



# BOUNCINGS

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Byki

2 : 6

Podrinje

A Team - NSL 1st Division  
Odeum - 22 December 2006

## Byki get coal in their stockings

The Byki started off the Christmas weekend in disappointing fashion, dropping a 6:2 decision to FK Podrinje. Sloppy play and loads of unforced turnovers placed the Byki on the back foot from the outset. Even though the sides were even at the break, Podrinje were controlling the tempo throughout. Their second-half goal explosion buried the Byki, leaving them to ponder how their game had deteriorated so badly after two impressive performances. The result leaves the Byki at 1-1-4 for the campaign.

Podrinje played with force and aggressiveness and the Byki simply could not cope. The Byki started the same way against HNNK Hrvat B the week before and managed to right the ship by the middle of the first half. Their shoddy approach to ball possession permeated the match for nearly the entire contest and Podrinje gratefully accepted the gifts the Byki were laying out.

Podrinje grabbed the lead after just 2:20. The Byki committed a costly turnover in the back, which led to a series of great scoring chances for Podrinje. The Byki blocked a couple of shots, but their inability to get the ball out of their

zone made it easy for their opponents to capitalize.

Several minutes later, the Byki coughed up possession at their own red line, leading to a 2 v 2 situation. Jorge de la Cruz came up with a magnificent save to deny Podrinje. The Byki netminder was kept busy all night long, a sign that his defense was leaking like a sieve.

The Byki had an opportunity to equalize midway through the first half when they came forward on a 3 v 2 counterattack. Joe Gambino had the ball in the left corner and dropped a pass for Paul Mansur. The midfielder immediately played a diagonal pass for Enda McGrath, who had made a supporting run on the right side. McGrath had an opening when he received the ball, but took too long to pull the trigger and saw his shot blocked.

The tying goal finally came in the last minute before the break. The mercurial Mansur was at it again, making a strong run with the ball. He slid a sneaky pass to David Green, who spotted the goalkeeper sliding in towards him. Green tucked the ball underneath him for his first Byki goal, breathing new life into the team.

The joy was short-lived for the Byki. Podrinje took the lead for good with 3:01 gone in the second half. A terrible attempt at a clearance by a Byki defender left the ball at the feet of an open Podrinje player at the top of the arc. He slammed his shot past the helpless de la Cruz.

The Byki nearly had an instant reply for that score. Green dribbled out of the deep corner and sent a diagonal pass across the penalty area to Russ Haynes, who crushed a shot with everything he had. A tremendous reflex save from the keeper allowed Podrinje to maintain their lead.

They increased that lead to 3:1 a couple of minutes later when the Byki allowed their striker to turn and shoot in the box. The score swelled to 4:1 with 7:45 to go when Podrinje neatly executed a 2-on-2 counter. The game got out of hand 1:39 later when de la Cruz came out of his goal to clear a ball in the corner. His kick was blocked and Podrinje easily

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converted to go 5:1 up.

“Our discipline went right out the window,” said an exasperated George Gorecki. “We played out there like it was a pick-up game or something. We ought to know better that that style of play will never work in a league like the NSL.”

The Byki pulled one back with 3:23 left. Mansur made an incisive pass through the defense to Matt Fleming, who made short work of the chance by dinking the ball past the goalkeeper.

Paying attention to defense was the reason that the team

broke out of their season-opening losing streak. The players have to focus on keeping order in the back and that will be the path to competing at a high level.

#### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

**1st:** Green 1 (Mansur); 18:15; 1:1.

**2nd:** Fleming 3 (Mansur); 15:37; 2:5.

**BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1):** de la Cruz – Rose, Haynes – Bouzoukis, Stanley – Gambino. **Bench:** Dziekiewicz, Fleming, Green, Lane, Mansur, P Jr, McGrath, Moore.

