

Second-half spurt propels Byki

The Over 40s improved their record to 7-0-3 last Monday with a 9:5 victory over winless International Harvester. The game proved to be more difficult than expected, as Harvester packed their defense and only came forward on the counter. They executed the strategy well, taking a 3:2 lead early in the second half. But the Byki found a new gear and exploded for six goals in 6:59 to break the game open.

Dominic Demarets led the scoring parade with another hat trick, while Matt Treter and Bob Marvin each added a brace to a balanced Byki attack. In all, eight Byki found the scoresheet on the night. The team effort underscored the season-long achievement by the Byki, who now have 78 goals in the ten matches. This eclipses the old mark for indoor goals in a season of 73, which was set by the A Team in the spring of 1988.

Things were looking promising for the Byki right from the start. A foolish handball by a Harvester player put the Byki on the power play. But Harvester came closer to scoring than the Byki did when they put pressure on the Byki in their own penalty area. Brian Cooper calmed things down by

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clearing a ball off the line.

The Byki grabbed the lead after 3:39 when Marvin pressured a pass by a Harvester defender back to his keeper. Mayhem ensued and Marvin dribbled the keeper to the ground and slotted the ball home for his seventh goal of the campaign.

Harvester struck back 2:03 later when the Byki backed off too much and a Harvester striker blasted a long-range shot into the upper 90.

The Byki needed just 0:31 to regain the lead. Rick Bolesta dribbled the ball along the left wing and slid a diagonal ball into space for Demarets. The pass was a little too long and the keeper hurried off his line to clear the ball. He unfortunately cleared it right back into Demarets and the ball ricocheted directly into the empty net.

After that bit of excitement, Harvester's defense settled down. They tied the game again at 2:2 and simply sat back and let the Byki come at them. The Byki played into this gambit perfectly. Rather than passing the ball calmly and bringing players forward, the Byki rushed their offense and tried to dribble through the defense. This resulted in a myriad of turnovers and gave Harvester confidence. The sputtering Byki went into the break all even.

Things got interesting when Harvester earned an unexpected lead 2:02 into the second stanza. Their striker slammed a free kick from the arc past a poorly-positioned wall and an unsuspecting Sal Farhan.

It did not take the Byki long to put on their game faces, however. They had clearly taken the league's doormats a little too lightly and were not on the same page to try to solve the Harvester defense. That all changed with 13:29 left in the match. A weak goalkeeper clearance wound up on Treter's foot at midfield. Treter dribbled forward, saw the keeper still in retreat, and beat him easily with a well-placed shot along the ground.

The Byki took the lead for good with 12:30 left. The hard-working Paul Mansur carried the ball on a quick



counterattack and played a pass off the boards. Marvin fought to gain possession as the goalie came out to challenge. He fumbled the ball and Marvin poked it into the back of the net for a 4:3 edge.

The Byki went on the power play again and George Siepiora showed that accuracy counts for a lot. With the defense off-balance, Siepiora picked his spot and sent a slow roller past everyone into the goal.

The score swelled to 6:3 with 9:41 to go when Bernhard Kleine had possession on the right side and dropped the ball for Demarets. The Byki scoring ace dribbled across the face of goal and drilled a shot past the startled goalie.

Harvester showed signs of life by replying only 0:38 later and pulling to within 6:4. An incensed Demarets took matters into his own hands on the ensuing kickoff. Treter nudged the ball to Demarets, who just took off on a dribbling sortie that left the Harvester defense in tatters. He deposited the ball at the near post for his 36th goal of the season.

The Byki increased the lead to 8:4 with 6:30 to go. George Gorecki sent a pass to Marvin, who was open in the middle. Marvin took the ball straight to goal, but was thwarted by a defender's challenge. Treter stepped into the scramble for possession and knocked the ball home.

Harvester had to endure another shorthanded situation late in the game, but actually parlayed it into their fifth goal. Farhan had come far off of his line to start a counterattack. Harvester's striker intercepted his pass and sent a long shot into the empty net.

Moments later, the Byki restored their four-goal margin. Marvin dribbled past two defenders and fired a shot on frame. The ball was deflected by the crowd in the middle of the box to Bolesta, who looked for an opening to shoot. Seeing that Gorecki was in a better position, Bolesta made a delicate pass back and Gorecki crushed a half-volley into the upper 90.

The victory clinched second place for the Byki in the Over 30 League, their best performance since the squad was formed in 2003. The team have done a lot of good things this season and now must see if they have the discipline to play a competitive game against leaders SportsZone.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1st: Marvin 7; 3:39; 0:1. Demarets 34 (Bolesta); 6:13; 1:2. **2nd**: Treter 2; 28:31; 3:3. Marvin 8 (Mansur); 29:30; 3:4. Siepiora 8 (pp); 30:46; 3:5. Demarets 35 (Kleine); 32:19; 3:6. Demarets 36 (Treter); 33:21; 4:7. Treter 3 (Marvin); 35:30; 4:8. Gorecki 2 (Bolesta); (pp); 40:26; 5:9.

