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Byki

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WI Jets

B Team - NSL 1st Division Winnebago - 10 June 2007

Byki force crash landing by Jets

The Byki B Team won their second match of the campaign when they disposed of the West Indies Jets 2:1 at Winnebago last Sunday. Russ Haynes scored both of his team's goals, as the Byki dominated the game for long stretches.

The Jets tied the A Team 2:2 the previous week, though that game was played on the Jets' narrow field. In that match, the Jets swarmed all over the Byki. At spacious Winnebago, that tactic was never going to work, and the B Team used the flanks to full advantage, making the Jets chase the game.

The Byki gave notice in the 17th minute when Jwo-Horng Lin sent a terrific cross into the middle of the area. Haynes, who was unmarked, quickly turned and shot the ball, missing the target by inches.

Lin liked what he saw on that first cross, so he gave it another try a minute later. Haynes was on the receiving end once again and was yanked to the ground as he tried to control the ball. The referee immediately pointed to the spot, much to the consternation of the Jets. Even some Byki on the sideline questioned whether enough had occurred to warrant

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a penalty. On the other hand, the hard-working Haynes absorbs more than his share of bruises from fouls that go unpunished, so no one need feel excess sympathy for the Jets. Haynes sent the goalie the wrong way on the penalty kick and the Byki were suddenly in business.

The game settled into a battle for control of the midfield. The Jets tried to use their speed to beat the Byki with long passes. They might have had more success if the passes had been more accurate, or if their timing could have caught the Byki defense off-balance. The best chance of the first half for the Jets came in the 44th minute, when a well-placed through ball beat Jason Bant and Conor Casey, sending a Jets striker into open space. Casey gave chase, but Jorge de la Cruz cleaned things up when he charged off his line and blocked the shot from 18 yards with his outstretched leg.

The Byki took control of the affair early in the second half. Bant won a loose ball at midfield and slid a quick pass to Brett Frischmann, who turned his defender. Frischmann spotted Haynes making a sneaky run behind the defense and floated a spectacular pass into Haynes' path. With only the keeper to beat, Haynes blasted a shot from the right side of the box that the keeper could not handle.

With a 2:0 deficit staring them in the face, the Jets came right back two minutes later. They played a cross into the Byki area and a Jets player went to ground in a crowd. The referee ruled that a foul had occurred and the Jets had a penalty kick of their own. They converted easily and felt better about the 2:1 scoreline.

The score might have looked better to the Jets, but their play was never going to be a source of joy for them. Their attempts to break down the Byki defense were mostly futile and de la Cruz always appeared to be in the right spot to snuff out any scoring chances. He was in perfect position to save a shot from a sharp-angle in the 69th minute.

The Jets had a claim for a second penalty five minutes from time. They caught the Byki defense in a weak moment



when they led a counter down the left side. De La Cruz came out aggressively, sliding underneath a Jets player to punch the ball to safety. When the Jets player went down in a heap, the visitors clamored for a call. The referee saw nothing wrong with the play, even though the encounter looked like more of a foul than the penalty that had been given earlier in the match.

The Byki played with poise and self-assurance. Once the outcome was in the bag, they masterfully closed the game

out. Their solid play so far is a fine start to their entry into the 1st Division.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Haynes 1; (pk); 18th; 1:0. Haynes 2 (Frischmann); 47th; 2:0.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): de La Cruz – Bant, Colwell, Gallo, Casey (c) – McGrath, Torossian, Zwickl, Lane – Haynes, Harake. **Bench:** Freeman, Frischmann, Lin, Peng, Ruiz.

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Royal FC

A Team - NSL 1st Division Winnebago - 10 June 2007

Byki can't keep up with Royals

The Byki slumped to a 1-1-2 record following their disappointing 2:0 defeat to Royal FC last Sunday at Winnebago. Royal maintained their unbeaten mark in the 1st Division, now 4-1-0, and put on a display of smart and skillful soccer.

The Byki were looking forward to playing on their home field for the first time this season. The players had felt that the cramped conditions of fields like Summit Park were preventing them from playing their best. After last Sunday's performance, maybe the Byki will be looking for a new home, because the field sure didn't help their effort.

Royal attacked the Byki goal with relentless intent from the opening whistle. Within the first three minutes of the contest, the Byki struggled to survive a series of Royal corner kicks. The Byki were on the back foot in the early going, scrambling around just to maintain their defensive shape. With Royal's midfielders winning the battle in the center of the pitch, the Byki had major difficulties getting their offense on track.

