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OVER 40

Villains 1 : 2 Byki

PSLC Over 40 Blue Division - Windemere Park - 6 May 2012

Late rally leads to victory

In a match where the Byki Over 40s dominated possession, a 1:0 deficit was staring them in the face with 20 minutes left in their match with Villains FC last Sunday. That's when Ben Zygmunt and Steven Pedlow went to work, bagging a pair of goals five minutes apart to propel the Byki to a 2:1 win. The Byki are 2-0-1 for the season, good for third place in the table.

The middle part of the field belonged to the Byki, thanks to superior talent and an improved work ethic. By limiting the Villains to odd counterattack, the Byki showed that they don't need a ton of firepower to bring home the points.

Striker Mitch Posada had several chances on the doorstep in the first half and failed to convert. With slightly better finishing at that point, the Byki could have stepped into the driver's seat right at the outset. "We absolutely dominated midfield, but as usual, had a hard time converting our openings into goals," said player-coach Eric Tower afterwards.

Despite that dominance, a defensive slip-up allowed the Villains to break into the lead after 30 minutes. The Byki botched the offside trap, leading to a Villains breakaway. Goalkeeper James Vlahakis had no miracle up his sleeve this time and the Byki had to get to work. The goal was the first shot of the game for the Villains, who spent most of the first half hoofing the ball downfield, giving the ball right back to the Byki.

The Byki started the second half right where they left off in the first half. They appeared poised to get a deserved equalizer in the 55th minute when Posada was brought down in the box, leading to a Byki penalty kick. Ade Ekundayo stepped up to take the kick and shot to his right, precisely the direction where the keeper made his guess and the Byki were still looking for that first goal.

Things turned for the Byki in the 70th minute when Zygmunt was fighting for the ball, shoulder to shoulder with a defender near the Villains' goal line. The Villains player hit the ground and Zygmunt took off, ignoring his opponent's complaints. Zygmunt fired the ball across the face of goal, spotting teammates on the weak side. The ball never got there, as the keeper tried to reach Zygmunt's cross and deflected it into the goal to make it 1:1.

It took five more minutes for the Byki to conjure a winner. Charlie Cohen threw the ball in towards Pedlow, who had been moved to striker to liven up the Byki offense. Marked by the last defender for the Villains, Pedlow let the ball run past. The defender couldn't control the ball and Pedlow was in for a breakaway. Noticing that the keeper was out of position, Pedlow slickly passed the ball out his reach and into the back of the net.

"You can't score if you don't shoot," the old saying goes. If the Byki keep shooting, the goals will come.

Steven Pedlow and Eric Tower contributed to this story.

RED

Dep. Colomex 3 : 0 Byki

NSL Major Division - Rogers Park - 6 May 2012

Byki continue to shoot blanks

The lack of scoring punch was evident for Red Team for the second week in a row, as they fell 3:0 to Deportivo Colomex last Sunday. The Byki created a handful of dangerous situations in front of the Colomex goal, yet came away with nothing to show for their efforts. The Byki are 0-0-2 for the new season.

The bumpy and pockmarked field at Rogers Park in Chicago was a genuine travesty and made playing simple soccer impossible. Any pass played along the ground at a distance of more than five yards was likely to hit a hole and never reach its intended target. The field, however, was the same for both teams and does not explain how Colomex found the back of the net three times and had occasion to send that total higher still.

The Byki got things rolling in the eighth minute. Todd Trowbridge floated a free kick from the right-side channel into the penalty area. The defense allowed the ball to drop, setting off a wild scramble for possession. Marek Ciszewski got a foot in to the melee and his shot attempt was blocked.

Colomex broke into the lead six minutes later thanks to a fluke goal. Goalkeeper Martin Bertels was in position to field a soft cross from the left side, but deflected the ball into his own goal, rather than tipping it over the bar.

A golden opportunity to level the score came in the 16th minute. Jordan Stopka chased the ball down to the byline and sent a diagonal pass back into the middle for Ciszewski. Unmarked at close range, Ciszewski fired a first-time shot wide

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of the target.

The rest of the half played out evenly and the teams came out firing after the break. In the 50th minute, a Colomex player sprinted alone into the Byki penalty area and sent the ball to the far side, where an unmarked player smacked a shot off of Bertels' right post.

The Byki created some pressure situation near the hour mark. Alan Stevens launched a long throw-in deep into the Colomex penalty area. The defense cleared the ball to the left side, where Ciszewski crossed the ball in for Stevens, whose header was snared by the goalie.

