

Haynes' hat trick secures points

The B Team continued their climb up the table last Sunday at Winnebago when they disposed of pesky West Bosnia SC 3:2, thanks to a hat trick from Russ Haynes. With 16 points from 10 matches, the B Team have an opportunity to overtake Chicago Thunder for the coveted sixth spot in the table. They will need to beat Lemont FC in the last game of the round-robin phase and then hope that Thunder don't pull an upset on Royal FC later in the day.

The Byki didn't think that West Bosnia would give them much trouble, seeing that the visitors had earned just three points on the season, and that came from a forfeit victory over a suspended team. But the Bosnians ran hard and gave the Byki headaches when they went into the halftime break even at 2:2.

"This was one of the worst games we've played all season," said coach Joe Gambino. The Byki may have been taking the Bosnians too lightly, but they showed grit and perseverance to ensure that all three points came home with them.

Gambino wanted to see how the Bosnians would respond

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to early pressure and opted to go with a three-forward alignment. That pressure resulted in an early chance in the eighth minute, when Matt Zoeller intercepted a weak backpass and forced a tough save out of the Bosnian goalkeeper.

But the Bosnians turned the tables on the Byki, coming full throttle on an immediate counterattack on the right. A shot from the flank found the far post after Jorge de la Cruz came out to cut down the angle.

The Byki were unfazed by the goal coming out of the blue and equalized in the 15th minute. Zoeller played a nice ball over the top for Haynes, who had sprinted behind the defense. The offside trap didn't work and Haynes deposited the ball in the back of the net to make it 1:1. Two minutes later, Haynes tried to return the favor to Zoeller by heading the ball along to the unmarked striker. Zoeller was open in the box, but the keeper made the save.

The pressuring tactics were the right idea for the Byki. West Bosnia, playing a second game last Sunday against the A Team, opted to leave four players back on defense at all times and tried to beat the Byki on the break. The Byki created the chances, but their finishing could have been better.

The Byki nearly made it 2:1 in the 22nd minute. After receiving a quick throw-in, Luis Arredondo dribbled the ball to the end line and dropped a pass back for Andy Lane. The midfielder did well to hit the ball first-time and saw his bid for a goal denied by the goalpost.

The Byki grabbed the lead in the 27th minute and Arredondo was in the middle of it again. After nutmegging his defender, Arredondo passed the ball to Javier de la Cruz on the right side. De la Cruz gave it back to Arredondo in the box. Arredondo spotted Haynes at the far post and delivered the perfect ball, and Haynes then executed the clinical finish.

The Bosnians got a freak goal right before halftime. They countered along the right wing and then played a rapid 1-2



at the top of the penalty area. The second pass sent their striker into the clear, prompting Jorge de la Cruz to come out for the ball. The striker got there first and calmly knocked the ball into the unguarded goal. The Byki screamed for offside, but the referee inexplicably maintained that the second pass actually went back, thus negating any offside.

The sides traded scoring opportunities to start the second half. Errant shooting and good goalkeeping kept the score level. Arredondo looked to have the keeper beaten with a well-struck free kick in the 59th minute, only to see the goalie tip the ball over the bar.

Five minutes later, Ahmad Harake threaded an outstanding through ball for Zoeller on the right side of the penalty area. Zoeller aimed a shot for the far post and was incredulous when he saw the ball glance off the woodwork.

The Byki finally got the game-winner in the 69th minute.

Brett Frischmann headed the ball along for Haynes, who was open in the box. Haynes took the ball straight to goal and sneaked a shot past the sprawling keeper to make it 3:2.

The Bosnians continued the hunt for another equalizer, but the Byki defense held firm. The Byki displayed teamwork and coherence, even when things weren't going their way. Those positive qualities allowed them to find a way to win a critical match.

B TEAM SCORING SUMMARY

Haynes 4 (Zoeller); 15th; 1:1. Haynes 5 (Arredondo); 27th; 2:1. Haynes 6 (Frischmann); 69th; 3:2.