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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A Team - NSL 1st Division Odeum - 9 March 2007

Byki fire blanks at hot Warta GK

It was a bitter pill for the Byki to swallow after going down 2:0 to CKS Warta C last Friday. The team had put in a decent performance, but were unable to convert numerous scoring chances. Warta, on the other hand, took advantage of Byki mistakes and put the ball in the back of the net when it counted. The end result was victory for Warta, who clearly earned the three points.

The big difference in the match was Warta's goalkeeper, who registered several glittering saves to keep the Byki off the board. "We did not suffer from a lack of scoring opportunities," said coach George Gorecki. "Their goalie did a fine job and we simply could not break through. I was pretty happy with the way we played. But that's the way soccer goes sometimes."

Chris Moore created a nice shot out of nothing early in the contest. He fought for possession in the corner and turned into the clear to fire a shot right on target. The keeper covered his near post well and made the save. Moments later, Ryan Eliasek matched that effort. As a Warta player dribbled across the top of the Byki penalty area, he cracked a shot through a narrow opening. Eliasek read the play perfectly and made a fine stop.

The Byki looked sure to break the deadlock with 5:33 left in the first half. Matt Fleming took a free kick outside the Warta box, to the left of the goalkeeper. Fleming drilled the ball off the boards into the middle, where Zach Dance had scooted behind the defense. He tried to get the ball in at the short post, but the keeper got there first to smother the ball.

The game remained goalless as the teams headed into the break. The Byki showed big improvements in their ball movement and overall discipline, qualities that were sorely lacking in their desultory 3:3 draw versus Lake Shore the previous week. Gorecki figured that if the Byki could keep this up, the goals would come eventually.

But it was Warta who snatched the lead just 1:24 into the second half. The Byki made a sloppy pass at their own red

line and Warta jumped all over the lapse in discipline. The player who intercepted the ball came in alone on Eliasek, faked him out of position and easily slotted home.

The Byki were unfazed by this development and continued to use their sharp passing to create openings in the Warta defense. With 11:17 left, Chris Rose fought for possession in corner to the left of the Warta goal and passed the ball back to Moore. The midfielder saw his opening and cracked a first-time shot from the flank. The keeper made a desperate dive to keep the ball out of the goal.

But the pressure created by the Byki eventually got them nowhere. They went on the power play with only a few minutes left in the game, but Warta turned the tables on them by coming forward on the counter. They played a quick pass to the right wing and the Warta player gained a step on Rose and fired from just inside the halfway line. The ball took a quirky bounce on the turf and skipped past Eliasek to give Warta a comfortable 2:0 lead with 2:32 to go.

That goal deflated Byki hopes and there was no comeback in the cards. "Our goal every week is to play well enough to get points," said Gorecki. "We did a pretty good job tonight, but it wasn't enough to get a result."

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1st: None. 2nd: None.

BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1): Eliasek – Mansur, Rose – Fleming, Mayer– Dance (c). **Bench:** Bouzoukis, Lane, Moore, Stanley.

Byki Stats

A TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

B TEAM, SOCCER CITY C LEAGUE 0-30 TEAM, SCHAUMBURG

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Fleming	8	8	16	Haynes	6	2	8	Ciszewski	15	7	22	Demarets	36	6	42
Haynes	10	1	11	Biggs	5	1	6	Parra	5	5	10	Marvin	8	6	14
Dance	4	4	8	Moore	2	3	5	Garcia	8	1	9	Kleine	7	7	14
Mansur, P Jr	0	7	7	Daniel	1	4	5	Frischmann	6	2	8	Siepiora	8	3	11
Mayer	3	3	6	Torossian	3	1	4	Geng	4	4	8	Gambino	6	4	10
Bouzoukis	2	3	5	Stanley	1	3	4	Hunter	3	3	6	Treter	3	3	6
Stanley	3	1	4	Mansur, P Jr	2	1	3	Treter	2	4	6	Ahrens	2	4	6
Lane	3	0	3	Ciszewski	1	1	2	Towsey	3	2	5	Gorecki	2	4	6
Green	2	1	3	Lane	1	1	2	Youssef	3	2	5	Farhan	1	5	6
Moore	2	1	3	Arredondo	1	0	1	Jedrzejowski	2	3	5	Bolesta	3	2	5
Samp	2	1	3	Burns	1	0	1	Zelinski	1	3	4	Mansur, Sr	1	4	5
Dziekiewicz, G	1	2	3	Gambino	1	0	1	Elmkinssi	0	4	4	Neighbors	1	2	3
Taylor	2	0	2	Pirrilis	1	0	1	Pedlow	0	1	1	LaForest	1	1	2
Ciszewski	1	1	2	Smart	1	0	1	Zhang	0	1	1	Cooper	0	2	2
Rose	1	1	2	McGrath	0	1	1	_				Wiecek	0	2	2
Gambino	0	1	1	Team goals	3	х	х	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA				
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Eliasek	352	25	2.70	Eliasek	165	17	4.12	Current	t record:	5-1-2		Farhan	415	47	4.76
Gambino	47	4	3.23	Gambino	125	17	5.44					Currer	nt record:	7-0-3	
de la Cruz	171	19	4.22	Current	record:	3-0-5									
Current	record: 4	4-3-8													

