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Byki

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Stingers

Over 30 Team - Schaumburg Rec League  
The Sport Center - 16 November 2006

## Lethargic Byki pull out a win

The Byki oldboys were not at their best last Thursday when they faced the Stingers, but they shook off their indifferent play to come home with a 4:3 victory. Marek Ciszewski added two goals to his team-leading total, while Ruben Parra netted the game-winner in the contest's final minute. The win improves the Byki to 3-0-2, good for fourth place in the Schaumburg Rec League. The Byki trail leaders Belmont Street Elite by six points, but have played one fewer game. The bad news for the Byki is that have already played Belmont, so catching them will be an uphill climb.

Before the game, coach Wei Zhang made a few tactical changes. He moved Marek Ciszewski to striker and sent Ruben Parra to play the wing. Zhang instructed the strikers, Ciszewski and Ernesto Garcia, to stretch the field of play when they got the ball. The idea was to use the striker in the same way a center in basketball passes the ball to outside players.

The Byki started the game very slowly and had a hard

time moving the ball out of their half, as the Stingers did a good job of pressing. Neither team created many chances in the early going, as Byki attackers kept getting beaten by the Stingers fullbacks.

The Byki opened the scoring 7:00 into the match. Eric Tower had the ball at the left sideline near midfield for a kick-in. He hit Garcia at the top of the box with a long pass, beating a Stingers defense that was marking the Byki midfielders tightly. Garcia shielded the ball after receiving the pass and scored easily.

Despite drawing first blood, the Byki were not playing all that well. The Stingers, however, kept attacking the Byki by sending long balls from their fullbacks directly to their forwards. Normally, direct play doesn't work very well in the indoor game because the field is so small. The Byki, however, gave up too much space in the back and the Stingers equalized after eight minutes.

The Byki crafted a few openings, but the Stingers goalkeeper was equal to the task, notching a couple of nice saves. With 9:30 left before the break, a Stingers player got the ball near the left sideline just past the halfway line and took a whack at the goal. The shot came in low and hard, catching emergency goalie Jing Geng by surprise. A frustrated Byki side went into the break down 2:1 and wondering what it would take to turn things around.

At halftime, Zhang told the team to settle down and keep working the ball. He emphasized that the team needed to get back to playing triangles and finding the open man. Zhang relieved Geng in the nets to open the second frame.

The lethargic play continued after the break until Ciszewski got a yellow card for dissent. The referee bungled an easy call and mistakenly awarded the Stingers a goal kick when it was obvious to everyone that the Byki should have had a corner.

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The caution seemed to pick the team up, and after sitting out, Ciszewski quickly notched a couple of goals. With 13:00 left, the Byki won the ball in their end and started a counterattack. Geng passed the ball to Ciszewski, who took off on a diagonal run from the left side of midfield to the top of the Stingers box. Ciszewski then fired a rocket of a shot past the befuddled goalie to make it 2:2. A minute later, Ciszewski was at it again, converting a pass from Steven Pedlow into the go-ahead goal.

The Stingers still had some fight left in them. They knotted the score at 3:3 with another long-range shot. The Byki realized that marking the Stingers' lone scoring threat was the smart strategy and adjusted things to take him out of the game. The shift in tactics paid off, as the Byki put the Stingers offense to sleep.

As the clock wound down, a draw seemed imminent. With one minute left in the game, Parra launched a shot at the Stingers goal. The ball rolled past the goalie and

was knocked out by a trailing defender, but not before it had crossed the line. The referees, despite their terminal ineptitude, got that decision right and the Byki gratefully pulled out a 4:3 win.

"The Stingers were a team that we should have beaten easily," said Zhang afterwards. "We played our worst game of the season and we feel lucky that we could pull this one off. But a win is a win."

*Eric Tower and Wei Zhang contributed to this story.*

#### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

**1st:** Garcia 3 (Tower); 7:00; 1:0.

**2nd:** Ciszewski 10; (Geng); 12:00; 2:2. Ciszewski 11; (Pedlow); 13:00; 3:2. Parra 2; 24:00; 4:3.

**BYKI LINEUP (2-3-1):** Geng – Pedlow, Tower – Elmkinni, Jędrzejowski, Frischmann – Ciszewski. **Bench:** Casey, Garcia, Lane, Parra, Towsey, Treter, Zhang.

Byki

0 : 5

Hellas

Over 40 Team - Sportszone Over 30 League  
Sportszone - 20 November 2006

## Byki defense can't hold out

The Over 40s had to deal with the absence of their top four scoring threats last Monday when they faced Hellas in the Sportszone Over 30 League. The squad did a fairly good job of maintaining their shape and discipline on defense for most of the match, but could never find their scoring touch. Hellas broke open what had been a close contest with four goals in the final 8:14 to win handily 5:0. The defeat drops the Byki to 0-1-3 for the season.

Coach Bernhard Kleine reminded everyone of the importance of playing solid defense and then working to create offensive chances on the break. The Byki appeared to have learned lessons from their previous match. They first implemented the 3-2 formation in that game, which resulted in a first-half goal explosion for the SportsZone team. Things settled down after halftime in that game, so the Byki felt confident that the 3-2 could allow them to be competitive versus Hellas. The Greeks enjoyed most of the possession, but the openings were few. Fleet Neighbors, pressed into duty at goalkeeper, made several excellent saves to stymie the Hellas attack.

The Byki had a terrific chance off the counter in the match's opening moments. Kleine played a long pass from his own half for the sprinting George Gorecki, who raced

past the last Hellas defender. The pass took Gorecki to the left of the Hellas penalty area, where the keeper had rushed out to make a play on the ball. Gorecki didn't see him in time and kicked the ball toward the back boards, managing to get off a weak shot that was blocked off the line by a Hellas defender. "I had my head down when I finally caught up to Bernhard's pass," said Gorecki. "If I had known the goalie was out, I would have tried to chip it over him right away."