B TEAM LINEUP (3-4-3): Jorge de la Cruz – Towsey, Gallo, Casey (c) – Lane, Colwell, Torossian, Arredondo – Javier de la Cruz, Zoeller, Lin. **Bench:** Bant, Frischmann, Harake, Haynes, McGrath.

Byki Stats													
A TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION B TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION O-30 TEAM, NSL O-30 DIVISIO													
Player	G A Pts			Player	G	G A Pts		Player	G	Α	Pts		
Dance	16	4	20	Haynes	6	2	8	Garcia	2	1	З		
Stanley	6	3	9	Torossian	4	0	4	Elmkinssi	1	0	1		
Bouzoukis	1	3	4	Frsichamann	0	4	4	Jedrzejowski	1	0	1		
Goudeaux	3	0	3	Lin	2	1	3	Moore, P.	1	0	1		
Gwin	1	1	2	Colwell	1	1	2	Peng	1	0	1		
Fleming	0	2	2	Harake	1	0	1	Regueiro	1	0	1		
Lin	0	2	2	Lane	1	0	1	Arredondo	0	1	1		
Mayer	0	2	2	McGrath	1	0	1	Frsichmann	0	1	1		
Rose	0	2	2	Arredondo	0	1	1	Не	0	1	1		
Daniel	1	0	1	Gallo	0	1	1						
Harada	1	0	1	Zoeller	0	1	1	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA		
Gambino	0	1	1	Team goals	3	х	x	Mansur, P Sr	40	0	0.00		
Mansur, P Jr	0	1	1					Cook	250	10	3.20		
Moore, C	0	1	1	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Blanco	430	18	3.35		
				Colwell	1	0	0.00	Tsipris	80	7	7.00		
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Drake	180	3	1.50	Current	record:	0-2-8			
Eliasek	900	32	3.20	de la Cruz	719	13	1.63						
Current	record: 3	3-2-6		Current	record:	5-1-4							

Byki take care of tired Bosnians

Scheduling snafus and a backlog of canceled games can often result in a team playing two games in a day. It is rare, however, for a team to *request* playing a doubleheader. This was the case last week at Winnebago, where West Bosnia SC absorbed two losses to two Byki teams. They lost 3:2 to the B Team in the opener and then dropped the nightcap 3:1 to the A Team. Zach Dance notched a hat trick, giving him 16 for the season, and surpassing his previous high of 14, scored in 2006.

West Bosnia made their unusual request when they realized that they had a conflict with their regularly scheduled match versus the A Team on August 19. Because their canceled match versus the B Team had yet to be scheduled, they proposed to play both games on the same day. "The doubleheader was their idea," said Byki coach George Gorecki. "I tried to talk their manager out of it, but he said this was the only solution. So we went along with it."

Despite having already put in 90 minutes against the B Team on a hot day, the Bosnians acquitted themselves impressively in the second match. They stayed within shouting distance of the A Team, trailing only 2:1 for most of the contest. Fatigue finally set in and the Byki grabbed a third goal late in the game to seal the result.

"I give the Bosnians credit for playing the way they did in this heat," said Gorecki. "They don't look like a one-win team to me. Our finishing was really disappointing, however. We should have put them away early."

Dance was looking for the early knockout punch, creating his first chance of the game after only four minutes. He was open in the box, but sent his shot wide. Two minutes later, the Byki got sloppy with the ball and gave it away foolishly. A Bosnian player intercepted and beat Ryan Eliasek with a bullet from 25 yards.

The lead was short-lived. Ten minutes later, the Byki utilized fluid ball movement to get the tying goal. Joe Gambino started the play on the right wing and passed the ball off to Todd Mayer. The midfielder sent a through pass for Dance, who dribbled past a defender before sliding the ball home. Dance's scoring prowess only gets more and more impressive. He scored 13 goals in 2005 and followed that up with 14 last year. With 16 on the board this season, Dance has scored a staggering 48 goals in 50 outdoor matches with the Byki.

