

Byki pressure provides winning edge

The Over 40 Team got back on the winning track with a thorough 9:2 dismantling of Team Demar last night. Dominic Demarets scored four goals and assisted on three others, while George Siepiora added a hat trick and George Gorecki contributed a goal and three assists. The Byki improve to 6-0-3 on the season and have virtually locked up second place in the Over 30 League.

The script was the same as always when the Byki have played Demar. They created easy scoring chances by putting high pressure all over the field. Numerous Demar turnovers led to a bevy of shots on goal, a situation that was helped by the shortness of the Demar goalkeeper.

Demar really never had a chance in the game. The Byki came out firing and scored twice on their first shift, immediately taking control. Gorecki was the surprise producer on offense, moved to the striker position by coach Bernhard Kleine, who shuffled his lineup at the last minute, with Joe Gambino being a late scratch. "I'm glad that the coach finally recognized what I can contribute to the team," said Gorecki, tongue-in-cheek. "All due respect to Joe, but this is my spot until I stop putting them into the back of the net."

Demarets set up the first goal when he pressured a Demar player deep in his own end. After prying the ball loose, he dropped a pass for Gorecki, who hit a first-time shot into the upper part of the goal. Moments later, it was Gorecki doing the digging. He created a turnover and laid a pass back for Demarets, who made no mistake from short range.

The Byki didn't score any more goals until late in the first half, but they clearly had Demar on the back foot. The score went to 3:0 with 3:23 left when Demarets banged a free kick from the top of the arc off of the boards. Siepiora had moved up from his defensive spot and slammed the loose ball past the keeper with a long-range bomb.

In the final minute of the half, Sal Farhan dribbled the ball out of his box and sent a long pass for Demarets, streaking down the right flank. Demarets fired a hard shot off the boards that hit the keeper in the back and rolled into the net.

Demar pulled one back early in the second half when the Byki defended a free kick at the arc rather poorly. The unsighted Farhan had no chance to make the save.

The Byki made it 5:1 a few minutes later when the tireless Demarets took on two Demar defenders and easily slotted past the keeper. With 13:30 left in the game, the Byki scored a real crackerjack of a goal. With a free kick to the right of the Demar goalie, Gorecki spotted Siepiora making a sneaky run behind the defense. Gorecki floated the ball over the top and the unmarked Siepiora snapped a header into the net.

Demar had a bit of luck on their side when they narrowed the gap to 6:2 with 8:43 left. A shot from the right side deflected off of Stef Wiecek. Gorecki looked set to clear the ball away, but the ball hit him in the thigh and floated past a surprised Farhan.

The Byki regained their five-goal margin when they converted on a very brief power play. After a Demar player had been sent away for a slide tackle, Demarets took advantage of Demar's feeble, one-man defensive wall and drilled a shot on the re-start that the keeper never saw.

With 4:00 left, the Byki used good teamwork to increase the lead. Bob Marvin laid off a free kick at the top of the arc to Gorecki, who was standing at the far post. With a bad angle to shoot, Gorecki dropped the ball back for Rich Ahrens, who crushed a first-time shot into the upper 90.

Demarets and Siepiora worked a slick series of passes in the dying minutes. Siepiora sent a pass to Demarets on the left side. After drawing the defender in, Demarets slotted a pass for Siepiora, who made a run into the middle.

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With the keeper at his mercy, Siepiora notched his hat trick. The three-assist game from Demarets doubled his season total and brought his point total to a gaudy 39 after nine games.

Kleine was quite satisfied with the team's performance. They let the ball do the work and used old-fashioned hustle to place Demar into submission.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1st: Gorecki 1 (Demarets); 0:52; 1:0. Demarets 30 (Gorecki); 1:27; 2:0. Siepiora 5 (Demarets); 17:37; 3:0. Demarets 31 (Farhan); 20:00; 4:0. **2nd**: Demarets 32; 26:31; 5:1. Siepiora 6 (Gorecki); 28:30; 6:1. Demarets 33 (pp); 35:01; 7:2. Ahrens 2 (Gorecki); 38:00; 8:2. Siepiora 7 (Demarets); 40:52; 9:2.

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

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B Team - Soccer City C League Soccer City - 27 February 2007

Late goal moves Byki up to 4th place

The B Team pulled out a dramatic win last Tuesday when they downed Bachirs Finest 3:2 on a late goal from Paul Mansur. The Byki have won three of their last four, reviving their hopes of making a significant climb up the table in their final five matches, as they now sit in fourth place.

