. Arredondo 2 (Tower); 8:08; 2:2. Ciszewski 7; 23:14; 3:3. Gambino 3; 26:02; 3:4. Pedlow 2 (Lane); 29:26; 4:5.

BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1): Najera (c) – Lane, Zhang – Fleming, Pedlow – Ciszewski. **Bench:** Arredondo, Elmkinssi, Frischmann, Gambino, Tower, Treter.

Byki Stats

A TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Biggs	5	1	6
Stanley	3	1	4
Samp	1	3	4
Talpes, C.	3	0	3
Black	2	1	3
Ruiz	2	0	2
Torossian	1	1	2
Taylor	1	0	1
Bouzoukis	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Talpes, N.	95	4	1.60
Eliasek	243	31	4.85
Samp	4	1	9.50

Current record: 2-1-6

O-30 TEAM, NSL O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Ciszewski	7	0	7
Haynes	5	0	5
Gambino	3	1	4
Pedlow	2	1	3
Jedrzejowski	1	2	3
Arredondo	2	0	2
Gallo	0	2	2
Elmkinssi	1	0	1
Fleming	1	0	1
Lane	0	1	1
Tower	0	1	1
Treter	0	1	1
Zhang	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Najera	342	53	5.89

Current record: 1-0-8

O-40 TEAM, SPORTSZONE LEAGUE

Player	G	A	Pts
Demarets	2	1	3
Kleine	2	1	3
Marvin	2	1	3
Farhan	1	1	2
Tower	0	2	2
Bolesta	1	0	1
Siepiora	1	0	1
Neighbors	0	1	1
Pruim	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Pruim	84	12	6.00

Current record: 1-0-1

Byki hotheads make unlikely comeback

The Byki Over 40 Team won their first match of the new season last Monday, outlasting the Tornadoes by a 7:6 scoreline in a wild affair that saw the Byki tangling with the referee, as well as fighting among themselves. On any other day, a match like this would have ended up in the loss column. But sometimes victories are not logical and this time, the less disciplined team won the game.

Coach Bernhard Kleine spoke to his players before the game to draw their attention to the spate of two-minute penalties that the team had been suffering lately. Many of these trips to the sin bin have been caused by complaining to the referee or unnecessarily brutal fouls. "This will have a negative impact on team play and the results," said Kleine. "More importantly, it gives the oldboys an image in the Sportszone league that is not supported by the club."

Things started badly for the Byki. Sal Farhan arrived just minutes prior to kickoff, and in the rush of getting dressed for the game, forgot to put on his shin guards. When the referee spotted Farhan and his equipment gaffe, he sent him off for two minutes. The Tornadoes parlayed the power play into a goal, and then added to their total just moments later to go up 2:0 after just seven minutes.

The Tornadoes played an aggressive style and their forechecking in the first ten minutes prevented the Byki from developing any kind of ball movement. In the tenth minute, goalkeeper Pete Pruim threw a long ball behind the Tornado defense to Bob Marvin. He got past the goalie and put the ball into the net to narrow the margin to 2:1.

Just when the Byki began to settle down, the Tornadoes struck twice in the 12th and 15th minutes to take a commanding 4:1 lead. The Byki replied in the 17th minute when Eric Tower set up Rick Bolesta for his first goal of the season. Bolesta fired a hard shot from the left side to beat the Tornado goalkeeper.

The Byki changed their approach after the break and decided to be the aggressors for a change. By giving the Tornadoes a bit of their own medicine, the Byki turned the momentum in their favor. Marvin capitalized on a Kleine free kick and cut the deficit to 4:3 just three minutes into the second half.

The Byki leveled the match at 4: 4 two minutes later with a terrific shot from George Siepiora. The tide had definitely turned and Dominic Demarets put the Byki into the lead in

the 29th minute. He converted a free kick from 15 yards, nailing the shot into the left upper corner of the net. The comeback had cost the Byki a lot of energy, however, and the Tornadoes took full advantage, knotting the game at 5:5 in the 32nd minute.

The wheels then started to fall off the Byki wagon. With the result in the balance, Farhan received two minutes for dissent and Jon Silverstein got a blue card for a hard foul. Rather than focus on the task at hand, the Byki kept whining to the referee and the Byki foul total kept getting bigger and bigger.

Despite all of the internal mayhem, the Byki did not concede any goals and actually went ahead for good in the 35th minute. Demarets took a free kick and passed it into the box, where Kleine finished it off to put the Byki up 6:5.

