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OVER 40

International 3 : 1 Byki

PSLC Over 40 Division - Windemere Park - 8 May 2011

Point eludes Byki at the death

The Over 40 Team faced 2010 champions International SC last Sunday and the difficulty of their job was ramped up when no regular goalkeeper was able to answer the call and the bench had just two substitutes. When the Byki took the early lead on Brian Huck's seventh-minute goal, they had the confidence to ride out International's pressure. After International leveled the score late in the first half, the match seemed destined for a split of the points. But the champions showed their resolve, scoring twice in stoppage time to go home 3:1 winners.

The outcome was a bitter pill for the Byki, who came out with a conservative game plan of clogging the middle portion of the field. The plan worked rather well, as volunteer goalkeeper Eric Muehlbauer had little to do on the day. Huck's tally, however, was simply not enough to ensure victory.

"We showed great teamwork and fighting spirit," said George Gorecki afterwards. "We may not have had the strongest roster available, but everyone worked like hell out there. A draw would have been the right result."

Things could not have started more brightly for the Byki when Huck won a loose ball on the left flank and began angling towards the goal. He let loose from about 20 yards and his shot nestled inside of the far post, helped when a defender deflected the ball ever so slightly. "Deflection or no, that ball was going in," declared Huck.

The Byki made a bid to double the lead midway through the first half. Mark Gorski played a simple pass wide to Jing Geng, who had moved up to support from his fullback position. As the pair moved upfield, Geng returned the ball to Gorski, who faked a turn and fired a hard shot that was deflected away by the keeper.

International made it 1:1 on the half hour when the Byki defense were unable to corral a striker dribbling on the left side of the box. He shot from a sharp angle and Muehlbauer

blocked it, but the ball took an unfortunate carom off of the post and slithered over the line.

At halftime, the Byki were satisfied to have brought a measure of defensive control to the contest. Because of their good teamwork, they shielded Muehlbauer from having to make any difficult saves. They expected to maintain this posture in the second half and ensure some kind of positive result.

They managed to achieve their goal for the first 44 minutes of the second half, but International do what champions are expected to do; they find a way to win the game. The Byki midfield began lagging in the latter stages and this allowed International more time on the ball. Although their late scores did not have the feeling of dreaded inevitability, it was clear that a couple of more substitutes would have helped the Byki immensely.

Muehlbauer made a nice save on a shot from close range in the 90th minute, but the ball ricocheted off of the crossbar, falling right on the doorstep of the Byki goal. An International player won the scramble for a 2:1 lead. Moments later, International came swiftly on the counter to make it 3:1 and the deflated Byki could only shake their heads as they watched their precious point slip away.

BYKI LINEUP (4-5-1): Muehlbauer – Towsey, Safford, Gorecki (c), Geng – Tower, Pedlow, Dec, Dahlquist, Elminssi – Huck. **Bench:** Gorski, Silverstein.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY
0:1 – Huck 1; 7th.

Byki Man of the Match: Sven Dahlquist

Rick Bolesta contributed to this story.



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OVER 30

Byki 2 : 6 Bulgaria FC

PSLC Over 30 Division - Olympic Park - 7 May 2011

Bulgarians pose too many problems

Opening Day for the Over 30 Team might have been brimming with optimism and expectations, but reality set in by halftime versus Bulgaria FC, who needed just 45 minutes to build a 3:0 lead. A fourth goal right after the break put the result beyond much doubt. Two goals from Maciek Kekus in the second half soothed some of the wounds, but the Byki were outplayed for long stretches. Goalkeeper Martin Bertels played brilliantly, despite the gaudy goal total for Bulgaria. Without Bertels between the pipes, the visitors may well have rung up double digits on the Byki.

The PSLC's Saturday Over 30 competition has shrunk by two teams over last season, leaving a lot of talented opponents for the Byki. They will have to find a way to turn things around quickly because the strength of the opposing teams won't allow the Byki much opportunity to relax.