The Byki started out playing smart soccer and knocking the ball around. The best early chances fell to striker Kevin Biggs, who narrowly missed several good opportunities. By contrast, the Bachirs attack was a stuttering collection of kick-and-chase. Their only good ideas came from launching long balls upfield, which pretty much got them nowhere. Bachirs also responded poorly to the physical play from the Byki and were constantly complaining to the referee.

The Byki drew first blood as Chad Daniel led the attack down the wing. Daniel played the ball in to new boy Rob Burns, who was open at the top of the box. He deftly sent his defender one way, faked the goalkeeper to the ground, and then neatly chipped the ball into the net for a 1:0 lead. Burns attended his first training session with the Byki two days earlier and Russ Haynes was keen to sign him up. "Being English AND a Liverpool supporter gives young Rob a real chance at footballing genius," said Haynes. "He definitely didn't disappoint on his debut."

The sterile Bachirs offense should have been an easy situation for the Byki to control, but they got sloppy in the back, and a long ball sent in by Bachirs resulted in an unlikely equalizer. The Byki certainly felt that this was an opponent that was there for the taking; they were doing too much attacking, but with hardly any discipline. Yet, the teams were knotted at 1:1 at the break.

At halftime coach Joe Gambino encouraged his team to make better passes and force Bachirs to do the chasing. Still, the Byki struggled to find any kind of a rhythm in their ball possession. A few scrappy attempts at goal were all that they could muster in the early part of the second half.

They took the lead midway through when Daniel hit a ball that was trapped instantly by Ivan Torossian. The Argentine marvel turned and hit a first-time shot from the top of the box that gave the keeper no chance. But the Byki let Bachirs back into the game once again and they scored a goal resulting from some really incoherent play to make it 2:2.

With time running out, the Byki were intent on winning, while Bachirs appeared to be content to sit back and milk the clock. The positive play from the Byki won the day. After the Byki earned a free kick on the left wing, Haynes chipped the ball over the wall to the onrushing Mansur. The young midfielder timed his run perfectly, and lashed a shot with such venom that the keeper could only flap at it.

The Byki saw out the remaining three minutes without any real threat on their goal, until the final kick of the game. A Bachirs player blasted a shot from 25 yards that Enda McGrath somehow blocked with his stomach. At least that's the way McGrath was telling the story afterwards. What he failed to explain was how his arm had the imprint of the ball all over it.

With five games left, there's plenty of soccer to be played. The Byki can realistically find themselves in the playoff hunt if their consistent play continues.

Russ Haynes contributed to this story.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1st: Burns 1 (Daniel); 10:00; 0:1. **2nd:** Torossian 3 (Daniel); 30:00; 1:2. Mansur 2 (Haynes); 37:00; 2:3.

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

Frustrated Byki settle for draw

to himself. The Byki let a two-goal lead slip away in exasperating fashion last Friday and had to split the points with Lake Shore SC in a 3:3 draw. It was the fourth consecutive game without a defeat for the 4-3-7 Byki, but it certainly didn't feel that way as the players sipped their post-game beers.

"It is painful when a clearly inferior team takes points off of you," said a deflated George Gorecki. "We outplayed them in nearly every aspect of the game. I'll give their goalie credit for stopping a few 100% chances. But we let their chippy play and our complaints to an incompetent referee get us away from our goal, and that was to control the tempo."

Unlike a lot of NSL coaches, Gorecki doesn't lodge too

Games like this make a player grit his teeth and mutter many complaints about the officiating. "In general, the bad calls balance out with the good ones," he noted. "But when the referee is in over her head, like this one was, it becomes a distraction. Her lack of knowledge of the rules and her poor game management threw us off. But I guess part of it is our fault for not reacting better."

> Lake Shore came completely unprepared to play, forced to start the match with only five players. The Byki took full advantage by putting pressure all over the field. Within the first 0:31 of the contest, striker Todd Mayer slammed two hard shots at goal, but was denied both times by diving saves.

The pressure paid off after just 1:10. A Lake Shore defender, trapped in the corner to the right of his goal, inexplicably cleared the ball across the goalmouth. Minos

