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**2014 PSLC
Over 40
CHAMPIONS**

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| Naperville | 0 | Premier Soccer League Over 40 Blue Division |
| Byki O-40 | 2 | Oak Brook Sports Core 3 May 2015 |

Byki keep on rolling

It took a while for the Byki to break down the Naperville Strikers last Sunday, but the better team won the game in the end. Goals from Diego Penafiel and Steven Pedlow were enough to propel the Byki to a 2:0 victory at Oak Brook. The Byki are on top of the Over 40 B1 Division after two matches. They extended their unbeaten streak to 15 matches, dating back to last season. It's the longest unbeaten streak of any Byki team in club history. The Over 40 Team have lost just once in their last 20 matches.

The Strikers showed up with a full roster of 18 players and made it a point to use every one of them. It seemed as though they were asking the referee for an opportunity to bring in a substitute at every stoppage. This tactic allowed them to play their usual, direct, frenzied pace, and also had the effect of disrupting the flow of the game for the Byki.

The Strikers kept high pressure on the Byki and this forced the Byki out of their comfort zone. They played for more speculative long balls into space than normal. A possession style of soccer requires players off the ball to move into the open, and the Byki adopted a stance that was far too static. With so many passes being played without a purpose, the match lacked any flow or continuity.

Unfortunately for the Strikers, their high pressure did not benefit their attack, as their most skilled players were in the backline. The Naperville midfielders spent a lot of time lumping the ball forward, so the Byki gave up precious little on defense, conceding nothing more than a couple of corner kicks.

The only genuine opportunity for the Strikers came early in the contest. Fullback Dave Safford fouled a Strikers player in the box and the referee awarded a penalty. Goalie James Vlahakis snuffed out Naperville's optimism, however, when he dove to his left to push the spot kick away from the goal.

The Byki finally settled their game in the second half, while the Strikers continued their failed strategy of hit and hope. The Byki became increasingly dangerous in the Naperville defensive third, but the Strikers were holding their

own, managing to get in the way whenever the Byki delivered the final pass.

The breakthrough came in the 70th minute. The Byki broke up a Naperville attack in midfield and Pedlow controlled the ball in the center circle. He played the ball to Penafiel on the left wing and took off towards goal. Penafiel waited for the right moment to return the ball to Pedlow, who dribbled to the corner of the penalty area and wasted no time firing away. The goalkeeper blocked the shot, but left a rebound, and the resourceful Penafiel was in the right spot to slide the ball home for a 1:0 lead.

That goal was probably enough to secure the three points, but a quick counterattack with 10 minutes left put the result beyond any doubt. Safford intercepted a pass and saw Pedlow making a run down the left wing. Safford's pass was superb, giving Pedlow a clear run at goal. The Naperville central defender did not come out to close down the rampaging Pedlow, so the Byki striker blasted a shot into the far upper corner of the net, leaving the keeper no chance.

Steven Pedlow, Eric Tower and Doug Towsey contributed to this report.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Vlahakis – Towsey, Cohen, Fink, Safford – Lane, Tower – Penafiel, G. Rodriguez, Ekundayo – Pedlow (c). **Bench:** Arcos, Elmkinssi, Fukar, Thompson, Zarate.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Penafiel 2; 70th.
2:0 – Pedlow 1 (Safford); 80th.

Byki Man of the Match: James Vlahakis

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| Rangers | 2 | Premier Soccer League Over 30 White Division |
| Byki 0-30 | 2 | |
| | | Burden Field 3 May 2015 |

Byki salvage a point at the death

The first defeat of the outdoor season seemed imminent for the Over 30 Team last Sunday as they tried to claw their way back from a 2:1 deficit versus Chicago Rangers FC. A late penalty kick, however, changed things completely, and the Byki scratched out a vital point. The Byki have four points from their first two matches.

The match was a further opportunity for new teammates to get acclimated with one another and with the level of play in the PSLC. Down the road, when the Byki resemble a well-oiled machine, a game like this becomes a certain three points.

The Byki controlled the game for a good portion of the first 45 minutes. The quality of play was very good, with quick, short passing mixed with some through balls for striker Sergio Benavides and the wingers. This resulted in a sizeable number of chances for the Byki. Winger Roman Kramarz in particular, sent in several dangerous crosses that tested the Rangers' defense.

