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Warta 1 : 1 Byki

NSL Major Division - Redmond Sports Complex - 1 May 2011

Late free kick saves Byki

Sunday's opening match for the Red Team was partly getting the band back together and partly welcoming new players into the squad. That mixture of new and old resulted in a mixture of fortunes on the field, as the Byki shared the spoils with Warta at Redmond Sports Complex in Bensenville.

Coach Joe Gambino was back in the saddle as chief of the Red Team and he had to be encouraged with the result, given that many of the players were shaking hands and meeting each other for the first time only 30 minutes before kickoff. For the most part, the Byki created some good scoring chances and were left frustrated by one controversial referee decision and several good saves from Warta's diminutive goalkeeper.

The Byki thought they had gone ahead just moments after kickoff, but the goal was wiped out thanks to an offside call. Moments later, Todd Trowbridge latched onto a weak Warta clearance and volleyed wide from 20 yards.

In the 20th minute, Francisc Boghicev dribbled free on the left side of the area and his shot was denied by the keeper's sprawling save.

Things heated up at the end of the half. In the 37th minute, Brett Suhayda overlapped down the right wing and fired a low cross into the middle for Ammin Mehreioskouei, who then sent the ball along for Boghicev at the far post. The keeper showed extraordinary agility to block Boghicev's shot.

Four minutes before the break, Martin Herholdt threaded an inch-perfect pass from the halfway line for Mehreioskouei, who ran in alone behind the Warta defense. The keeper stopped Mehreioskouei's shot and then went one better when he stuffed the rebound.

Just when the Byki thought that the momentum was on their side, Warta drew first blood at the 50-minute mark.

Slack marking allowed a Warta striker time and space inside the box and he turned and fired past Marty Lupou.

The Byki continued to win the possession battle, but things were not falling their way in the final third of the field. A breakthrough appeared imminent in the 72nd minute when a Warta player handled the ball in his own penalty area. The Byki screamed for a foul, but were rebuffed by a referee whose loose interpretation of the Laws of the Game appeared to allow a player whose arms are up close to his chest to play the ball with his arm.

The Byki kept pressing and eventually got their reward. In the 77th minute, Mehreioskouei crossed the ball in towards the near post from the right side, where striker Blake Taubman was lurking. Taubman looked set to score in his Byki debut, but the keeper had one more trick up his sleeve and somehow made a tremendous save.

Taubman would only have to wait two more minutes to open his account. He blasted a free kick from 30 yards and was helped by a slight deflection to leave the goalie wrong-footed.

Warta made thing nervous in stoppage time, when a player curled a free kick over the defensive wall. Lupou, however, lunged full-stretch to knock the ball to safety.

The opening performance for the 2011 Byki was a nice start, as many good things were cooking at various points in the contest. As the team gain their cohesion, Gambino will expect more than draws at the final whistle.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Marty Lupou – Black, Stevens, Herholdt, Suhayda – Gibbs, Stamatinos Dziekiewicz, Trowbridge (c) – Taubman, Boghicev.
Bench: Barsotti, Green, Mike Lupou, Mehreioskouei.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY
1:1 – Taubman 1; 79th.

Byki Man of the Match: Kvar Black



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OVER 40

Hellenic Utd 1 : 1 Byki

PSLC Over 40 Division - Woodland Meadow - 1 May 2011

Byki hang on for draw

The Over 40 Team used their skill, guile and a little bit of luck in their 2011 opener last Sunday versus Hellenic United AC at Woodland Meadow. The sides battled to a 1:1 draw and either team could have taken home all three points. Hellenic had the better of the possession battle, especially in the second half, during which the Byki played with 10 men for the final 13 minutes.

The Over 40 Division of the PSLC continues to grow and the League made a decision at the start of the 2010 season to split the Division into tiers. Using last year's final standings, the top ten teams comprise the 2011 Green Division, and nine teams are in the Blue Division. The two Divisions are connected by a promotion-relegation structure, so the Byki, who are in the Green Division, are on notice that every result is crucial if they want to compete in the top flight.

There were plenty of signs that this group will find success this season. Quick ball movement and changes in the direction of the attack were in scarce evidence in many games last season. By contrast, the first half of Sunday's match had many examples of smart soccer in the middle third of the field. Seeing that the team had not yet rounded into top form, better things can be expected in the coming weeks.

The Byki took the lead on a freakish play in the 10th minute of the match. Midfielder Robert Dec got control of the ball near the touchline on the left side about 30 yards from the goal line. He hoofed the ball towards the goal and a goal kick appeared to be the likely outcome. The gusty wind, however, played tricks with the ball, and it swerved to the back post. The goalkeeper was twisted around as he tried to get a bead on the floating ball, but all he wound up doing was deflecting it into the net for a 1:0 Byki lead. The exuberant Dec celebrated with a handspring.

Much of the credit for the point earned by the Byki will go to netminder James Vlahakis, who made several crucial saves. None was bigger than the one in the 25th minute, when he stoned an unmarked Hellenic player shooting from seven yards away.

Hellenic drew level in the 37th minute. They sent the ball into the area to an open player, who seized his opportunity without hesitation. He turned and fired past the diving Vlahakis.

The Byki did a good job of maintaining possession. The central pairing of Eric Tower and Mike Cruickshank made

things happen, and it's probably not a coincidence that their success comes from their entering the season with healthy legs. New striker John Marcoux proved to be a handful for the Hellenic defense. His solid runs into space and incisive passes made him a dangerous target player.

Hellenic had the better chances after the break. Steven Pedlow and Dean Fukar were in good shooting position on two occasions in the second frame, but the Byki attacking cupboard was barren outside of that. Fatigue likely played a role in the team's inability to string passes together with the same level of success seen previously.

Hellenic had one breakaway chance called back for offside and another was cleared off the line by Jing Geng after George Gorecki lost his mark on a Hellenic striker and Vlahakis could only steer him into a wide shooting position.

The Byki played the endgame with 10 men after Marcoux had been sent off for his second bookable offense in the 77th minute. After a phantom trip sent a Hellenic player tumbling, his teammates were eager to remind the referee that Marcoux had already gone into the book. The Byki showed good discipline in the final minutes and ensured that they would bring back something from the opening match.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Vlahakis – Towsey, Safford, Weslar, Geng – Tower, Dec, Pedlow, Cruickshank – Marcoux, Fukar. **Bench:** Gorecki (c), Gorski, Huck, Jacobs, Muehlbauer, Silverstein, Zygmunt.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

0:1 – Dec 1; 10th.

Byki Man of the Match: Jing Geng

Byki Stats

RED TEAM, NSL MAJOR DIVISION O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts
Taubman	1	0	1	Dec	1	0	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Lupou, Marty	90	1	1.00	Vlahakis	90	1	1.00

Current record: 0-1-0

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