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Player	G	Α	Pts	Player	G	Α	Pts	Player	G	Α	Pts	Player	G	Α	Pt
Fleming	8	8	16	Haynes	6	2	8	Ciszewski	12	7	19	Demarets	33	6	3
Haynes	10	1	11	Moore	2	3	5	Parra	5	5	10	Kleine	7	6	1
Dance	4	4	8	Biggs	4	0	4	Garcia	8	1	9	Marvin	6	5	1
Mansur, P Jr	0	7	7	Torossian	3	1	4	Frischmann	6	2	8	Siepiora	7	3	1
Mayer	3	3	6	Mansur, P Jr	2	1	3	Geng	4	4	8	Gambino	6	4	1
Bouzoukis	2	3	5	Daniel	0	3	3	Hunter	3	3	6	Ahrens	2	4	
Stanley	3	1	4	Stanley	0	3	3	Treter	2	4	6	Farhan	1	5	
Lane	3	0	3	Ciszewski	1	1	2	Youssef	3	2	5	Gorecki	1	4	
Green	2	1	3	Lane	1	1	2	Jedrzejowski	1	3	4	Mansur, Sr	1	3	
Moore	2	1	3	Arredondo	1	0	1	Zelinski	1	3	4	Bolesta	3	0	
Samp	2	1	3	Burns	1	0	1	Elmkinssi	0	4	4	Neighbors	1	2	
Dziekiewicz, G	1	2	3	Gambino	1	0	1	Towsey	2	1	3	Treter	1	2	
Taylor	2	0	2	Pirrilis	1	0	1	Zhang	0	1	1	LaForest	1	1	
Ciszewski	1	1	2	Smart	1	0	1					Cooper	0	2	
Rose	1	1	2	McGrath	0	1	1	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Wiecek	0	2	
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Eliasek	314	23	2.78	Eliasek	125	11	3.52					Farhan	373	42	4.7
Gambino	47	4	3.23	Gambino	125	17	5.44					Curren	nt record:	6-0-3	
de la Cruz	171	19	4.22	Current	record:	3-0-4									

Bouzoukis was standing unmarked at the far post and calmly side-footed the errant clearance into the back of the net. The Byki parlayed the man advantage into a second goal 2:26 later. Matt Fleming made a slick pass to Dan the second half when Lake Shore's goalkeeper spilled a Stanley, who beat the keeper from close range.

The referee who exasperated Gorecki made a lot of strange decisions, but none stranger than to let extra Lake Shore players onto the field while the ball was in play. Matches played on the Odeum's upper field do not provide easy access to players who arrive after the game has started. Three Lake Shore players were eager to get into the game, but couldn't find their way to the bench.

"The referee held up her hand and told the players to stay outside," recalled Gorecki. "I figured she would wait for a natural break in the game and then stop things to let does not know the rules," spat Gorecki. "In indoors, a these bozos come in."

After Lake Shore kicked the ball out of play, the referee beckoned the players to enter the field. But she did so without stopping the game, and the Byki quickly restarted play, resulting in eight Lake Shore players on the field. Gorecki immediately called for a two-minute penalty to be given for too many players on the field. The referee incredibly waved him off. "I asked her how it could not have been a penalty," said Gorecki. "She told them to walk onto the field while the game was going on. Her response was, 'There's no one walking on the field.' She said this just as the three players were walking past her."

Midway through the first half, Fleming sprang Andy Lane with a terrific through ball. Lane took his chance quickly, but the keeper was a step ahead and blocked his angle perfectly. Moments later, Josh Taylor made a steal and dished the ball to Lane, who adroitly dropped it back to Taylor, continuing his run. The goalie made a diving stop on Taylor's hard shot. With 6:36 left in the half, Zach Dance was denied by the post after taking a pass from Fleming, who had a free kick at the red line.

Lake Shore scored a late goal to pull within 2:1 following Byki sloppiness in their own end. Lake Shore's tactic was to leave their heavy-set striker as a cherry picker and play for the counter. A smart team will make an opponent pay dearly for such foolish strategy, but Byki mistakes made Lake Shore look like geniuses.

Despite their shaky play, the Byki still had the lead and were clearly the better side at the break. Their objective

would be to stay in control the rest of the way and not allow silliness to get the better of them.

That proved difficult after a crazy sequence 3:53 into rebound from a shot by Dance, and then handled the ball outside his area, prompting a two-minute penalty. The fun began as Russ Haynes prepared to take the re-start. The referee insisted that the ball be placed outside the Lake Shore penalty area and had to be touching the wall. When Havnes tried to move the ball away from the wall, she admonished him and ordered him to move it back. An argument ensued and Haynes was sent to the sin bin, negating the Byki power play.

"That play made it clear that that stupid broad simply player taking a re-start can place the ball within a three-foot radius of the spot of the infringement. Russ was perfectly within his rights to move the ball away from the wall."

The Byki managed to increase their lead during the 4 v 4 situation. Bouzoukis won the ball at midfield and laid off a pass to Taylor, sprinting up the left wing. With no defenders coming to slow him down. Taylor picked out a spot at the far post and slammed the ball past the befuddled keeper. That goal should have wrapped things for the Byki, but they lost their discipline with their constant carping about the officiating.

