

Byki hang on, win 9th in a row

The Byki old-timers held off a late rally by Real FC 57 last Thursday to win their ninth game in a row and 11th of their last 12 by a 5:3 scoreline. The undefeated Byki took over the top spot in the Schaumburg Rec League when the Wings shockingly lost to bottom feeders Barrington Ortho. The remaining four games of the season will tell the tale for the Byki, because all of their opponents are potential title contenders.

The nine straight victories are the second-most in club history. The record is ten games, set in 1987. The current hot streak for the Over 30s is undoubtedly the best stretch of soccer played by the old-timers since the winter of 1999, when they compiled a 6-1-3 record and captured second place in the Odeum's Over 30 League.

The Byki didn't play their best soccer versus Real. After jumping out to a comfortable 4:0 lead, the Byki allowed momentum to shift to Real, who closed to within 4:3. A late strike helped seal the three points in a game which produced some unnecessarily nervous moments. Marek Ciszewski and Ernesto Garcia led the Byki with two goals and an assist

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apiece.

The youthful Real squad had the potential to cause the Byki some trouble, but the Byki were dominant in the first half, especially on the scoreboard. Ciszewski scored his first goal after just 2:40 had elapsed, thanks to an assist from Garcia. Two minutes later, Ciszewski played provider for Matt Treter. Ciszewski made a nice pass for Treter in the box, and Treter nutmegged his defender to clear his path to the goal.

Jing Geng set up Garcia to make it 3:0 at the 10:00 mark. The Byki extended their advantage to a commanding 4:0 a few minutes later when Garcia scored again, with Brett Frischmann creating the goalscoring opportunity. A weak goal by Real in the final minute of the first half breathed life into what had appeared to be a moribund opponent at that point.

Fatigue took its toll on the Byki and the attack slowed down noticeably in the second half. "Some of our players lack fitness," noted Eric Tower. "Real was a younger team, and our midfielders in particular had a hard time keeping up."

With renewed hope, Real entered the second half looking for a break and they got it after only three minutes. Zhang, standing in at goalkeeper again, came off his line to snatch a cross from a Real corner kick. Zhang failed to hold on to the ball and a Real player reached it first to cut the Byki lead to 4:2.

Things got very tense in the final minutes, as Real converted a quick counterattack opportunity with 4:13 to go in the contest, and suddenly, it was 4:3. Real set their sights on an equalizer and intensified their attack. The Byki, however, put things right and crushed Real's hopes by scoring the clinching goal with 1:28 left. Ciszewski received a pass from Geng and managed to put it into the net from a prone position. Real protested the goal vehemently, claiming that Ciszewski had kicked the ball out of the sprawling

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goalkeeper's grasp.

"In all, a win is a win," said Tower. "We'd have lost if we were playing a decent team. We were lucky they had only one good player."

The Byki lost their concentration after running out to a big lead in the game's first 15 minutes. A combination of excessive dribbling and a lack of movement away from the ball were significant factors in allowing Real back into the game. Now that they finally occupy the top spot in the Rec League, the Byki have to maintain their focus if they don't want to get knocked off of their perch.

Harvester

8:8

Byki

Over 40 Team - Sportszone Over 30 League Sportszone - 19 February 2007

Byki trample IH with goal avalanche

Dominic Demarets picked up right where he left off last week, as he banged in six more goals in the workmanlike 8:3 win for the Over 40 Team versus International Harvester last Monday. Demarets, on a mission to rewrite the Byki record book, has scored an incredible 27 goals so far this season. With six games left on the schedule, there's no telling how high his goal total will climb.

The victory solidifies the Byki as the second-best side in the Over 30 League. If they can figure out how to give runaway leaders SportsZone a competitive game, the race for the title may actually get interesting. The Byki trail SportsZone in the standings by six points and teams will still meet twice more this season.

The Byki wasted no time in establishing their firm control of the contest. Rich Ahrens pressured the Harvester keeper into a hurried clearance out of bounds, resulting in a free kick at the top of the arc. Demarets saw that the wall wasn't covering the post on his left and he deposited the ball into the corner of the goal.

The Byki needed just 0:43 to make it 2:0. Goalie Sal Farhan sent a long clearance downfield for Ahrens, who hustled to win possession of the ball. He made a simple pass off the back boards and Demarets knocked the free ball past the diving keeper.

Aggressive marking and good ball movement forced Harvester into numerous mistakes and turnovers. The Byki could not convert these many gift opportunities into goals, which was a hazardous situation, because a lucky bounce could allow a beaten opponent back into the game.