# Byki Stats

## A TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Haynes	6	1	7
Fleming	3	2	5
Mansur, P Jr	0	4	4
Dance	2	1	3
Dziekiewicz, G	1	1	2
Bouzoukis	0	2	2
Green	1	0	1
Mayer	1	0	1
Stanley	1	0	1
Moore	0	1	1
Rose	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Gambino	38	2	2.00
Eliasek	76	8	4.00
de la Cruz	114	13	4.33

Current record: 1-1-4

## OVER 30 TEAM,SCHAUMBURG

Player	G	A	Pts
Ciszewski	14	2	16
Jedrzejewski	3	1	4
Parra	2	2	4
Garcia	3	0	3
Frischmann	2	1	3
Elmkinssi	1	2	3
Hunter	1	2	3
Lane	1	2	3
Geng	1	1	2
Pedlow	1	1	2
Tower	1	1	2
Team goals	1	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Zhang	25	1	2.00
Hardin	50	3	3.00
Eliasek	250	19	3.80
Geng	25	2	4.00

Current record: 5-0-2

## OVER 40 TEAM,SPORTSZONE

Player	G	A	Pts
Demarets	11	1	12
Ahrens	4	4	8
Siepiora	4	1	5
Gambino	3	1	4
Kleine	1	2	3
Marvin	1	1	2
Mansur, Sr	0	2	2
Wiecek	0	2	2
Farhan	1	0	1
Cooper	0	1	1

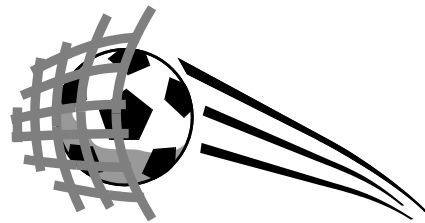
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Mansur, Sr	7	0	0.00
de la Cruz	114	16	5.89
Neighbors	117	22	7.90
Farhan	98	27	11.57

Final record: 0-1-7



# BYKI

# bits & pieces



**The year 2006 gave the Byki** many reasons to celebrate. The club's B Team finished in first place in the Blue Section in the 2nd Division, which means that the B Team will join their A Team brethren in the 1st Division for 2007. What's more, the sides will both play in the Blue Section and that means that there will be two A versus B derby matches next season.



**The Byki celebrate their 2006 awards.**

It was the first time that the B Team have had a taste of post-season football since the team's inception in 1999. That 1999 squad won 10 games, but wound up in third place in the Red Section. That year was the only year prior to 2006 that the B Team had compiled a winning record.

The B Team culminated their fantastic season with a run to the 2nd Division final, where they lost a bitterly fought 2:1 decision to Lemont FC in the final minute of extra time. Although it would have been nice to add Overall Champion hardware to the Byki trophy case, the really big prize was earning promotion.

Thus, celebration was the theme for the Byki at the NSL's Annual Banquet, which was held on November 10. The club occupied three



**Russ is all smiles as he brings home the Sectional Championship trophy.**

tables at the banquet hall, as players and coaches eagerly awaited the trophy presentations.

And the Byki made plenty of trips to the podium to pick up trophies. The B Team received awards for winning the Sectional Championship and finishing in second place overall. The team also scored the coveted Team of the Year award, which is presented by the NSL's Executive Board.



**Joe receives his Coach of the Year award.**

"Team of the Year is one of the most satisfying awards," said Byki Prez **George Gorecki**. "The Overall Champion doesn't always get Team of the Year. The NSL's Board watches the best teams competing and the award is their personal recognition of a team's high level of achievement." The B Team shared the 2006 award with Lemont FC. Previously, the A Team won the award in 1998, which was the season in which they won promotion to the 1st Division.

