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OVER 40

Eagles 5 : 3 Byki

Champions O-40 League - Champions Soccer Arena - 27 Jan 2012

Eagles squeeze past Byki

After weeks of enduring what seemed like endless poundings at the hands of superior opponents, the Over 40 Team got their act together in a big way last Friday versus AAC Eagles. The Eagles won the game 5:3, but many Byki left the field with a bitter taste in their mouths, feeling victimized by the referee, who called a late penalty kick for the Eagles with the score tied at 3:3. The Byki remain winless in the Champions Over 40 League, but can feel satisfied with a job well done.

The Eagles had pounded the Byki by heavy margins in two previous meetings. One aspect of the turnabout for the Byki was the late addition of Kuba Banbor to the lineup. Suspended by the NSL for a red card the previous week, Banbor agreed to help out the Over 40s. His stabilizing presence allowed the Byki to control better than they have all season. "It was a very good effort from the team," said Steven Pedlow. "We actually had around 50% of the possession and possibly more chances."

The Eagles drew first blood and the Byki responded in the 15th minute. Eric Muehlbauer sent a pass to Pete Klem, who beat the goalie on the right side with a low shot from the edge of the box.

The rest of the first half played out evenly, but the Eagles scored with five minutes left. The ball was spinning in the Byki penalty area between two Byki players, neither of whom was decisive enough to clear the ball away. An Eagles player stepped in and passed back outside the box on the left side. The shot beat Jerzy Barnas at his near post.

The Eagles went ahead 3:1 early in the second half and the Byki got to work to try to get back into the game. "We rallied magnificently," noted Pedlow. "We found open players the whole game and for the first time all season, had a passing game to be proud of." The Byki pulled to within 3:2 with a quarter of an hour to go. They capped off an impressive series of passes with Banbor finding Mariusz Gorski at the corner of the box to the right of goal. His shot went past his defender

and snaked between the goalkeeper's legs.

Things got more interesting with eight minutes left. Robert Dec, who had been earlier denied by the post and the crossbar, made sure that the third time was the charm. He won possession and fired a shot into the upper corner to square things at 3:3.

The Byki looked like they could go on to win, as their passing game continued to find space. Disaster struck, however, with five minutes to go when an Eagles player theatrically dove over Banbor's leg after having kicked Banbor. The referee took the bait and pointed to the spot. Barnas heroically saved the penalty kick, but was unable to corral the rebound. The ball hit off of the shin of the Eagles player who took the penalty and rolled over the line.

The Byki were incensed three minutes later when Muehlbauer was taken down in the area and no foul was given. The Eagles completed the scoring moments later, converting a breakaway situation after the Byki had pushed everyone forward in search of a second equalizer.

Kuba Banbor, Eric Muehlbauer and Steven Pedlow contributed to this story.



Pete Klem (white shirt, center) and Dino Lowczyk (right) mark the Eagles tightly.

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RED

Byki 2 : 5 Gremio B

NSL 1st Division - The Odeum - 27 January 2012

Lack of discipline sinks Byki

The Red Team took a newspaper on the nose last Friday following their shocking 5:2 defeat to Gremio FC's B Team. The Byki were 2:1 up at halftime, but couldn't handle Gremio's powerful counterattack. Turnovers, bad passes and a lack of speed were the factors that killed the Byki. Amazingly, the Byki still retain second place in the 1st Division's Red Section, tied on points with Stal Mielec. The Byki currently own the tiebreaker over Mielec. Gremio's recent surge of 10 points in their last four matches places them just one point behind the Byki and Mielec.

The Byki talked about how to neutralize Gremio's counterattack before the game. "Gremio's offense consists of getting the ball upfield as fast possible when they gain possession," said coach George Gorecki. "Our goal was to pressure them as soon as we lost the ball and choke off the quick outlet." A plan that sounded good on paper fell apart in the second half, as Gremio capitalized on Byki giveaways and flat-out beat them for speed.

The early momentum belonged to the Byki. Paul Mansur made a bid for the opening goal at the 2:51 mark and was denied by a timely block from the goalie. Mansur kept after the ball, however, and dug it out of a crowd in the corner. He found Maciek Kekus unmarked in the Gremio goal area and Kekus smashed the ball home with a first-time shot.

Gremio equalized 1:31 later when the Byki failed to sort out their marking on a free kick in the corner to the left of goalkeeper Amit Khankari.

With 4:58 left in the half, the Byki worked an attractive sequence of passes wing to wing. Chris Koenig started the play on the right and slid the ball to Jordan Stopka. Seeing Lazaro Uriza making the run on the left, Stopka timed the pass perfectly and Uriza's big blast was blocked by the goalie.

The Byki regained the lead with 2:17 left. Kekus passed the ball to Todd Trowbridge in the left corner. Trowbridge gave it right back to Kekus, who faked his man, and then watched his deflected shot float over the prone goalkeeper for his fourth strike of the season.

The Byki had a chance for breathing room in the first couple of minutes in the second half when Stopka nearly squeezed a shot through the goalie's legs. That was the last sniff of the Gremio goal that the Byki would get. The final 11 minutes of the match were essentially one-way traffic headed towards Khankari, whose night got busy in a big hurry.