The Byki spent the rest of the first half absorbing pressure. Hellas eventually broke through with 5:38 to go before the break, when they capped off a sequence of high pressure by blasting a long-range bomb past Neighbors as the Byki defense had backed up in their own area. It was a well-taken goal by Hellas, but it came only from a tremendous effort. After all of the possession that Hellas controlled in the first half, they must have been disappointed to have only been able to create one goal.

At halftime, Joe Gambino noted that Hellas were quick to back away from the Byki when they lost the ball. "We needed to use a little more patience," said Gambino. "They were giving us all kinds of time, so there was no reason to rush things."

The Byki defense remained firm in the second half and Hellas got a break that changed the complexion of the contest. Sal Farhan was sent to the penalty box after tripping a Hellas player. The time penalty seemed a bit harsh, as Farhan simply had been faked out on the dribble and stuck his foot in a bit too late. Hellas converted in the dying moments of the power play to take a 2:0 lead with 8:14 left in the game.

Things unraveled for the Byki with 6:56 to go when Neighbors picked up a pass from a teammate. Most players thought that the ball was an errant pass from a Hellas player, but the referee ruled otherwise. Moments after the close-range free kick was awarded, Hellas were 3:0 to the good.

Hellas scored twice more in the final 2:22 as fatigue and a desire by the Byki to push forward created big gaps in front of Neighbors. "At that point, you might as well give it a shot," said Rick Bolesta. "It doesn't matter much of the final score is 2:0 or 5:0."

#### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

**1st:** None.

**2nd:** None.

**BYKI LINEUP (3-2):** Neighbors – LaForrest, Gorecki, Cooper – Kleine, Farhan. **Bench:** Bolesta, Gambino, Mansur, P Sr, Wiecek.

# Byki Stats

## OVER 30 TEAM,SCHAUMBURG

Player	G	A	Pts
Ciszewski	11	2	13
Parra	2	2	4
Garcia	3	0	3
Jedrzejewski	2	1	3
Hunter	1	1	2
Pedlow	1	1	2
Tower	1	1	2
Elmkinssi	0	2	2
Frischmann	0	1	1
Geng	0	1	1
Lane	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Zhang	25	1	2.00
Eliasek	200	14	3.50
Geng	25	2	4.00

Current record: 3-0-2

## OVER 40 TEAM,SPORTSZONE

Player	G	A	Pts
Demarets	5	1	6
Ahrens	2	4	6
Siepiora	2	1	3
Wiecek	0	2	2
Farhan	1	0	1
Gambino	1	0	1
Kleine	1	0	1
Marvin	1	0	1
Cooper	0	1	1
Mansur, Sr	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Mansur, Sr	7	0	0.00
Neighbors	63	7	4.67
Farhan	98	27	11.57

Current record: 0-1-3

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# BYKI



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dence that all great goal scorers have, replied, "That's OK. I can get more dollars."

A third week brought a third phone call. Alex declared to me that

by **Matt Treter**

It's never too early to start recruiting for the Byk. The longevity of any soccer club hinges on its ability to maintain an inflow of young talent. One example of this is the relationship that the Byki have with the American Eagles. However, recruiting young talent was taken to an extreme when I made a recent trip to the Washington, DC area. My sister and brother-in-law (a soccer player from Bolivia) live there with their three children. Of particular interest to me was my six-year-old nephew, Alex.

A few months ago, I got a phone call from my sister. She said that Alex wanted to talk to me. Alex got on the phone and promptly declared that he had scored five goals. Unbeknownst to me, Alex was making the call during the match while he was subbed out. After the phone call, he went back into the game.



**Alex gives Matt a mid-game update.**

A week later, I got another call from Alex. He told me he had scored six goals that day, and that his dad had given him six dollars for his

efforts. I asked Alex what he was going to do with his six dollars. He told me, "I was thinking that I want to get an iPod." I told Alex, "I think you might need more than six dollars in order to buy an iPod." Alex, showing the confi-



**Alex beats his defender and heads to an empty net.**

he had scored thirteen goals. Suspecting embellishment, I asked to speak to my sister. She told me that she didn't think Alex had scored that many, but that she had lost count at seven goals. That was all it took for me to book airfare to DC to see for myself.

I was there for Alex's last game of the season where he bagged five goals on route to a 9:2 victory. I was impressed with his ability to immediately take the ball out wide where there was space for him to use his speed and skill. Also impressive was his two-way play, as he came back to make several key defensive plays. I just hope his dad doesn't go broke keeping him in soccer. I don't think it is a question of Alex getting an iPod or not...it is how big of an iPod he will buy.



**Does Alex have Byki dreams?  
Let's hope so.**

## SCHAUMBURG REC LEAGUE

November 16, 2006

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Belmont St Elite	6	6	0	0	53	14	12
Galaxy	6	5	0	1	41	24	10
Inter Puma	5	3	1	1	26	14	7
Stare Byki FC	5	3	0	2	21	17	6
Chi Town FC	5	1	2	2	18	26	4
Stingers	6	2	0	4	25	42	4
Hellfish	5	1	1	3	25	28	3
Medicare FC	5	1	0	4	17	39	2
United	5	0	0	5	24	46	0

## SPORTSZONE OVER 30 LEAGUE

November 20, 2006

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Reszki	4	4	0	0	37	16	12
SportsZone	4	2	0	2	31	27	6
Hellas SC	4	1	1	2	22	26	4
Stare Byki FC	4	0	1	3	13	34	1