The Byki backline also had to be on their toes because fullback Sean Marquez was called upon to stand in the net as the emergency goalkeeper. Marquez acquitted himself admirably, making a few critical saves, and coming up with some big punches on balls sent into the middle. Marquez was tested in only the 10th minute when the Rangers were awarded a penalty kick after Kristian Buur's lunge was adjudged to have been a foul. A well-placed spot kick, with the precision that would have beaten any keeper, gave the Rangers the early advantage.

The Byki needed just 10 minutes to respond. Maciek Kekus beat a Rangers defender to the ball deep on the left side of the penalty area and played it across on the ground towards the back post for Benavides. Making a run straight down the middle, Benavides finished easily into a mostly empty net to bring the Byki level at 1:1.

In the last 15-20 minutes of the half, the Byki were less organized and appeared a bit tired. The Rangers pressed and controlled the momentum, pushing several players down the center and creating a few scoring chances. Marquez stood strong in goal, snuffing out any dangerous situations. The Byki came out a bit flat after the break, and inside of 10 minutes, were down 2:1, thanks to a brief, but critical defensive breakdown. The Rangers played the ball down the right side of the field and sent a floating cross into the box. A Rangers striker ran onto the floating ball, which landed perfectly between Matt Fleming, Chris Hurley, and Buur. The striker's heavy first touch, which looked like an attempt to trap the ball, scooted past Marquez, settling about a foot past the goal line.

The Byki continued to seek out a second equalizer and

time eventually became the enemy. The Byki shifted their system to a 3-5-2 and put more pressure on the Rangers. In the last 20 minutes, the Byki had several good chances to tie the match, the best of which was a perfect long ball for Benavides. His well-struck shot from about 15 yards just missed the bar.

Despite earning several free kicks and corners, the Byki were unable to capitalize. With under a minute to go in the game, Benavides ran onto another well placed ball just beyond Rangers defense. He beat the keeper with a move to his right but the netminder wiped him out with a savage tackle. A send-off for that sort of foul would not have been harsh, but the referee suffered from leniency and only showed the goalkeeper a yellow card. Kekus stepped up to knock the penalty home to make it 2:2 and ensured a split of the points.

Chris Hurley contributed to this report.

BYKI LINEUP (4-5-1): Marquez – Fleming, Buur, Hurley, Jdrzejowski – Guzman, Jaramillo, Banbor, Kramarz, Kekus (c) – Benavides. **Bench:** Buzi, Chudyba, King, Mataj, Pinkham.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – Benavides 1 (Kekus); 20th.

2:2 – Kekus 2 (pk); 90th.

Byki Man of the Match: Sean Marquez.

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| Das Magic | 4 | National Soccer League 1st Division |
| Stare Byki | 1 | |
| | | Marist HS 3 May 2015 |

Byki lacking in magic dust

The opening of the outdoor season harkened the promise of a talented Byki team competing in the tough environment of the NSL's 1st Division. The talent is certainly there, but the execution still needs considerable work. The 4:1 defeat to Das Magic last Sunday clearly demonstrated that this Byki squad is far from the finished product.

The final score belies the ebb and flow of a close contest. Das Magic stuffed home two goals in the final four minutes to break things open when the Byki were pushing hard for an equalizer. The Byki misfired on several occasions, while the workmanlike Magic side displayed a much higher level of efficiency.

The Byki expected to be able to put their ball-possession approach into action on the expansive field at Marist HS. But the thick grass proved to be a considerable obstacle that the Byki were unable to solve. Attempts at playing a long-ball style proved fruitless. The Byki attack sputtered frequently and it was difficult to establish a solid rhythm.

Two excellent opportunities in the early minutes could have set the tone had the Byki converted them. In the 10th minute, center back Martin Herholdt cleared the ball upfield and striker Nanmin Kone sprinted into the open space behind

the last Magic defender. Kone had only the keeper to beat, but a massive save denied Kone. Moments later, Kone fired from close range and his shot went right at the goalie.

Das Magic nearly replied a minute later, when a long clearance found a Magic winger running past Herholdt and Juan Rodriguez. Goalkeeper Ben Beard came up big, kicking the ball clear.

The Byki pushed into the lead on 20 minutes. Alexander Keto crossed the ball into the mixer for Kone, who nodded the ball over the goalie. He tried desperately to prevent the ball from crossing the line, but his off-balance attempt to palm the ball away sent it into the back of the net.