Three of Gremio's four goals came on the counterattack and the Byki appeared powerless to stop them. The easy giveaways only fed the beast and it wasn't long before the Byki were totally overrun. Throw in two poor penalties for

a lack of discipline and all of the ingredients for disaster were right there, just waiting to be mixed together.

BLUE

LG Celtics 7 : 4 Byki

Miro Indoor Soccer League - The Max - 31 January 2012

Giveaways keep piling up

Sloppy play and poor defending have defined the Blue Team at the halfway point in the Miro Soccer League, and last Tuesday's defeat to LG Celtics was another example of this incredibly mindless brand of soccer. Six of the seven Celtics' goals were the result of the Byki giving the ball away in their defensive end, or failing to control the Celtics' counterattack. The Celtics scored four times in the final 5:54 to chalk up an easy victory.

The Celtics needed less than four minutes to break into the lead. Matt Fleming got caught in a basketball-style pick play on a corner kick and the open player fired into the low corner past Amit Khankari.

The Byki leveled things at the 10:28 mark. Maciek Kekus pressured a Celtics defender into a turnover and coolly slotted past the diving keeper.

The score went 2:1 to the Byki less than a minute later. The Byki came fast on the break and the rapid ball movement was the key element. Ohad Garnon started the play when he stole the ball at midfield and dished off to Fleming. The midfielder sent the ball to the right for newcomer Alen Mehagic, who overcame a Celtic challenge and got the ball back to Fleming, who executed the straightforward tap-in.

As has been their habit all season, the Byki simply could not stand being in the lead. So, a foolish turnover in front of their goal just 31 seconds after going in front led to the Celtics making it 2:2. The Celtics regained the lead halfway through the game when they came 3 v 2 on the counter.

The Byki had an almost immediate response to that goal. Kekus sent a kick-in from the left wing towards the far post, where Fleming had made an unobstructed run. Fleming handily side-footed the ball home to bring the Byki even again at 3:3.

The score went to 4:3 for the Byki with 8:53 to go. Garnon sent a pass from the left side to Sam Onaissi in the middle. Onaissi kept the ball moving to the right side of the box, where young Mehagic beat the diving keeper.

The lead never looked like a sure thing for the Byki and the Celtics took advantage of the carelessness and laziness of their opponents. The Celtics scored twice in the span of 0:36 to retake the lead and there was no comeback in store for the Byki. Two more goals in the final 3:13 wrapped up the three points.

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

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MAJOR DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FK Kozarac	10	6	3	1	40	20	21	RWB Adria A	10	10	0	0	70	16	30
B-H Lilies Royal	10	5	2	3	39	36	17	Albanian Stars	10	9	0	1	64	17	27
SAC Wisla	10	5	1	4	46	38	16	Hellenic United Blue	10	5	1	4	33	26	16
Tricycles SC A	10	3	3	4	25	32	12	FK Republika Srpska A	10	4	2	4	40	49	14
B-H Lilies	10	1	2	7	37	69	5	CKS Warta A	10	4	0	6	30	37	12
KF Tirana	10	0	2	8	26	52	2	Chicago Pride	10	0	0	10	18	76	0

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Assyrian FC	10	9	1	0	44	19	28	Hellenic United White	10	8	1	1	51	13	25
Stare Byki FC	10	4	3	3	27	27	15	Zaglebie SC	10	7	0	3	43	18	21
Stal Mielec	10	5	0	5	45	31	15	RWB Adria B	10	5	3	2	43	23	18
Gremio FC B	10	4	2	4	39	37	14	West Bosnia SC	10	3	1	6	20	52	10
CKS Warta B	10	2	0	8	19	40	6	Winged Bull A	10	3	1	6	24	38	10
Shlama FC	10	0	4	6	20	45	4	FK Republika Srpska B	10	1	2	7	13	45	5

SECOND DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Chicago Inter Yellow	10	7	2	1	48	29	23	NK Prijedor	10	9	1	0	43	14	28
Gremio FC A	10	7	1	2	41	18	22	FC Kosova	10	5	3	2	46	34	18
HNK Primorac	10	6	1	3	48	30	19	Tricycles SC B	10	4	3	3	34	28	15
Naperville Strikers	10	6	0	4	38	22	18	Chicago Dynasty FC	10	3	2	5	25	29	11
Chicago Inter Blue	10	1	3	6	26	50	6	Pitbulls SC	10	3	0	7	27	43	9
Winged Bull B	10	0	0	10	18	60	0	Chicago Inter White	10	0	2	8	20	57	2

CHAMPIONS OVER 40 LEAGUE

January 27, 2012

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Champions FC	6	6	0	0	54	18	18
SAC Wisla	6	5	0	1	59	13	15
AAC Eagles	6	4	0	2	50	27	12
Torino FC	3	1	0	2	9	23	3
Tamayo	3	0	0	3	0	18	0
Stare Byki FC	7	0	0	7	19	84	0

MIRO INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE

January 31, 2012

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
TFS	4	4	0	0	30	15	12
United Serbs	4	3	0	1	31	17	9
Tatry FC	4	2	1	1	20	15	7
LG Celtic Dads	4	2	0	2	19	24	6
Odrowaz	4	2	0	2	26	19	6
Chicago Celtic	4	1	1	2	16	24	4
Stare Byki FC	4	1	0	3	17	29	3
Fire FC	4	0	0	4	17	33	0