The Byki solidified their lead with 8:15 left in the half. Bernhard Kleine led the attack on the break and made the killer pass to Demarets. The striker faked the defender to the turf and neatly slotted past the goalkeeper.

The score swelled to 4:0 with 1:15 to go when the Byki

caught the Harvester goalie napping. Kleine made a steal at midfield and passed to Demarets, who spotted the netminder well out of his goal. Demarets immediately fired a lob over the keeper's head into the unguarded net.

The match seemed well in hand for the Byki and things looked even rosier early in the second frame. Ahrens was in the middle of it once again, harassing the keeper into a costly turnover deep in the Harvester end of the field. Demarets shot from short range to put the Byki 5:0 up.

With the house slaughter rule (five-goal advantage) in effect. Harvester brought an extra player on the field. They stepped up their marking and the move paid dividends when they made a steal at the Byki red line and came in alone on Farhan to cut the lead to 5:1.

Harvester scored a very weak goal 1:01 later when a long shot was deflected by a Byki defender. The ball stopped dead in the penalty area and a Harvester player swooped in before anyone else could react to punch the loose ball past Farhan. A hard shot from the right wing incredibly pulled Harvester to within 5:3.

Despite a three-goal flurry in a span of just 3:50, Harvester had no gas left in the tank. The Byki put the game on ice with 7:20 to go when Demarets played marksman and drilled a shot from the flank just inside the far post.

Harvester tried to apply more pressure, but the Byki used simple passes to break them down. Before long, the shots were raining down on the Harvester goal. Demarets finally let somebody else score with 5:54 left when he worked a brilliant counterattack with George Siepiora. After making a steal at the Byki red line, Siepiora played a quick pass to Demarets. With Harvester defenders accustomed to backing away from the dangerous Demarets, the striker fooled everyone and made the smart, unselfish pass to the streaking Siepiora, who had made the supporting run from the back.

Eric Tower and Wei Zhang contributed to this story.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1st: Ciszewski 11 (Garcia); 2:40; 1:0. Treter 2 (Ciszewski); 4:40; 2:0. Garcia 7 (Geng); 10:00; 3:0. Garcia 8 (Frischmann); 15:33; 4:0. **2nd:** Ciszewski 12 (Geng); 48:32; 5:3.

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

Siepiora's tap-in upped the score to 7:3.

Current record: 3-2-7

With six goals and one assist on the night, Demarets pushed his point total for this season to 30, which eclipses the old record of 25, a mark reached by Sergio Bertoncello twice, in the spring and summer of 1988. Bertoncello still holds four of the top six scoring performances in Byki indoor history. By the time Demarets is finished, it may take quite a while before someone tops this performance.

Matt Treter wrapped up the scoring in the dying moments of a frantic final minute that saw both goalkeepers wandering far from their respective goals. The Byki gained possession in the Harvester end of the field and Joe Gambino was alone in the box. With no good shooting angle, Gambino dropped the ball back for Treter, who looked up and saw an empty net staring back at him. Treter wasted no time ripping a shot into the open net.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1st: Demarets 22; 0:35; 0:1. Demarets 23 (Ahrens); 1:18; 0:2. Demarets 24 (Kleine); 12:45; 0:3. Demarets 25 (Kleine); 19:45; 0:4.
2nd: Demarets 26 (Ahrens); 24:17; 0:5. Demarets 27; 34:40; 3:6. Siepiora 4 (Demarets); 36:06; 3:7. Treter 1 (Gambino); 41:49; 3:8.

BYKI LINEUP (3-2): Farhan – Mansur, P Sr, Treter, Gorecki– Ahrens, Demarets. Bench: Cooper, Gambino, Kleine, LaForest, Siepiora.