Lake Shore pulled to within 3:2 with 10:38 to go, as the Byki marked poorly and a well-placed diagonal pass found the open man, who easily beat Ryan Eliasek. The Byki looked certain to regain their two-goal edge 1:26 later when Dance went on a dribbling jaunt on the right side. He shot quickly, but the keeper blocked the ball into the middle. Chris Rose was in a great spot to drive the loose ball home, but a defender stuck his foot out to block the shot. Lake Shore got the equalizer with 7:02 to go when they took advantage of a Byki turnover in their own end.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1st: Bouzoukis 2; 1:10; 1:0. Stanley 3 (Fleming); 3:36; 2:0. 2nd: Taylor 2 (Bouzoukis); 24:46; 3:1.

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

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

March 2, 2007

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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	14	10	3	1	57	26	33	SC BiH	14	13	0	1	63	25	39
FK Kozarac	14	8	2	4	55	45	26	West Bosnia SC	14	9	3	2	46	22	30
HNNK Hrvat	14	6	2	6	35	33	20	Outlanders SC	14	6	1	7	45	38	19
CKS Warta	14	5	3	6	42	47	18	B-H Lilies	14	5	3	6	41	36	18
NK Prijedor	14	3	3	8	36	57	12	SAC Wisla	14	3	1	10	33	51	10
RWB Adria B	14	2	3	9	30	53	9	Royal FC	14	2	0	12	18	68	6

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	w	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	w	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Romania	14	13	1	0	81	29	40	Albanian Stars	14	13	1	0	83	28	40
KF Ulqin	14	12	1	1	62	23	37	Honduras SC	14	13	0	1	69	17	39
Khaboor FC	14	7	2	5	42	26	23	West Bosnia B	14	9	4	1	41	20	31
FK Podrinje	14	7	1	6	46	35	22	Chicago Thunder A	14	7	4	3	56	31	25
Deportivo Colomex	14	7	1	6	42	45	22	Pitbulls	14	7	1	6	41	34	22
B-H Lilies B	14	6	1	7	41	45	19	Real Independiente	14	7	1	6	32	25	22
SAC Wisla B	14	6	1	7	34	40	19	HNNK Hrvat B	14	6	2	6	37	47	20
FK Bosanska Dubica	14	5	1	8	33	38	16	CKS Warta B	14	5	3	6	45	47	18
Stare Byki FC	14	4	3	7	44	46	15	Lemont FC	14	5	1	8	38	50	16
Oak Park Tricycles	14	2	3	9	24	44	9	Royal FC B	14	4	0	10	43	71	12
CKS Warta C	14	3	0	11	26	74	9	Lake Shore SC	14	2	2	10	27	57	8
Chicago Thunder B	14	0	1	13	15	92	1	Chicago Inter Bulldogs	14	0	1	13	25	63	1

OVER 30 DIVISION

	GP	w	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	
Outlanders SC	12	9	2	1	57	28	29	
RWB Adria B	12	7	3	2	64	36	24	
HNNK Hrvat	12	6	3	3	62	39	21	
SAC Wisla	12	5	1	6	47	36	16	
NK Prijedor	12	5	0	7	41	72	15	
RWB Adria A	12	3	4	5	33	38	13	
Hellas SC	12	0	1	11	30	85	1	

SCHAUMBURG REC LEAGUE

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	G P	W	D	L	G F	G A	Pts
The Wings	8	6	0	2	37	33	12
Stare BykiFC	7	5	1	1	50	20	11
Orange FC	6	5	0	1	33	11	10
Galaxy	6	4	0	2	33	22	8
Medicare FC	6	2	1	3	24	3 1	5
Ballpark FC	6	2	1	3	22	22	5
Barrington Ortho	6	2	1	3	29	37	5
Ζοο	6	1	2	3	2 1	34	4
RealFC 57	6	1	1	4	16	28	3
Stingers	7	0	1	6	23	50	1

SPORTSZONE OVER 30 LEAGUE

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	G P	w	D	L	G F	G A	Pts
SportsZone	8	8	0	0	87	26	24
Stare BykiFC	9	6	0	3	69	42	18
Team Demar	8	3	0	5	34	50	9
In ternational	9	0	0	9	20	92	0

SOCCER CITY C LEAGUE

February 27, 2007

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	G P	w	D	L	G F	G A	Pts
Beer	7	6	0	1	30	18	57
Slice	7	4	1	2	27	25	48
Life Fitness	7	4	1	2	30	23	4 5
Stare BykiFC	7	3	0	4	27	28	37
Bari FC	7	3	1	3	27	25	37
Toe Bashers	7	2	1	4	22	26	33
U n ite d	7	1	2	4	29	37	32
Bachirs Finest	7	1	2	4	19	28	26