



# BOUNCINGS

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Byki

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Lilies B

A Team - NSL 1st Division  
Odeum - 24 November 2006

## Bright start fades quickly

The Byki launched their indoor season in the NSL in promising fashion last Friday when Russ Haynes crushed a long-range shot to give the Byki the lead over B-H Lilies B after just 15 seconds had elapsed. The Byki kept up the offensive pressure and created several more good chances. But the single tally was not enough to hold back a determined Lilies squad, who snatched a 2:1 win.

Coach George Gorecki was disappointed that his team wilted after halftime. "We played like a team that needs some practice," he noted. "And we really do need more work, but our successful outdoor season has made for a short preparation period for indoor. Still, there's no excuse for our boneheaded approach to this game. Our style is supposed to be to play for possession. Tonight, we went crazy trying to push the ball forward and the results were predictable."

The Byki were flying high before the Odeum crowd had settled into their seats. Gabi Dziekiewicz moved the ball up the right wing and sent the ball into the middle for Haynes. The midfielder saw his opening and wasted no time, drilling a bomb from the red line into the upper 90 as the Lilies

goalkeeper stood and watched helplessly as the ball hurtled past his head.

Moments later, Haynes sent a delightful through pass from Zach Dance, who had sprinted into space. Haynes' ball split the defense and left Dance 1 v 1 with the keeper. Dance had the keeper faked to the turf, but his shot was denied by the post.

With 3:20 gone, Dance was in great position to add to the Byki lead. Goalie Ryan Eliasek chased down a loose ball in the corner and cleared to midfield. The Lilies were pushed too far forward and Dance was off to the races. A diving save by the keeper snuffed out a gilt-edged opportunity.

Later in the first half, a hustling Dan Stanley tracked back to midfield to win possession following a Byki turnover. He accelerated into space and bore down on the goalkeeper, who made a superb diving save to stymie the hungry Byki.

The wheels fell off for the Byki at the end of the first period. As the Lilies prepared to take a free kick in the corner to Eliasek's right, the referee sent Chris Rose to the penalty box for failing to yield the required ten feet. Rose was stunned by the decision. "I don't know what happened," Rose said later. "I couldn't understand what the referee was even saying to me." The Byki staved off the power play, thanks primarily to two fantastic saves from Eliasek.

But the Byki were on the defensive almost immediately after killing the penalty, when the referee sent Haynes to the sin bin for a foul. Some Byki were quick to point the blame at a referee whom they believed was out to get them, but Gorecki wasn't buying into that excuse. "This referee is involved in a lot of bizarre situations," he said. "It's hard to differentiate between bias and incompetence." The same referee had whistled the B Team's 2nd Division final in October and many Byki still have not gotten over the controversial decisions he made in that match.

The Byki defended bravely, but playing shorthanded for nearly four consecutive minutes was too much to ask. With

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Eliasek flying all over his box making saves, the Byki defense failed to mark a Lilies player on the doorstep, who tapped the ball in to even things at 1:1 with 0:52 to go in the half.

The Lilies snatched the lead on a fluke goal with 0:02 remaining. The Byki should have done better to get the ball out of their end. Instead, a Lilies player in the corner sent a soft header across the Byki penalty area to a teammate, whose header bounced over the sprawled Eliasek.

“The penalties clearly had us rattled,” said Gorecki. “And we were playing against a Bosnian team, which means there is always considerable fan support in the arena. It’s a difficult atmosphere, and some of our players are used to playing games in the park, where there are a dozen spectators total.”

Despite the troubles at the end of the half, the Byki were confident that they could work their way back into the match. Their performance after the break, however, fell short of expectations. Rather than make the ball do the work and create openings in the Lilies defense, the Byki relied on a direct approach, which played right into the hands of the Lilies.

The Byki had two power-play opportunities in the game’s final minutes and failed to generate anything more than a few half-chances. It was a stark contrast to the first half, where

an energetic Byki side had the Lilies pinned back in their end and turned their keeper into an acrobat, as he flopped all over the penalty area, stopping Byki shots.