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Byki Stats

A TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION B TEAM, SOCCER CITY C LEAGUE OVER 30 TEAM, SCHAUMBURG

Player G Pts G Α Pts G Pts G Pts Α Player Player Α Player Α 7 5 6 1 7 6 12 12 18 27 3 30 Fleming Haynes Ciszewski Demarets 9 10 2 3 Haynes 1 Moore 5 Garcia 8 1 9 Kleine 6 6 12 Dance 4 4 8 Biggs 4 0 4 Geng 4 4 8 Marvin 6 5 11 Mansur, P Jr 0 7 7 Torossian 2 1 3 Parra 4 4 8 Gambino 4 8 4 3 0 2 7 Mayer 3 6 Stanley 3 3 Frischmann 5 Siepiora 4 2 6 2 3 1 2 2 5 Green 1 Ciszewski 1 Youssef 3 5 Ahrens 1 4 3 3 Stanley 2 1 I ane 1 1 2 Treter 2 5 Bolesta 3 0 3 3 2 2 Bouzoukis 1 2 Mansur, P Jr 1 1 Hunter 2 4 Neighbors 1 2 3 3 0 3 3 Dziekiewicz, G 2 1 4 Treter 2 1 Arredondo 1 Jedrzejowski 1 1 Samp 2 0 2 Gambino 1 0 1 Zelinski 3 4 Mansur, Sr 0 3 3 1 2 Ciszewski 1 1 Pirrilis 1 0 1 Elmkinssi 0 4 4 LaForest 1 1 2 2 2 Moore 1 Smart 0 1 Towsey 1 2 Farhan 0 2 1 1 1 2 2 0 1 0 1 0 Rose 1 1 Daniel 1 Zhang 1 Wiecek 2 0 1 0 0 I ane 1 McGrath 1 1 Cooper 1 1 3 Taylor 1 0 1 Team goals Goalie Min GA GAA Gorecki 0 1 х х Gambino 0 Zhang 202 8 1.98 1 1 Goalie Min GA GAA Hardin 48 2 2.08 Goalie Min GA GAA GAA Eliasek 75 4 80 Current record: 5-0-0 5 0 Goalie Min GA 9 Neighbors 0.00 Eliasek 238 20 3.19 Gambino 125 17 5.44 Farhan 289 29 4.21 Gambino 47 4 3.23 Current record: 2-0-4 Current record: 5-0-2 171 de la Cruz 19 4.22

Byki

Byki get doused by Beer

The Byki endured a tough loss on Tuesday in the Soccer City C League when they dropped a bitterly contested 4:3 decision to undefeated Beer. The setback ends the team's modest two-game winning streak. At 2-0-4, the Byki are in fifth place in the table.

Russ Haynes summed things up when he said, "The game was completely evenly matched. They are extremely physical and very dirty. Every time one of our guys got the ball they would take the man, sometimes they'd get the ball as well."

The match was scoreless until the 12th minute when Chad Daniel was adjudged to have pulled down a Beer forward at the edge of the box. The referee pointed to the spot and Beer converted for a 1:0 lead. Beer increased their advantage to 2:0 with a tally late in the first half.

At halftime, the Byki discussed how they would need to play tougher all over the field. The big problem was the referee, who clearly had lost control of the game. Slide tackles, normally punished by a two-minute time penalty, were being routinely ignored. Haynes reached his frustration point when he was brought down and then viciously kicked in the side of the knee. "I went over to the ref and showed him the instant bruise and he said he can't see everything," groused Haynes.

Beer went up 3:0 early in the second half, thanks to a deflected shot that beat Ryan Eliasek. The Byki tried to turn the tables, digging in and dishing out the kind of physical play that they had been receiving the whole game. Possession and scoring opportunities were the fruit of this effort.

The Byki got back into the game, thanks to a sweet move by Enda McGrath at the center line, who dished the ball to Chris Moore on the wing. Moore found Haynes unmarked at the top of the box. The keeper charged out to block the shot, but Haynes calmly faked the portly netminder to the ground and slotted into the open net.

Thirty seconds later, the Byki earned a free kick just outside the Beer penalty area. Haynes stepped up and curled the ball around the wall into the bottom corner to pull the Byki to within 3:2. At this point, it looked likely that the Byki might get something from the game.

The Beer players were showing signs of fatigue and began hoofing long balls down the field to their lone forward. This tactic finally succeeded, as the Byki gave the striker too much

space, and he blasted a shot that cruelly deflected off of Daniel's leg, completely fooling Eliasek. With a 4:2 lead and less than five minutes left, Beer were looking to wrap things up.

But the Byki had other ideas. Determined to get a third goal, Gambino used his huge size to force the ball off the post during a goalmouth scramble, but somehow the shot went wide. Moments later, Daniel sent a free kick into the box and Gambino finished the play expertly, touching the ball with the bottom of his foot into the back of the net.

With time running down, a skirmish occurred when the Byki tried to get the ball back to the center spot quickly. The Beer goalie refused to relinquish the ball and precious seconds were wasted, as the referee stood by and took no action.