The Byki made it 7:5 four minutes from the end when Farhan netted on a play created by Marvin. That goal should have sealed victory for the Byki, but chaos almost ruined the impressive comeback. Silverstein picked up a penalty when he checked a Tornado player into the boards and was lucky not to have been sent off. Meanwhile, an argument developed on the Byki bench, which threatened to send everything spiraling out of control. The Tornadoes scored with two minutes to go to come within 7:6 and the Byki somehow managed to hold on and secure the three points.

The Byki received seven two-minute penalties on the day, which may be a club record. "If we start scoring more goals than two-minute penalties, we could actually win some games," noted a sarcastic Kleine afterwards. But then the coach turned serious. "This type of behavior is unacceptable. If it continues, then I will have to implement more drastic measures to resurrect clean, non-complaining Byki soccer."

Bernhard Kleine contributed to this story.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Marvin 1 (Pruim); 10:00; 2:1. Bolesta 1 (Tower); 17:00; 4:2. Marvin 2 (Kleine); 23:00; 4:3. Siepiora 1; 26:00; 4:4. Demarets 2 (Neighbors); 29:00; 4:5. Kleine 2 (Demarets); 34:00; 5:6. Farhan 1 (Marvin); 37:00; 5:7.

BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1): Pruim – Cooper, Tower – Siepiora, Kleine – Demarets. **Bench:** Bolesta, Farhan, Marvin, Neighbors, Silverstein.

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MAJOR DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
HNNK Hrvat	9	6	2	1	30	10	20	SC BiH	9	8	1	0	41	18	25
RWB Adria A	9	5	2	2	30	14	17	FK Kozarac	9	6	1	2	39	21	19
NK Prijedor	9	4	2	3	22	27	14	RWB Adria B	9	5	0	4	36	25	15
B-H Lilies	9	4	1	4	22	24	13	SAC Wisla	9	4	1	4	17	21	13
Albanian Stars	9	2	1	6	24	33	7	Royal FC	9	2	0	7	15	36	6
KF Ulqin	9	0	2	7	13	44	2	CKS Warta	9	1	1	7	18	34	4

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FK Republica Srpska	9	7	1	1	47	13	22	Podlasie	9	9	0	0	74	10	27
Deportivo Colomex	9	6	1	2	44	18	19	West Bosnia SC	9	7	0	2	38	27	21
Oak Park Tricycles	9	6	1	2	42	17	19	Capitol Czarni Jaslo	9	6	2	1	49	16	20
Stal Mielec	9	6	1	2	29	16	19	Real Independiente	9	5	2	2	16	13	17
CKS Warta C	9	5	3	1	38	24	18	HNNK Hrvat B	9	5	1	3	31	22	16
CKS Warta B	9	5	0	4	30	26	15	CD Taximaroa	9	5	1	3	30	21	16
Chicago Thunder	9	4	1	4	23	18	13	FK Bosanska Dubica	9	3	1	5	45	34	10
Khaboor FC	9	3	2	4	34	39	11	FK Podrinje	9	3	1	5	22	44	10
Lake Shore SC	9	2	2	5	36	32	8	Los Chasquis	9	3	0	6	25	69	9
Montenegro SC	9	2	1	6	21	40	7	Stare Byki FC	9	2	1	6	18	36	7
Juanacatlan	9	1	1	7	18	52	4	Lemont FC	9	1	0	8	24	42	3
Chicago Inter R-B	9	0	0	9	7	74	0	Pitbulls SC	9	0	1	8	18	56	1

OVER 30 DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria	9	9	0	0	66	20	27
B-H Lilies	9	7	0	2	42	30	21
SAC Wisla	9	6	0	3	40	34	18
Arabian FC	9	4	1	4	37	37	13
Polonia SC	9	4	1	4	43	31	13
HNNK Hrvat	9	2	2	5	27	38	8
NK Prijedor	9	1	0	8	25	59	3
Stare Byki FC	9	1	0	8	22	53	3

SPORTSZONE OVER 30 LEAGUE

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Deva Development	2	2	0	0	24	7	6
Arsenal	2	2	0	0	14	6	6
Chicago Soccer	2	1	1	0	9	7	4
Chicago Force	2	1	0	1	11	9	3
Stare Byki FC	2	1	0	1	9	12	3
Peaked Venture	2	0	1	1	7	10	1
Tornadoes	2	0	0	2	9	12	0
Team Demar	2	0	0	2	5	25	0