A few minutes later, Stefan Soegaard crossed the ball in for Jordan Stopka, whose first-time shot slid wide of the target.

Colomex doubled their advantage in the 63rd minute when they made a raid along the left wing, with unmarked players everywhere. Bertels had no chance on a shot from 15 yards.

Bertels got increasingly busier in the final moments, as the Byki committed more players forward. He saved a sure goal in the 86th minute when he flashed across the empty net to block a shot from close range. Colomex made it 3:0 a minute later, as the Byki were slow to react.

"We were playing better, dominating possession," said Buur. "But we showed a lack of discipline three times in a row when the defensive line pushed up [too far] and got beat for easy breakaways." Substandard finishing by the Raiders prevented them from putting the game away.

In the next ten minutes, LaConte, Koenig and Jeremy Slate sent shots on frame, but none could find the back of the net. The Byki began to struggle over the final quarter hour, as fatigue became a factor for a squad that had just one substitute on the bench.

The score went to 2:0 in the 85th minute, as the Raiders found space along the right side and a striker drilled a shot into the corner. "That lack of discipline was probably caused by fatigue and frustration," noted Buur. Three minutes later, another attack along the right side led to the third and decisive goal of the match.

Overall, the Byki improved considerably after a bad first half. A draw would have been a fitting result, but the Byki simply couldn't score.

Kristian Buur contributed to this story.

BLUE

Raiders 3 : 0 Byki

NSL 1st Division -Raiders FC Complex - 6 May 2012

Raiders outlast Byki

The Blue Team dropped their second in a row last Sunday when newcomers Raiders FC came away 3:0 winners in Lemont. The sides battled on level terms for most of the encounter, but finishing was the difference, and the Byki simply allowed too many chances to slip away.

The Byki began the game strongly. Carlos Mendoza gained possession after a poor clearance by the Raiders and sent the ball to Sam Onaissi, who pounded his shot over the bar. A few minutes later, LaConte shot from 20 yards and the ball deflected out for a corner.

The Raiders capitalized on a fundamental mistake when the Byki tried to clear the ball through the middle. The Raiders controlled possession and a pass to a wide-open striker led to an easy score for a 1:0 lead.

The rest of the half was bad for both teams, as neither was able to play simply and take some pace out of the game. During the break, coach Kristian Buur let the players know that he wasn't happy. "There were too many mistakes, mainly caused by basic passing errors and a hesitation to make simple plays," he said.

The Byki woke up in the second half and controlled the action from the outset. After 50 minutes, Chris Koenig fired a powerful shot that unluckily hit the side netting. A few minutes later, Mendoza and Onaissi combined again. Mendoza led the break on the left flank and passed to Onaissi in the box. Onaissi first-timed it and watched the ball go wide of the target.

OVER 30

Romania SC 11 : 0 Byki

PSLC Over 30 Division - Woodland Meadow - 5 May 2012

Byki get trampled in opener

The Over 30 Team finally got their season underway last Saturday, but the experience may not exactly leave them hungry for more. Playing with just ten men and finishing with only nine, the Byki were cannon fodder for a talented and organized Romania SC team, who won by a gaudy 11:0 scoreline.

The Byki have been recruiting heavily in order to fill openings in their roster, so they always figured it might take some time before their group could come together and play cohesively. A squad of ten players, however, will always struggle to compete in a league like the PSLC.

Romania scored the only goal they would need after just four minutes and the remainder of the game was one-way traffic heading towards Ray Najera's goal. The score had grown to 4:0 by the half-hour mark, aided by two penalty kicks given against the Byki. The Romanians were comfortably ahead 6:0 by halftime.

Things didn't get any brighter in the second half. The fatigued Byki chased after numerous breakaway situations, as the Romanians sought to fatten their goal total. Striker Saeed Kamalinia went down with a calf strain midway through the second half, which left the Byki down to nine men. The Romanians were ruthlessly precise with their finishing, as the scoreboard reached double digits.

BYKI SCOREBOARD

RED

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BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Bertels – Suhayda Stevens (c), Gibbs, Uriza – Trowbridge, Mansur, Dziekiewicz, Soegaard – Stopka, Ciszewski.
Bench: Bouzoukis, Havlat.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

Byki Men of the Match: Alan Stevens and Jordan Stopka

BLUE

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BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Khankari – Wood, White, Kosinski, Garnon – Koenig, Onaissi, Gonchar, Slate – Mendoza, LaConte. **Bench:** Barcenas.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

Byki Man of the Match: Peter Wood.