It all fell apart for the Byki in the 12th minute. Matt Fleming shoved a Royal player as he dribbled just outside of the area, leading to a free kick. Royal's ace midfielder stroked the ball perfectly over the wall and past the diving Ryan Eliasek.

The Byki defense settled down somewhat after the opening goal, but the real problem was building offensive momentum. The team showed little patience with the ball at their feet and often opted for long passes, which were easily picked off by the Royal defense.

The only decent scoring chance for the Byki came in the 37th minute. John Gwin squeezed in a cross from the goal line on the right side for Zach Dance, who was open in the six-yard box. Dance didn't get a good touch on his shot, yet he forced the keeper to tip the ball to safety.

Royal roared back a minute later. They intercepted a short goal kick, and a quick pass up the heart of the Byki defense

sent their striker behind the Byki defense. Eliasek charged off his line to intervene, but a lovely lob from the Royal striker made it 2:0.

But Royal weren't finished yet. In the 43rd minute, they earned a penalty when their player was pushed down inside the box. Eliasek read the penalty shooter's intentions perfectly and dove to his right to make the save. "I knew which way he would go as soon as he lined up," Eliasek said. The lanky netminder was called upon yet again in the dying moments of the first half when he cleaned up the mess of a weak turnover by the Byki defense, saving a breakaway opportunity by smothering a shot from close range.

The Byki walked away from that cauldron down by only a pair, yet finding a way back was going to be a serious struggle. They created a nice scoring chance two minutes into the second half when they engineered a counterattack down the right wing. Ahmed Goudeaux flicked the ball along to Marek Ciszewski in the middle. Ciszewski tried to chip the keeper, but his shot was blocked.

With a comfortable lead, Royal pulled back defensively and allowed the Byki time on the ball in their own third. Once the Byki ventured into the middle of the field, Royal clamped down immediately and snuffed out the Byki offense. The Byki attempted to play quick passes to feet, but were simply not quick enough to change the momentum of the game.

With four points from four matches, the Byki are a long way from the 1st Division's top six and will need to roll up their sleeves if they want to see their fortunes changed.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Eliasek – Daniel, Rose, Gambino, Moore, C – Bouzoukis, Mansur, P Jr, Goudeaux, Fleming – Stanley, Dance (c). **Bench:** Ciszewski, Delaunay, Gwin.

Arabian FC too tough for Over 30s

Following their season-opening defeat to Arabian FC back in April, some Byki felt that they had had the better of play in the latter stages of that match and the result might have been different if the game had lasted another five or ten minutes. Reality, however, set in as the sides squared off a second time last Saturday at Winnebago. The Arabians took advantage of Byki mistakes and walked away easy 5:2 winners.

The Byki showed improvements in their ability to control the ball over the effort versus Lake Shore B the previous week. The occasions of incisive attacks and making the quick pass were far too infrequent, however, and the Byki only applied sporadic pressure on the Arabian keeper.

The Arabians wasted little time looking for holes in the Byki defense. With several players absent, coach Wei Zhang shuffled his lineup, hoping this group could find a way to thwart the potent Arabian attack.

In the eighth minute of the game, the Arabians floated a ball into the middle from the left wing. A weak clearance by the defense left the ball free inside the Byki goal area and an Arabian striker promptly stepped forward to blast the shot past a helpless Jim Cook.

The siege on the Byki goal continued when an Arabian player broke behind the defense. With only Cook to beat, the striker smacked his shot off of the goalpost in the 12th minute.

The Byki found an equalizer in the 23rd minute when they utilized precise ball movement and hard work to carve out an

opportunity where none had appeared to exist. The hustling Brett Frischmann won the ball deep in the right corner and zinged a pinpoint cross to the far post. Ernesto Garcia, standing at the far post unmarked, nodded the ball into the net. The Arabians appealed for offside, but that argument wasn't going to hold water, since Frischmann was practically on the goal line when he crossed the ball in.

Arabian FC regained the lead in the 29th minute. Seeing a player running free on the right, they swiftly moved the ball from the left side and a first-time blast gave Cook no chance.

The Arabians tightened their grip on the match shortly after halftime. Slack marking by the

Byki allowed an Arabian forward to waltz in from the right flank. He drove the ball hard past Cook, who tried to stick his leg out to make the save.

The score swelled to 4:1 midway through the second half when a soft clearance by the Byki landed about 25 yards from their goal. An Arabian player hit the ball with full force and an apparently unsighted Cook was powerless to stop the shot.