Eleven minutes later, Victor Salazar sent a pass into space on the left side of the Magic penalty area and Mclain Roth fired immediately. The keeper was well positioned to make the grab.

The home side leveled the affair in the 37th minute. They sent a booming free kick from midfield towards Beard's left goalpost. A Magic player got his head to it and Beard tipped the ball off the post. The ball deflected into the middle, where an unmarked Magic player headed it into the empty net.

Das Magic saw that bypassing the midfield was a superior strategy to keeping the ball on the ground. Their tactics were highly effective, catching the Byki back four positioned too far forward. Beard bailed out his defenders on numerous occasions and the Byki should have felt lucky to not have

gotten buried by counterattacks. Beard faced three such situations in the first seven minutes of the second half and needed Keto to clear the ball off the line after he was on the ground following a blocked shot.

Salazar nearly put the Byki ahead in the 53rd minute when he collected Roth's cross and drilled a shot on frame. The keeper blocked it and mad scramble ensued before Das Magic cleared the ball away.

Das Magic grabbed the lead at 2:1 in the 56th minute when a Byki turnover in their end had disastrous consequences. A big shot from the left side found the far post.

The Byki kept creating scoring chances, yet failed to get the ball on target. Keto's shot from the right wing and Kone's header were good opportunities during the second half.

With the Byki pushing more players forward, the defense became more stretched at the back. Das Magic took advantage with ruthless finishing, rapidly transforming their 2:1 lead into 4:1.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Beard – Gronke, J. Rodriguez, Herholdt, Zachariah – Stamatinos (c), Salazar – Keto, DeRama, Roth – Kone.
Bench: Champagne, Ciszewski.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

0:1 – Kone 1 (Keto); 20th.

Byki Man of the Match: Ben Beard

Byki Stats

FIRST TEAM, NSL 1ST DIVISION

| Player | G | A | Pts |
|--------|---|---|-----|
| Kone | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Keto | 0 | 1 | 1 |

| Goalie | Min | GA | GAA |
|--------|-----|----|------|
| Beard | 90 | 4 | 4.00 |

Current record: 0-0-1

O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION

| Player | G | A | Pts |
|-----------|---|---|-----|
| Boeckeler | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Kekus | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Benavides | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Gibbs | 0 | 1 | 1 |

| Goalie | Min | GA | GAA |
|---------|-----|----|------|
| Najera | 65 | 1 | 1.38 |
| Marquez | 115 | 2 | 1.57 |

Current record: 1-1-0

O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION

| Player | G | A | Pts |
|--------------|---|---|-----|
| Penafiel | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Karafili | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Pedlow | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Posada | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Tower | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Huck | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Rodriguez, G | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Safford | 0 | 1 | 1 |

| Goalie | Min | GA | GAA |
|----------|-----|----|------|
| Vlahakis | 180 | 1 | 0.50 |

Current record: 1-0-0



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NSL FIRST DIVISION**May 3, 2015****www.nslchicago.org**

| Red Section | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
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| Das Magic | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| FC Kosova | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| Chicago Dynasty FC | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Stare Byki FC | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| West Indies Jets | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Olympiacos Chicago | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Blue Section | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
| Gremio FC | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Assyrian FC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FC Guadalajra | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lancer SC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FC Macedonia | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |

PSLC OVER 30 WHITE DIVISION**May 3, 2015****www.pslchicagoland.com**

| | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
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| FC DePaul | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 6 |
| St Charles Celtics | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| Stare Byki FC | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| Levski Chicago 2014 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 5 | 3 |
| Real FC | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 3 |
| Chicago Rangers FC | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| AEK SKOMOR FC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Olympiacos Chicago | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0 |
| Shogun | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 0 |

PSLC OVER 40 B1/B2 DIVISION**May 3, 2015****www.pslchicagoland.com**

| B1 DIVISION | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|---------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Stare Byki FC | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 6 |
| International SC | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 4 |
| Pampas OT | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 3 |
| Windy City United | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 1 |
| MOFG | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Naperville Strikers FC | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| B2 DIVISION | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
| St Charles Celtics Green | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| Chicago FC | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| Itasca | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 3 |
| MANA SC | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| Real FC | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| St Charles Celtics Orange | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 0 |