The Byki also captured several individ-



**Doug accepts the B Team's trophy as 2nd Division runners up.**



**Matt lets Russ know that he's Number 1.**



**Captain Conor is the man of the hour. Conor and Lemont FC's manager are presented with a shared Team of the Year plaque.**

ual prizes. Goalkeeper **Ryan Eliasek** snagged Goalkeeper of the Year for posting the lowest goals-against average in the 2nd Division. **Joe Gambino** was named Coach of the Year in the 2nd Division. It was unfortunate that the NSL doesn't recognize co-coaches for this award, as both Joe

and **Russ Haynes** were instrumental in their team's success in 2006. The League also recognized the coaching prowess present in the Byki, as George won Coach of the Year in the 1st Division, following the A Team's second consecutive appearance in the outdoor playoffs.

"Coach of the Year awards usually come around on the occasion when your team is playing well," George noted. "In the case of the A Team, the players played their hearts out every week, so coaching them was no great achievement by me. But to have two coaches from the same club



**George gratefully accepts his first-ever Coach of the Year award.**

win the award in different Divisions says a lot about the club's talent level and depth. Our two Senior teams played 36 matches combined in 2006 and lost just six times. That's an impressive run, so it's no wonder that a



**George and Joe show off their Coach of the Year plaques.**

bunch of awards came our way."

Now that the celebrations of 2006 have subsided, the club have a lot of hard work to look forward to in the coming spring. Keeping two competitive teams in the 1st Division will be a daunting task. The club's Board of Di-

rectors and coaches have already been in extensive discussions for next season's plans.

In addition to the pictures on this page, Andy Lane captured Russ at his finest on video. Be sure to visit these YouTube links:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UfJuAHJRSTs>  
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**Conor and Enda hold trophies won by the B Team.**



**It's been a rough night for The Gaffer.**



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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	6	4	1	1	18	13	13	SC BiH	6	5	0	1	20	10	15
FK Kozarac	6	4	1	1	22	18	13	West Bosnia SC	6	4	1	1	20	10	13
NK Prijedor	6	3	1	2	20	17	10	B-H Lilies	6	2	1	3	18	18	7
CKS Warta	6	2	1	3	15	19	7	Outlanders SC	6	2	1	3	14	17	7
HNNK Hrvat	6	2	1	3	11	12	7	Royal FC	6	2	0	4	9	22	6
RWB Adria B	6	0	1	5	10	18	1	SAC Wisla	6	1	1	4	15	18	4

## FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Romania	6	6	0	0	36	12	18	Albanian Stars	6	6	0	0	37	18	18
KF Ulqin	6	5	0	1	28	10	15	Honduras SC	6	6	0	0	28	9	18
Khaboor FC	6	4	1	1	25	10	13	West Bosnia B	6	4	2	0	16	7	14
Deportivo Colomex	6	4	0	2	17	17	12	Chicago Thunder A	6	3	2	1	22	11	11
SAC Wisla B	6	3	1	2	12	14	10	Real Independiente	6	3	1	2	12	10	10
FK Bosanska Dubica	6	3	0	3	20	14	9	Lemont FC	6	3	1	2	23	19	10
FK Podrinje	6	3	0	3	22	17	9	Pitbulls	6	3	0	3	14	14	9
B-H Lilies B	6	2	1	3	17	22	7	Lake Shore SC	6	1	1	4	8	16	4
Oak Park Tricycles	6	1	2	3	13	19	5	HNNK Hrvat B	6	1	1	4	13	24	4
Stare Byki FC	6	1	1	4	15	22	4	Royal FC B	6	1	0	5	16	36	3
CKS Warta C	6	1	0	5	7	29	3	CKS Warta B	6	0	1	5	14	28	1
Chicago Thunder B	6	0	1	5	6	30	1	Chicago Inter Bulldogs	6	0	0	6	12	25	0

## OVER 30 DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Outlanders SC	5	4	1	0	33	12	13
RWB Adria B	5	3	2	0	24	16	11
NK Prijedor	5	3	0	2	22	29	9
HNNK Hrvat	5	2	1	2	23	16	7
SAC Wisla	6	2	0	4	27	25	6
RWB Adria A	5	1	2	2	13	18	5
Hellas SC	5	0	0	5	11	37	0