

Byki surge sinks Stingers

The Over 30s continued on their winning ways on February 8 when they downed the Stingers 8:2. Marek Ciszewski scored four goals and assisted on three others, while Brett Frischmann recorded his first Byki hat trick. Matt Zelinski notched three assists, as a well-organized Byki attack overwhelmed the Stingers. The Byki improve their record to 4-0-0 for the season.

The Stingers tried to make a game of it in the first half and were probably pretty pleased to be right in the middle of a 1:1 deadlock at the break. It didn't take long for the sleeping giant to awaken, however, and the Byki went on a four-goal rampage in the first 4:30 of the second half to put the game out of reach. The Byki are still in second place, by virtue of having played one fewer match than the 5-0-0 Wings.

The match really was a tribute to good teamwork. The Byki dressed only ten players, and four of them



were under the weather. Also, Wei Zhang had to suit up and stand between the pipes. Despite the troublesome roster situation, Zhang was confident that the Byki could take care of business. In the last encounter between the sides, the Byki were narrow 4:3 winners, but should have scored more. "We can beat this team, but we must be careful not to make the same mistake as last time and let them stay in the game until the last minutes," said Zhang beforehand. He also told the team to pace themselves on the field since they were short of players and to try to use the keeper to stretch the field.

The first half didn't go exactly the way Byki had wanted. They had difficulties trapping and passing the ball to put pressure on the Stingers. As a result, the Stingers created a few chances and played pretty much on level terms with the Byki.

The Byki broke the ice about five minutes into the game. Frischmann received a pass from Ciszewski and put the ball into the back of the net. The Byki wanted to extend their lead, so they kept shooting. The chances to score were there, but the Byki simply couldn't finish.

The Stingers leveled the score with 7:00 left in the half when they stole the ball in midfield and quickly moved to the right corner of Byki penalty area. The Byki failed to pressure the man with the ball and he whacked the ball past Zhang into the upper corner of the net.

At halftime, the Byki knew that they hadn't played well, but were hardly discouraged. Zhang told the team that they needed to do a better job maintaining



possession. Ciszewski rallied the troops with his patented motivational phrase: "Come on, people!"

The Byki started the second half like a completely different team. After the opening kickoff, they made a few passes through the Stingers defense. Elmkinssi passed the ball to Ciszewski and the striker made to mistake to put the Byki up 2:1.

That goal was just the beginning. One minute later, the Byki earned a corner kick. Ciszewski took the re-start and spotted Jing Geng making a run from midfield. The unmarked Geng blasted a one touchshot past the keeper for a 3:1 lead.

Ciszewski scored again with 3:30 gone, thanks to an assist from Zelinski. A minute later, Ciszewski had the ball on the left side and placed a perfect long pass to Frischmann, who finished the play with a tremendous volley. With the four-goal outburst, the Byki made it very clear that they wanted to win the game.

Byki domination continued, as the score swelled to 6:1 midway through the second half. The Ciszewski-Zelinski combo was at work again, with Ciszewski reaching double figures in goals for the third straight session in Schaumburg.

After the Stingers pulled one back to make it 6:2, the Byki scored the best goal of the night with 3:03 to go. The Byki executed an intricate series of one-touch passes, starting with Zhang back in the goal. Nearly every Byki player touched the ball during the sequence and Frischmann completed his hat trick with a pass from Zelinski. As the dumbfounded Stingers just stood around and watched, the Byki sliced through the defense with ease. "It was like a cone drill," noted Ciszewski. Elmkinssi set up Ciszewski for the final Byki tally with 1:23 left.

"We didn't play very well, especially the first half. But given the few numbers and the fact that some of us are sick, the result is very satisfying," said Zhang after the game. "Special kudos to Matt Zelinski, who played because I pestered him into it." Added Eric Tower, "He looked like death warmed over after the game, but given the health of our remaining players, the result could have been different if we'd only had nine guys."