As the match wore on, the Byki energy level seemed to deplete quickly and the aggressive marking that laid the foundation for good scoring chances disappeared. The Lilies looked the fresher side by the end and only some terrific saves from Jorge de la Cruz and a lucky bounce or two prevented the Lilies from adding to their lead.

The road for the Byki only gets more difficult in the bloated 24-team 1st Division. Playing in the Red Section, they are in the tougher grouping of the two Sections. And a quick look ahead at the schedule shows that four of their five Blue Section opponents are among that side’s elite teams. The Byki had better get back on track as quickly as possible.

#### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

**1st:** Haynes 1 (Dziekiewicz); 0:15; 1:1.

**2nd:** None.

**BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1):** Eliasek – Dziekiewicz, Rose – Bouzoukis, Haynes – Dance (c). **Bench:** de la Cruz, Fleming, Gambino, Lane, McGrath, Stanley, Taylor.

Byki

5 : 8

Reszki

Over 40 Team - Sportszone Over 30 League  
Sportszone - 27 November 2006

## Byki fall short in shootout

The Byki Over 40 Team went into last Monday’s game versus Reszki with a bit of apprehension. Reszki had demolished the oldboys 14:1 in their first meeting and are the runaway leaders in the Sportszone’s inaugural Over 30 competition. But the Byki worked hard to play disciplined defense, and were, in large part, successful in protecting their goal. The powerful Reszki side were held to their second-lowest goal output of the season, as the Byki fought to remain competitive throughout their 8:5 defeat.

George Siepiora and Dominic Demarets each contributed a pair of goals to a potent Byki attack, which managed to stay even with Reszki through the middle of the second half. Reszki controlled the possession and ultimately were able to break down the Byki defense to score three decisive goals in the span of 3:56 to break the game open.

Reszki began the game content to play keep-away from a Byki side that were content to have three players back on defense. On several occasions, Reszki had all six players inside their half of the field, playing simple two- and three-touch soccer. Their obvious tactic was to draw the Byki out of their defensive shell and then strike quickly on the counter. The Byki did well to foil that strategy by working

hard to stay goal-side of any players making runs into space. When the easy opportunities failed to materialize, Reszki went back to playing keep-away.

Reszki got on the board first with 4:33 gone in the contest. After patiently working the ball around the horn in the Byki end of the field, they knocked the ball back to an open player outside the red line, who blasted an open shot past the helpless Jorge de la Cruz. The Byki defense backed up too far and allowed an inviting opening.

The Byki replied just 0:48 later when Siepiora stepped into the path of weak Reszki clearance. His first touch put him in alone with the keeper, and Siepiora finished the play with clinical accuracy as he beat the diving keeper at the far post.

Reszki scored twice more midway through the half. They went 2:1 up when they caught the Byki making a line change on defense at the wrong time. They notched their third goal of the night when they took advantage of some lax marking.

The Byki roared back with 9:07 left in the half. Joe Gambino played a quick and simple pass along the boards on the right side to Rich Ahrens, whose deft touch put him past the last Reszki defender. He cut to the inside and beat

the goalie, who had come out aggressively to challenge the shot.

The Byki equalized on the power play with 3:44 to go. The Reszki goalie had slid outside his area to save a shot from Sal Farhan and earned a two-minute penalty for handling the ball. The Byki scored right from the re-start on a brilliantly conceived play. With the ball placed near the back boards just to the keeper's right, Bob Marvin waited for the right moment to put the ball in play. Brian Cooper won't get an assist on this goal, but his well-timed run was just as important as Marvin's pass. Cooper made a swerving run toward Marvin, taking a defender with him. That cleared the entire far side of the goal for Siepiora, who made the run and handily arrived at the far post at the same time as Marvin's pass. The simple tap-in leveled the contest at 3:3 at the break.

Things were looking good for the Byki early in the second half. Demarets applied pressure on a Reszki player trying to clear the ball and stole it away. Demarets wasted no time pounding a shot from the left side past the diving goalie for a 4:3 lead.