Cook made a great save on a 72nd-minute breakaway, as Zhang's hustle helped Cook to spoil the opportunity. The Arabians assumed a commanding 5:1 edge in the 79th minute, as they caught the Byki with too many players pushed forward. A long pass sprang the Arabian winger on the right, but several Byki were convinced the play was offside from the start.

The Byki tacked on a consolation goal during stoppage time. Yang Song cracked a shot from distance, forcing the keeper into a diving save. The ball spilled loose and Garcia was in perfect position to whack the loose ball into the goal.

Laurie Gorecki and Dan Blanco contributed to this report.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Garcia 1; (Frischmann); 23rd; 1:1. Garcia 2; 83rd+; 2:5.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Cook - Zhang, Gorecki, Song, Pedlow - He, Hunter, Silverstein, Elmkinssi (c), Arredondo – Frischmann, Liu. Bench: Garcia, Moore, P.

Byki Stats

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Player	G	Α	Pts
Dance	6	0	6
Stanley	3	1	4
Bouzoukis	1	2	3
Gwin	1	1	2
Fleming	0	2	2
Goudeaux	1	0	1
Mansur, P Jr	0	1	1
Mayer	0	1	1
Maara C	0	4	4

A TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Moore, C	0	1	1								
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA								
Eliasek	360	10	2.50								
Current record: 1-1-2											

B TEAM. NSL 1st DIVISION

G	Α_	Pts
2	0	2
1	1	2
1	0	1
1	0	1
0	1	1
0	1	1
0	1	1
Min	GA	GAA
180	3	1.50
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Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
de la Cruz	180	3	1.50
Drake	180	3	1.50

Current record: 2-0-2

O-30 TEAM, NSL O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	Α	Pts
Garcia	2	1	3
Elmkinssi	1	0	1
Jedrzejowski	1	0	1
Regueiro	1	0	1
Frsichamann	0	1	1
He	0	1	1

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Mansur, P Sr	40	0	0.00									
Cook	170	6	2.82									
Blanco	190	9	3.79									
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Current record: 0-2-3

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MAJOR DIVISION

FIRST DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts		GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
CKS Warta	6	4	2	0	19	14	14	Royal FC	5	4	1	0	17	7	13
RWB Adria	4	4	0	0	12	4	12	Deportivo Colomex	5	4	0	1	12	8	12
SAC Wisla	6	3	1	2	17	8	10	Lemont FC	6	3	2	1	14	9	11
Gazelle SC	5	2	2	1	8	7	8	FC Steaua Chicago	5	3	2	0	12	7	11
Honduras SC	5	2	1	2	11	11	7	Khaboor FC	5	3	1	1	13	6	10
HNNK Hrvat	5	2	1	2	9	9	7	Chicago Thunder	5	3	0	2	14	7	9
B-H LIlies	6	2	1	3	10	12	7	Stare Byki B	4	2	0	2	5	6	6
FC Romania	4	2	1	1	12	11	7	FK Kozarac	5	2	0	3	11	15	6
Jahbat FC	6	2	1	3	15	16	7	Stare Byki A	4	1	1	2	12	10	4
NK Prijedor	6	1	2	3	8	15	5	West Indies Jets	5	1	1	3	8	13	4
KF Ulqin	5	1	0	4	11	15	3	West Bosnia SC	5	0	0	5	5	14	0
Albanian Stars	6	0	2	4	6	16	2	Turkish FC	6	0	0	6	7	28	0

SECOND DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Das Magic	5	4	1	0	22	7	13	Real Independiente	5	4	0	1	17	12	12
FK Podrinje	5	2	1	2	11	8	7	CKS Warta B	5	3	1	1	11	7	10
GR-04	4	2	0	2	18	10	6	FC Kosova	5	2	0	3	13	10	6
Los Chasquis	5	1	0	4	10	32	3	Juanacatlan	6	2	0	4	8	15	6
Pitbulls SC	3	0	1	2	2	8	1	FC Transilvania	5	1	2	2	10	13	5

OVER 30 DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Tanners SC	5	3	1	1	15	17	10	Arabian FC	6	5	0	1	25	11	15
Gato Verde	5	2	3	0	16	2	9	SAC Wisla	4	3	1	0	19	6	10
Lake Shore A	5	2	1	2	20	17	7	Hellas SC	4	3	0	1	14	13	9
West Indies Jets	5	0	2	3	6	16	2	Stare Byki FC	5	0	2	3	5	15	2
Jahbat FC	4	0	1	3	11	25	1	Lake Shore B	5	0	1	4	6	15	1