Things went haywire the next time the Byki took possession. Eliasek pushed into the attacking third of the field with his teammates and was drilled into the boards by a defender. The hard foul ignited tempers, resulting in a shoving match. Seeing Eliasek on the wrong end of a 3-on-1 confrontation, Gambino tried to step in as peacemaker, but got punched in the head for his trouble. Eliasek and a Beer player were sent off once the referee restored order. One thing that the referee did not restore was the time that was lost due to the offbeat shenanigans, killing off any chance of a comeback.

Fortunately for the Byki, Soccer City security witnessed the melee and absolved the Byki of any responsibility. "The security guy told me afterwards that the whole thing was the referee's fault for losing control of the game," said Gambino. To their credit, the Byki kept cool heads in the midst of a very volatile situation.

Russ Haynes contributed to this story.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1st: None.

2nd: Haynes 5 (Moore); 30:00; 3:1. Haynes 6; 30:30; 3:2. Gambino 1 (Daniel); 38:00; 4:3.

BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1): Gambino – Mansur, P Jr, Daniel – Haynes, Moore –Biggs. **Bench:** Eliasek Lane, McGrath, Smart, Stanley, Torossian.

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	12	8	3	1	48	22	27	SC BiH	12	11	0	1	53	21	33
FK Kozarac	12	8	2	2	52	33	26	West Bosnia SC	12	8	2	2	37	19	26
CKS Warta	12	4	3	5	34	40	15	Outlanders SC	12	5	1	6	42	35	16
HNNK Hrvat	12	4	2	6	27	31	14	B-H Lilies	12	4	3	5	36	33	15
NK Prijedor	12	3	3	6	33	48	12	SAC Wisla	12	3	1	8	29	43	10
RWB Adria B	12	1	2	9	21	49	5	Royal FC	12	2	0	10	17	55	6

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	w	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	w	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Romania	12	11	1	0	67	23	34	Albanian Stars	12	11	1	0	67	26	34
KF Ulqin	12	11	0	1	53	17	33	Honduras SC	12	11	0	1	56	15	33
FK Podrinje	12	7	1	4	42	29	22	West Bosnia B	12	9	3	0	35	13	30
Khaboor FC	12	6	2	4	39	23	20	Chicago Thunder A	12	7	2	3	50	25	23
Deportivo Colomex	12	6	1	5	36	39	19	Pitbulls	12	6	1	5	38	27	19
B-H Lilies B	12	6	1	5	36	32	19	Real Independiente	12	6	1	5	29	22	19
SAC Wisla B	12	5	1	6	31	37	16	Lemont FC	12	4	1	7	35	43	13
FK Bosanska Dubica	12	5	1	6	31	32	16	CKS Warta B	12	3	3	6	39	46	12
Stare Byki FC	12	3	2	7	36	43	11	HNNK Hrvat B	12	3	2	7	30	44	11
Oak Park Tricycles	12	2	3	7	22	39	9	Lake Shore SC	12	2	1	9	22	43	7
CKS Warta C	12	3	0	9	21	62	9	Royal FC B	12	2	0	10	27	65	6
Chicago Thunder B	12	0	1	11	10	77	1	Chicago Inter Bulldogs	12	0	1	11	21	51	1

OVER 30 DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Outlanders SC	10	8	2	0	53	23	26
RWB Adria B	10	6	3	1	52	26	21
SAC Wisla	11	5	1	5	46	34	16
HNNK Hrvat	10	4	3	3	52	33	15
NK Prijedor	10	4	0	6	34	63	12
RWB Adria A	10	3	3	4	28	31	12
Hellas SC	11	0	0	11	26	81	0

SCHAUMBURG REC LEAGUE

February 15, 2007

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	G P	W	D	L	G F	G A	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 19, 2007

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	G P	w	D	L	G F	G A	Pts
SportsZone	6	6	0	0	66	20	18
Stare BykiFC	7	5	0	2	54	29	1 5
Team Demar	6	2	0	4	28	39	6
International	7	0	0	7	18	78	0

SOCCER CITY C LEAGUE

February 20, 2007

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	G P	w	D	L	G F	G A	Pts
Beer	6	6	0	0	27	13	54
Life Fitness	6	3	1	2	25	20	36
Slice	6	3	0	3	22	2 1	34
Bari FC	6	3	1	2	23	20	34
Stare BykiFC	6	2	0	4	24	26	28
Toe Bashers	6	2	0	4	19	23	27
Bachirs Finest	6	2	1	3	17	25	27
United	6	1	1	4	26	34	26