Reszki needed less than a minute to equalize, as their star forward dribbled through a defense that was rooted in their spots and shot past de la Cruz from short range. The score

went to 5:4 to Reszki with 11:43 to go when they scored on a free kick from the top of the box. They then upped their advantage to 7:4 with two goals scored on the counter. Byki defensive discipline, which had been strong throughout, slipped a little bit and Reszki picked the right time to pounce.

The Byki were not about to lie down, however. With 3:11 left in the game, Demarets was in perfect position to pick off an errant square pass made by a Reszki player across the middle of his penalty area. The steal left the keeper completely on his own. Demarets feinted him to the turf and slid the ball into the empty net. Reszki ended the scoring with a late tally, catching the Byki pushed forward for another chance at goal.

#### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

**1st:** Siepiora 3; 5:21; 1:1. Ahrens 3 (Gambino); 11:53; 2:3. Siepiora 4 (Marvin); (pp); 17:16; 3:3.

**2nd:** Demarets 6; 1:49; 4:3. Demarets 7; 17:49; 5:7.

**BYKI LINEUP (3-2):** de la Cruz – Gorecki, Siepiora, Cooper – Marvin, Farhan. **Bench:** Ahrens, Bolesta, Demarets, Gambino, Kleine, Mansur, P Sr, Neighbors.

# Byki Stats

## A TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Haynes	1	0	1
Dziekiewicz, G	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
de la Cruz	19	0	0.00
Eliasek	19	2	4.00

Current record: 0-0-1

## OVER 30 TEAM,SCHAUMBURG

Player	G	A	Pts
Ciszewski	12	2	14
Garcia	3	0	3

Jedrzejowski	2	1	3
Parra	1	2	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	7	1	8
Ahrens	3	4	7

Siepiora	4	1	5
Gambino	1	1	2
Marvin	1	1	2

Wiecek	0	2	2
Farhan	1	0	1
Kleine	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
de la Cruz	42	8	8.00
Farhan	98	27	11.57

Current record: 0-1-4

# NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

November 24, 2006

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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	1	1	0	0	5	1	3	West Bosnia SC	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
CKS Warta	1	1	0	0	3	1	3	SC BiH	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
NK Prijedor	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	B-H Lilies	1	1	0	0	4	3	3
RWB Adria B	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	SAC Wisla	1	0	0	1	3	4	0
HNNK Hrvat	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	Outlanders SC	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
FK Kozarac	1	0	0	1	1	5	0	Royal FC	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

## FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Khaboor FC	1	1	0	0	6	0	3	Albanian Stars	1	1	0	0	6	2	3
FK Bosanska Dubica	1	1	0	0	5	0	3	Chicago Thunder A	1	1	0	0	5	2	3
KF Ulqin	1	1	0	0	6	2	3	Honduras SC	1	1	0	0	5	2	3
FK Podrinje	1	1	0	0	4	2	3	Pitbulls	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
FC Romania	1	1	0	0	3	1	3	CKS Warta B	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
B-H Lilies B	1	1	0	0	2	1	3	Lake Shore SC	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Stare Byki FC	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	HNNK Hrvat B	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Oak Park Tricycles	1	0	0	1	2	4	0	West Bosnia B	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
SAC Wisla B	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	Chicago Inter Bulldogs	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
Deportivo Colomex	1	0	0	1	2	6	0	Real Independiente	1	0	0	1	2	5	0
Chicago Thunder B	1	0	0	1	0	5	0	Royal FC B	1	0	0	1	2	5	0
CKS Warta C	1	0	0	1	0	6	0	Lemont FC	1	0	0	1	2	6	0

## OVER 30 DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
SAC Wisla	1	1	0	0	11	1	3
RWB Adria B	1	1	0	0	7	3	3
Outlanders SC	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
HNNK Hrvat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RWB Adria A	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
Hellas SC	1	0	0	1	3	7	0
NK Prijedor	1	0	0	1	1	11	0

## SCHAUMBURG REC LEAGUE

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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 27, 2006

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Reszki	5	5	0	0	45	21	15
SportsZone	5	3	0	2	40	33	9
Hellas SC	5	1	1	3	28	35	4
Stare Byki FC	5	0	1	4	18	42	1