Eliasek came up with a huge save in the 29th minute, perfectly positioned for an open header at the far post. The Byki snatched the lead in the 39th minute when Jun Harada found Dance on the counter. Dance dribbled into the area and was tripped from behind, prompting the referee to award a penalty kick. Dance converted for a 2:1 advantage.

The Byki nearly made it 3:1 in first-half stoppage time. After Chris Rose made a decisive tackle in the midfield, he ignited a counterattack to Dance, who tore up the middle of the field. Dance sent the ball to the far post, where winger Yahui Peng had made a supporting run. Peng hit the ball firmly, but a desperate foot save by the keeper kept the ball out of the net.

The weary Bosnians could hardly keep up after the interval. The Byki piled on the pressure, but had little to show for it, thanks to poor marksmanship. Chad Daniel cracked a shot from 30 yards that required a diving save from the keeper. Moments later, Daniel set up Marek Ciszewski, who sent a blast wide of the target. Mayer and Dance each had one-on-one chances with the goalie, but shot right at him.

The Byki finally salted away victory in the 89th minute when Dan Stanley and Dance combined on a breakaway. Stanley timed his pass to Dance beautifully and the striker did the rest, faking the keeper to the ground and depositing the ball into the back of the net.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Dance 14 (Mayer); 16th; 1:1. Dance 15 (pk); 39th; 2:1. Dance 16 (Stanley); 89th; 3:1.

A TEAM LINEUP (4-4-2): Eliasek – Samp, Mansur P Jr, Rose, Delaunay – Daniel, Peng, Stanley, Bouzoukis – Dance (c), Goudeaux. Bench: Ciszewski, Dos Santos, Gambino, Harada, Mayer.

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts		GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
CKS Warta	10	6	2	2	32	28	20	Lemont FC	10	7	2	1	33	13	23
RWB Adria	8	6	1	1	20	8	19	Royal FC	9	7	1	1	28	13	22
HNNK Hrvat	10	6	1	3	25	20	19	FC Steaua Chicago	10	6	3	1	29	16	21
SAC Wisla	10	5	2	3	22	13	17	Khaboor FC	10	6	1	3	27	21	19
FC Romania	10	5	2	3	33	28	17	Deportivo Colomex	10	6	0	4	24	22	18
B-H LIlies	10	5	1	4	18	18	16	Chicago Thunder	10	5	2	3	27	15	17
Gazelle SC	10	4	3	3	15	15	15	Stare Byki B	10	5	1	4	19	16	16
Honduras SC	10	4	1	5	22	21	13	West Indies Jets	10	3	2	5	21	22	11
KF Ulqin	9	4	0	5	20	17	12	Stare Byki A	11	3	2	6	29	33	11
NK Prijedor	9	2	2	5	11	19	8	FK Kozarac	9	3	0	6	19	32	9
Jahbat FC	10	2	1	7	17	27	7	West Bosnia SC	8	1	0	7	10	27	3
Albanian Stars	10	0	2	8	10	31	2	Turkish FC	9	0	0	9	8	41	0

SECOND DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Das Magic	9	7	2	0	45	20	23	Real Independiente	10	7	0	3	36	29	21
FK Podrinje	10	5	2	3	25	18	17	CKS Warta B	10	6	2	2	24	14	20
Los Chasquis	10	3	0	7	27	51	9	Juanacatlan	10	4	1	5	16	21	13
Pitbulls SC	9	2	2	5	21	33	8	FC Kosova	10	4	0	6	24	29	12
GR-04	10	2	1	7	25	30	7	FC Transilvania	10	3	2	5	28	26	11

OVER 30 DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Lake Shore A	9	6	1	2	32	21	19	Arabian FC	10	8	1	1	40	16	25
Tanners SC	9	3	4	2	21	27	13	SAC Wisla	9	6	3	0	36	14	21
Jahbat FC	9	3	3	3	29	36	12	Hellas SC	10	5	1	4	32	25	16
Gato Verde	9	2	4	3	25	17	10	Lake Shore B	9	1	1	7	12	29	4
West Indies Jets	8	0	4	4	11	25	4	Stare Byki FC	10	0	2	8	7	35	2