Eric Tower and Wei Zhang contributed to this story.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1st: Frischmann 3 (Ciszewski); 5:00; 1:0. **2nd:** Ciszewski 6 (Elmkinssi); 0:30; 2:1. Geng 4 (Ciszewski); 1:30; 3:1. Ciszewski 7 (Zelinski); 3:30; 4:1. Frischmann 4 (Ciszewski); 4:30; 5:1. Ciszewski 8 (Zelinski); 12:48; 6:1. Frischmann 5 (Zelinski); 21:57; 7:2. Ciszewski 9 (Elmkinssi); 23:37; 8:2.

BYKI LINEUP (2-3-1): Zhang – Geng, Tower – Parra, Elmkinssi, Zelinski – Garcia. **Bench:** Ciszewski, Frischmann, Pedlow.

Warta B

5:5

Byki

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Byki comeback worth a point

The Byki brought home a well-earned point last Friday when they rallied to score three unanswered goals in the second half to forge a 5:5 draw with CKS Warta B. Russ Haynes and Jeff Samp each scored a pair of goals, while Zach Dance contributed two assists. The Byki stand at 3-2-7 for the season.

The match didn't start out well for the Byki, who needed some time to sort out a disjointed lineup. Three players arrived after kickoff, which forced coach George Gorecki to juggle his lineup. The last-minute changes, along with the subsequent changes that were made after the latecomers arrived, probably contributed to Byki confusion. A pumped-up Warta squad took advantage by pushing the pace and doing a good job of finding unmarked players with quick passes. "It took us a while to settle into our game," said Gorecki. "By the middle of the second half, the fast pace suited us better than it did Warta."

Haynes nearly snatched the early lead for the Byki when he made a steal at the Warta red and cracked a shot that nicked off of the post. But it was Warta who broke the ice 2:25 later when a man was left unmarked at the far post and he one-timed a shot past Joe Gambino, who was standing in the nets until Ryan Eliasek could arrive.

The Byki had two nice opportunities to level the score shortly thereafter, but big saves by the Warta keeper kept the Byki in their place. Hard work from Dance eventually paid off, as he played a carom off the back boards into the middle for Haynes, who made the simple tap-in.

Warta regained the lead midway through the first half when Dance and Gambino mis-communicated a backpass. A Warta player made the steal and centered the ball for a wide-open blast from the top of the arc.

But Dance needed only 0:41 to make up for that gaffe. As he slid past a defender in the deep corner, the Warta keeper came rushing off his line to steal the ball. Dance neatly side-stepped him and delivered a centering pass for Samp, who made short work of the opportunity.

Warta scored twice more in the final 7:33 of the half, as the Byki continued to have trouble getting organized on defense. Warta had a man open in the area on their third goal and the Byki were late getting back on the counter for the fourth.

Being a veteran group, the Byki approach such mistakes calmly and made an effort to regroup at halftime. Whatever they talked about hadn't sunk in because Warta went 5:2 up after 1:12 of the second half when an unmarked player yet again slammed the ball home at the far post.

The Byki began their comeback with a power-play goal at the 4:57 mark. With the defense backing away, Fleming floated a tantalizing ball into the mixer. The ball ricocheted off the head of Chris Rose and into

A TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION B TEAM, SOCCER CITY C LEAGUE					E OVER 30 TEA	M,SCH	IAUM	BURG	OVER 40 TEAM, SPORTSZONE						
Player	G	Α	Pts	Player	G	Α	Pts	Player	G	Α	Pts	Player	G	Α	Pts
Fleming	7	5	12	Haynes	4	1	5	Ciszewski	10	5	15	Demarets	21	2	23
Haynes	9	1	10	Biggs	4	0	4	Parra	4	4	8	Kleine	7	4	11
Dance	4	4	8	Moore	2	2	4	Garcia	6	0	6	Marvin	6	5	11
Mansur, P Jr	0	7	7	Torossian	2	1	3	Frischmann	5	1	6	Gambino	4	3	7
Mayer	3	3	6	Stanley	0	3	3	Geng	4	2	6	Siepiora	2	2	4
Green	2	1	3	Ciszewski	1	1	2	Youssef	3	2	5	Bolesta	3	0	3
Stanley	2	1	3	Lane	1	1	2	Hunter	2	2	4	Ahrens	1	2	3
Bouzoukis	1	2	3	Mansur, P Jr	1	1	2	Jedrzejowski	1	3	4	Neighbors	1	2	3
Dziekiewicz, G	1	2	3	Arredondo	1	0	1	Treter	1	3	4	Mansur, Sr	0	3	3
Samp	2	0	2	Pirrilis	1	0	1	Zelinski	1	3	4	LaForest	1	1	2
Ciszewski	1	1	2	Smart	1	0	1	Elmkinssi	0	4	4	Farhan	0	2	2
Moore	1	1	2	McGrath	0	1	1	Towsey	1	1	2	Treter	0	2	2
Rose	1	1	2	Team goals	3	х	Х	Zhang	0	1	1	Wiecek	0	2	2
Lane	1	0	1									Cooper	0	1	1
Taylor	1	0	1	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Gorecki	0	1	1
Gambino	0	1	1	Eliasek	40	5	5.00	Zhang	152	5	1.64				
				Gambino	120	17	5.67	Hardin	48	2	2.08	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Current	record:	2-0-3		Current	record:	4-0-0		Neighbors	5	0	0.00
Eliasek	238	20	3.19									Farhan	247	26	4.42
Gambino	47	4	3.23									Currer	nt record:	4-0-2	

the back of the net to bring the Byki to within 5:3. with 6:29 to go. Dance started things by putting the referees weren't buying.

Warta appeared poised to regain their three-goal lead 1:11 later, as another open forward was poised to bang one in at the far post. Eliasek made the save of the night as he slid along his goal line and kept the ball out. The Warta bench were already in celebration mode, but stopped short when they witnessed Eliasek's incredible stop.

Things tightened up with 8:55 left in the match. Fleming played a long pass up the line to Todd Mayer, who had made a curving run from midfield. The keeper rushed off his line to clear the ball and Mayer fought to keep possession. When a Warta came over to help his goalie, Mayer simply stole the ball back and centered for Samp, who pushed the ball under the keeper to make it 5:4.

The Byki notched their third equalizer of the game

Warta desperately claimed handball on the play, but pressure on a Warta defender in his own end. Warta couldn't clear the ball and Dan Stanley stepped up and played a smart pass off the boards for Haynes, who buried his shot just inside the far post.

> "We had a lot of problems, most of them self-inflicted, at both ends of the field for much of this game," said Gorecki. "Full marks to our guys for keeping their heads up and never conceding anything. It was a great effort to take something back from this match "

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1st: Haynes 8 (Dance); 5:52; 1:1. Samp 1 (Dance); 9:05; 2:2. 2nd: Rose 1 (Fleming); (pp); 23:57; 3:5. Samp 2 (Mayer); 29:05; 4:5. Haynes 9 (Stanley); 31:31; 5:5.

BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1): Gambino - Samp, Mansur, P Jr - Bouzoukis, Dance (c) - Haynes. Bench: Dziekiewicz, Eliasek, Fleming Lane, Mayer, Moore, Rose, Stanley.



Byki walk past lifeless Life Fitness

The lousy weather conditions may have been a factor. but it certainly didn't deter the plucky Byki squad, who made good use of the empty soccer field by City.

for 25 points in the C League, which uses a convoluted points system that awards six points for a win, three

The Byki earned a freebie last Tuesday when Life points for a draw, and a bonus point for every goal Fitness failed to show up for their scheduled match. scored up to three per game. The nine-point effort vaulted the Byki out of the cellar for the first time and leaves them just two points away from second place. Despite their shaky start to the season, the Byki are conducting an impromptu training session at Soccer in great position to climb the table before season's end. This week, they face their sternest test so far The win improves the Byki record to 2-0-3, good when they hook up with Beer, who lead the C League with a perfect 5-0-0 record.