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

March 9, 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	15	11	3	1	62	30	36	SC BiH	15	14	0	1	72	28	42
FK Kozarac	15	8	3	4	59	49	27	West Bosnia SC	15	9	4	2	50	26	31
HNNK Hrvat	15	7	2	6	44	34	23	B-H Lilies	15	6	3	6	45	38	21
CKS Warta	15	5	3	7	45	56	18	Outlanders SC	15	6	1	8	49	43	19
NK Prijedor	15	3	4	8	38	59	13	SAC Wisla	15	3	2	10	35	53	11
RWB Adria B	15	2	3	10	32	57	9	Royal FC	15	2	0	13	19	77	6

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	w	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	w	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Romania	15	14	1	0	85	30	43	Honduras SC	15	14	0	1	74	21	42
KF Ulqin	15	12	1	2	63	28	37	Albanian Stars	15	13	1	1	87	33	40
Khaboor FC	15	8	2	5	47	28	26	West Bosnia B	15	10	4	1	47	22	34
FK Podrinje	15	8	1	6	51	36	25	Chicago Thunder A	15	8	4	3	63	34	28
SAC Wisla B	15	7	1	7	38	41	22	Real Independiente	15	7	2	6	33	26	23
Deportivo Colomex	15	7	1	7	43	49	22	Pitbulls	15	7	1	7	44	41	22
B-H Lilies B	15	6	1	8	43	48	19	CKS Warta B	15	6	3	6	50	51	21
FK Bosanska Dubica	15	5	1	9	35	43	16	HNNK Hrvat B	15	6	3	6	38	48	21
Stare Byki FC	15	4	3	8	44	48	15	Lemont FC	15	5	1	9	42	55	16
Oak Park Tricycles	15	3	3	9	27	46	12	Royal FC B	15	5	0	10	48	75	15
CKS Warta C	15	4	0	11	28	74	12	Lake Shore SC	15	2	2	11	31	62	8
Chicago Thunder B	15	0	1	14	16	96	1	Chicago Inter Bulldogs	15	0	1	14	27	69	1

OVER 30 DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Outlanders SC	13	10	2	1	59	29	32
RWB Adria B	13	8	3	2	78	36	27
HNNK Hrvat	12	6	3	3	62	39	21
SAC Wisla	13	6	1	6	53	38	19
NK Prijedor	13	5	0	8	43	78	15
RWB Adria A	13	3	4	6	34	40	13
Hellas SC	13	0	1	12	30	99	1

SCHAUMBURG REC LEAGUE

March 8, 2007

	G P	w	D	L	G F	G A	Pts
Orange FC	7	6	0	1	38	13	12
The Wings	8	6	0	2	37	33	12
Stare BykiFC	8	5	1	2	52	2 5	11
Galaxy	7	5	0	2	40	26	10
Ballpark FC	7	3	1	3	32	25	7
Barrington Ortho	7	3	1	3	36	40	7
Medicare FC	7	2	1	4	27	4 1	5
Ζοο	7	1	2	4	25	4 1	4
RealFC 57	7	1	1	5	19	35	3
Stingers	7	0	1	6	23	50	1

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SPORTSZONE OVER 30 LEAGUE

March 12, 2007

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	G P	w	D	L	G F	G A	Pts
SportsZone	9	8	1	0	94	33	25
Stare BykiFC	10	7	0	3	78	47	2 1
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International	10	0	0	10	25	101	0

SOCCER CITY C LEAGUE

March 6, 2007

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	G P	w	D	L	G F	G A	Pts
Beer	8	7	0	1	34	19	66
Life Fitness	8	5	1	2	37	26	54
Slice	8	4	1	3	28	29	49
Bari FC	8	4	1	3	32	27	46
Toe Bashers	8	3	1	4	28	29	42
Stare BykiFC	8	3	0	5	30	34	4 0
United	8	1	2	5	32	44	35
Bachirs Finest	8	1	2	5	21	33	28