OVER 30

Romania SC 11 : 0 Byki

PSLC Over 30 Division - Woodland Meadow - 5 May 2012

BYKI LINEUP: Najera – Hodge, Inalsingh, Jarosz, Jedrzejowski, Kamalinia, Kekus (c), Maruska, Pirillis, Valdivia.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

Byki Man of the Match: None given.

OVER 40

Villains 1 : 2 Byki

PSLC Over 40 Blue Division - Windemere Park - 6 May 2012

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Vlahakis – Towsey, Follenweider, Fink, Safford – Tower, Pedlow (c), Rodriguez, Ekundayo – Weslar, Posada. **Bench:** Cohen, Mazmanian, Muehlbauer, Zygmunt.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – Zygmunt 1; 70th.

1:2 – Pedlow 1 (Cohen); 75th.

Byki Man of the Match: Ben Zygmunt

Byki Stats

RED TEAM, NSL MAJOR DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
No goals yet!			
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Bertels	90	4	4.00

Current record: 0-0-1

BLUE TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
LaConte	1	0	1
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Khankari	90	3	3.00

Current record: 0-0-2

O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
No goals yet!			
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Najera	90	11	11.00

Current record: 0-0-1

O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Rodriguez	2	0	2
Elmkinssi	1	0	1
Cohen	0	1	1
Ekundayo	0	1	1
Pedlow	0	1	1
Weslar	0	1	1
Zygmunt	0	1	1
Team goals	1	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Vlahakis	270	5	1.67

Current record: 2-0-1

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
Gazelle SC	2	2	0	0	6	2	6	SAC Wisla	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
RWB Adria	1	1	0	0	7	1	3	Deportivo Colomex	2	1	0	1	5	3	3
Brusfa FC	2	1	0	1	5	3	3	Hellenic United White	2	1	0	1	5	3	3
CKS Warta	2	1	0	1	6	8	3	Hellenic United Blue	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Albanian Stars	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	FC Steaua	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Jahbat FC	2	0	0	2	1	8	0	Stare Byki FC Red	2	0	0	2	0	7	0

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Bosphorus FC	2	2	0	0	11	2	6	Assyrian FC	2	2	0	0	5	2	6
Khaboor FC	2	1	1	0	2	1	4	Raiders FC	2	1	0	1	6	4	3
West Indies Jets SC	1	1	0	0	3	1	3	FK Republika Srpska	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Das Magic	2	1	0	1	6	5	3	Lancer FC	1	1	0	0	4	3	3
Independiente FC	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	Gremio FC	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Jamstar FC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Chicago Dynasty FC	2	0	1	1	3	5	1
NK Prijedor	1	0	0	1	2	4	0	Lamaso FC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shlama FC	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	Winged Bull	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FC Moldova	2	0	0	2	0	9	0	FC Kosova	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
								Stare Byki FC Blue	2	0	0	2	1	6	0

PREMIER SOCCER LEAGUE of CHICAGOLAND

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OVER 30 RED DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Tarnovia	3	3	0	0	7	3	9
Romania SC	2	2	0	0	13	1	6
Balkan	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Bulgaria FC	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
Hellenic United AC	2	1	0	1	5	3	3
Pampas 30+	2	1	0	1	7	5	3
Jahbat FC	3	1	0	2	6	5	3
St Charles Celtics Red	2	1	0	1	5	4	3
Chicago Celtic	3	1	0	2	3	7	3
Black Eagle	2	0	1	1	3	6	1
La Granate	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
SAC Wisla	2	0	0	2	3	8	0
Stare Byki FC	1	0	0	1	0	11	0

OVER 40 BLUE DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
St Charles Celtics Green 40+	2	2	0	0	9	2	6
MOFG	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
Stare Byki FC	3	2	0	1	6	5	6
Pampas	3	2	0	1	8	8	6
Windy City United	3	1	1	1	9	6	4
Real FC	3	1	1	1	7	7	4
Naperville Strikers FC	3	1	0	2	11	5	3
Torino FC	2	1	0	1	8	4	3
Villains SC	3	1	0	2	2	8	3
St Charles Celtics Orange	3	0	0	3	2	18	0