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	11	8	2	1	48	22	26	SC BiH	11	10	0	1	46	19	30
FK Kozarac	11	7	2	2	47	32	23	West Bosnia SC	11	8	1	2	37	19	25
HNNK Hrvat	11	4	2	5	25	24	14	B-H Lilies	11	4	2	5	34	31	14
CKS Warta	11	4	2	5	32	38	14	Outlanders SC	11	4	1	6	35	34	13
NK Prijedor	11	3	3	5	32	41	12	SAC Wisla	11	3	1	7	26	39	10
RWB Adria B	11	0	2	9	17	46	2	Royal FC	11	2	0	9	16	50	6

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Romania	11	10	1	0	62	22	31	Albanian Stars	11	10	1	0	63	24	31
KF Ulqin	11	10	0	1	50	15	30	Honduras SC	11	10	0	1	52	14	30
Khaboor FC	11	6	2	3	37	19	20	West Bosnia B	11	8	3	0	33	13	27
FK Podrinje	11	6	1	4	40	28	19	Chicago Thunder A	11	7	2	2	49	20	23
Deportivo Colomex	11	6	1	4	35	35	19	Real Independiente	11	6	1	4	27	19	19
B-H Lilies B	11	5	1	5	30	29	16	Pitbulls	11	5	1	5	31	27	16
FK Bosanska Dubica	11	4	1	6	29	31	13	CKS Warta B	11	3	2	6	34	41	11
SAC Wisla B	11	4	1	6	25	33	13	HNNK Hrvat B	11	3	2	6	29	42	11
Stare Byki FC	11	3	1	7	31	38	10	Lemont FC	11	3	1	7	29	41	10
Oak Park Tricycles	11	2	3	6	22	37	9	Lake Shore SC	11	2	1	8	18	37	7
CKS Warta C	11	3	0	8	19	56	9	Royal FC B	11	2	0	9	24	59	6
Chicago Thunder B	11	0	1	10	10	70	1	Chicago Inter Bulldogs	11	0	1	10	20	49	1

OVER 30 DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Outlanders SC	9	7	2	0	50	22	23
RWB Adria B	9	6	3	0	51	23	21
SAC Wisla	10	4	1	5	40	33	13
HNNK Hrvat	9	3	3	3	43	30	12
RWB Adria A	10	3	3	4	28	31	12
NK Prijedor	9	4	0	5	31	54	12
Hellas SC	10	0	0	10	25	75	0

SCHAUMBURG REC LEAGUE

February 15, 2007

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	G P	W	D	L	G F	GΑ	Pts
Stare BykiFC	5	5	0	0	43	10	10
The Wings	6	5	0	1	27	22	10
Orange FC	4	3	0	1	19	8	6
Medicare FC	5	2	1	2	22	25	5
Galaxy	4	2	0	2	20	15	4
Ballpark FC	5	2	0	3	18	18	4
Ζοο	4	1	1	2	15	2 1	3
RealFC 57	6	1	1	4	16	28	3
Barrington Ortho	4	1	0	3	13	27	2
Stingers	5	0	1	4	14	33	1

SPORTSZONE OVER 30 LEAGUE

February 12, 2007

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	G P	w	D	L	G F	G A	Pts
SportsZone	5	5	0	0	55	16	15
Stare BykiFC	6	4	0	2	46	26	12
Team Demar	5	2	0	3	24	28	6
International	6	0	0	6	15	70	0

SOCCER CITY C LEAGUE

February 13, 2007

www.soccercitypalatine.com

	G P	w	D	L	G F	G A	Pts
Beer	5	5	0	0	23	10	4 5
Life Fitness	5	2	1	2	18	19	27
Toe Bashers	5	2	0	3	18	18	26
Bachirs Finest	5	2	1	2	16	18	26
Slice	5	2	0	3	17	20	25
Stare BykiFC	5	2	0	3	2 1	22	2 5
Bari FC	5	2	1	2	16	18	25
U n ite d	5	1	1	3	24	27	24