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Byki

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Wisla

Over 30 Team - NSL Over 30 Division Winnebago - 12 May 2007

Wisla pressure too much for Byki

Last Saturday's Over 30 encounter at Winnebago was typical of previous matches between the Byki and Wisla. Wisla dominate possession, they make the Byki chase after the ball, and then knock in enough goals to secure the victory. The formula played out perfectly last week and Wisla walked away easy 5:0 winners.

The Byki had problems controlling the ball and maintaining the shape of their defense. The poor ball control provided plenty of extra possession for Wisla, who exploited their opportunities to maximum effect. The match had remained scoreless for most of the first half, but Wisla's three strikes in the final 17 minutes before the interval were all they needed to lock up the points.

Regardless of the tactics a team may employ when facing Wisla, having the skill to execute them is another matter completely. The Byki did not use the wings enough and the countless long balls over the top were easy pickings for the disciplined Wisla defense. The Byki staged a short rally at the start of the second half where they moved the ball from side to side quickly and efficiently. They certainly need more

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than ten minutes of that type of play if they want to compete with a team like Wisla.

Wisla were not able to bring a full-strength squad to Winnebago last Saturday, which led to a small controversy in the two days leading up to the match. Wisla had requested a 5:00 kickoff because some of their players were still at work at the scheduled kickoff time of 3:00. The notice to change was too short for the Byki, who prefer the earlier start times. When the Byki insisted on keeping the kickoff at 3:00, a brief war of words erupted between Byki President George Gorecki and Wisla's coach. "Rather than being cooperative, Wisla tried to bully us into changing," said Gorecki. "Requesting a change two days before the game didn't work for us, so they got mad because we didn't comply."

The lack of complete firepower hardly seemed to bother Wisla, who were able to let their foot off the gas once they had built their first-half lead. It might have taken them a while to get comfortable, but once they did, they struck with surgical precision.

Wisla broke the ice in the 23rd minute on a quick counterattack. Their striker dribbled free in the box and slotted the ball past a diving Dan Blanco. The score went to 2:0 a few minutes later when a long pass from midfield caused Gorecki and sweeper Dan Jedrzejowski to give chase. The Wisla player cleverly headed the ball behind Jedrzejowski, into the path of their striker, who raced in alone on Blanco from 25 yards.

Wisla made it 3:0 just before the break when they worked a quick 1-2 on the left wing. The Wisla player took the ball to the goal line and sent an accurate cross to the far post. Wisla's striker headed the ball on frame, and Blanco made a desperate lunge to keep the ball from crossing the line. The rebound was loose in the box, however, and Wisla cleaned up the mess with no problem.

It would have been easy for the Byki to take the attitude of "Here we go again." But coach Wei Zhang changed a few



positions around at halftime and the Byki came out with renewed vigor. In the 46th minute, Nick Elmkinssi crossed a ball into the right flank for the overlapping Steven Pedlow. The fullback took the ball in toward the goal, but a Wisla defender blocked his attempted shot.

Moments later, the Byki looked poised to score. Jing Geng won the ball on the right side and made a square pass along the 18 to striker Bo He. With a quick turn to the inside, He fired immediately, forcing the keeper to tip the ball over the bar

Despite the pressure from the Byki, it was the visitors who scored the next goal. When the Byki botched a clearance outside their penalty area, the mistake sprang the Wisla striker on a breakaway. He neatly tucked the ball into far post past the onrushing Blanco.

Wisla finished off the scoring in the 67th minute on a dubious penalty kick. A Wisla player attempted to control a bouncing ball 20 yards from the Byki goal. Zhang, who was defending on the play, saw the Wisla player handle the ball, which allowed him to break into the box alone. Zhang sprinted

after the striker and tackled him from behind, resulting in the penalty. The referee didn't see the handball, leaving Zhang frustrated.

The Byki would get no closer, as Wisla sat back and played for the counter. The Byki continued to hustle and work hard, but it was not enough to dent the Wisla defense.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Blanco – Jedrzejowski, Geng, Zhang, Pedlow – Treter, Elmkinssi (c), Song, Liu – He, Tsipris. **Bench:** Chang, Gorecki, Hunter, Silverstein.

Byki Stats

A TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	Α	Pts
Dance	5	0	5
Gwin	1	1	2
Goudeaux	1	0	1
Stanley	1	0	1
Bouzoukis	0	1	1
Fleming	0	1	1
Mansur, P Jr	0	1	1
Moore, C	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Eliasek	90	0	0.00

Current record: 1-0-0

B TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	Α	Pts									
No goals yet!												
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA									
Drake	90	2	2.00									
Current record: 0-0-1												

O-30 TEAM, NSL O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	Α	Pts
Regueiro	1	0	1
Garcia	0	1	1
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Blanco	160	8	4.00

Current record: 0-0-2

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MAJOR DIVISION

FIRST DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts		GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
B-H LIlies	3	2	1	0	5	0	7	Lemont FC	3	2	1	0	6	2	7
RWB Adria	2	2	0	0	5	1	6	FK Kozarac	2	2	0	0	8	3	6
FC Romania	2	1	1	0	6	5	4	Royal FC	2	1	1	0	7	4	4
CKS Warta	2	1	1	0	4	3	4	FC Steaua Chicago	2	1	1	0	5	4	4
Gazelle SC	2	1	1	0	1	0	4	Khaboor FC	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
SAC Wisla	3	1	0	2	7	4	3	Stare Byki A	1	1	0	0	8	0	3
KF Ulqin	2	1	0	1	4	2	3	Deportivo Colomex	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
HNNK Hrvat	2	1	0	1	4	3	3	West Indies Jets	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
Honduras SC	2	0	1	1	3	6	1	Chicago Thunder	2	0	0	2	1	3	0
Jahbat FC	2	0	1	1	3	7	1	Stare Byki B	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Albanian Stars	3	0	1	2	2	7	1	West Bosnia SC	2	0	0	2	2	6	0
NK Prijedor	3	0	1	2	3	9	1	Turkish FC	3	0	0	3	1	13	0

SECOND DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FK Podrinje	2	2	0	0	8	1	6	CKS Warta B	2	1	1	0	5	3	4
Das Magic	2	1	1	0	7	4	4	FC Kosova	2	1	0	1	4	3	3
Los Chasquis	2	1	0	1	7	9	3	Real Independiente	2	1	0	1	6	8	3
Pitbulls SC	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	Juanacatlan	3	1	0	2	3	6	3
GR-04	2	0	0	2	3	7	0	FC Transilvania	2	0	2	0	4	4	2

OVER 30 DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Gato Verde	3	1	2	0	8	1	5	Arabian FC	3	3	0	0	12	3	9
West Indies Jets	3	1	1	1	8	5	4	SAC Wisla	2	1	1	0	5	0	4
Tanners SC	3	1	1	1	7	13	4	Hellas SC	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
Lake Shore A	3	1	0	2	13	16	3	Lake Shore B	2	0	0	2	2	8	0
Jahbat FC	2	0	1	1	10	14	1	Stare Byki FC	2	0	0	2	1	8	0