Player-coaches Dan Jedrzejowski and Kekus opted to come out in a 3-5-2 alignment, with the aim of controlling the midfield and ball possession. During the stages of the match when the midfielders actually played assertively, the tactics looked good. But those periods did not last long enough and the Bulgarians consistently found space behind the Byki defense.

Bulgaria opened things up in the 12th minute. A long pass out of the back caught the defense too far forward, but Bertels came to the top of his 18 to collect the ball. A hard-charging striker got there first and the ball bounced off of Bertels' hands, off of the striker, and landed right in his path for an easy empty-net goal.

In the 27th minute, Kekus stole the ball in the Bulgaria end and cut inside the 18. As the goalkeeper advanced, Kekus narrowly missed the near post.

Five minutes later, Bertels made an outstanding diving save and turned the ball away for a corner. Bulgaria executed with precision on the ensuing dead ball, sending a cross to the far post, where an open player headed home for a 2:0 lead. Bulgaria created a breakaway situation in the 43rd minute, as the Byki got caught pushing their line too high and found themselves three goals in arrears at the interval.

A poor clearance by the Byki in the 49th minute sent the ball to a Bulgaria player who dribbled in alone on Bertels. At 4:0, nothing seemed to be going right for the Byki.

But the Byki kept fighting. Andy Lane found Kuba Banbor with a nifty through ball. Banbor broke in alone, but shot directly at the keeper. Moments later, Kekus was alone in the box, only to be thwarted by a huge save from the goalie.

A Bulgaria player handled the ball in his own area in the 61st minute following a Byki corner, leading to a penalty.

Kekus blasted the spot kick into the net to make it 4:1. Byki joy was short-lived, however, as a foolish turnover in front of the penalty area two minutes later left Bertels hopelessly exposed for Bulgaria's fifth tally. The score went to 6:1 in the 72nd minute when a Bulgaria player glided past two Byki defenders and slotted home from 12 yards.

Kekus set up Eric Chial in the 76th minute at the top of the box. Chial turned his defender and rifled a shot that forced the keeper to make a diving save. Good hustle nine minutes from the end resulted in a well-taken goal for the Byki. Matt Fleming fought to win possession on the right flank and crossed the ball into the box. A Bulgarian defender got a touch with his head, but Kekus won the second ball and sent a looping header into the upper corner of the goal.

BYKI LINEUP (3-5-2): Bertels – Lane (c), Dec, Brough – Gibbs, McGrath, Jedrzejowski, Fleming, Zaskowski – Kekus, Banbor. **Bench:** Casey, Chial, Dziekiewicz, Inalsingh, Lim.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:4 – Kekus 1 (pk); 61st.

2:6 – Kekus 2 (Fleming); 81st.

Byki Man of the Match: Martin Bertels

BLUE

Assyrian FC v Byki

NSL 1st Division - Techny Prairie Park - 8 May 2011

Outcome of opener in NSL's hands

The Byki Blue Team welcomed five new players into the fold last Sunday for the opening match of the season versus Assyrian FC at Techny Prairie Park in Northbrook. And they got their first taste of the bizarre soccer that is sometimes on display in the NSL. The referee had to terminate the match late in the contest due to darkness because the floodlights at Techny did not come on as expected. The Assyrians were 4:1 up at the time that the match ended.

The circumstances surrounding the lack of lights and late notification by Assyrian FC that the kickoff time had changed prompted the NSL to launch an investigation. That investigation is ongoing and the result of the match will be announced when the League's Executive Board renders a decision.

The role in the referee in this fiasco was no less significant than the other strange circumstances and it left coach George Gorecki fuming and frustrated. "This particular referee has demonstrated incompetence in the past," said Gorecki. "And nothing he did today changes my opinion about him. I submitted a full report to the League regarding his technical deficiencies. Regardless of how the game turns out, my top priority was to get this referee off of the assignment list and I think I at least accomplished that."

The effort by the Blue Team was confounded by having

only eight players ready to play at kickoff. Two more players eventually made it to the field, although two other were supposed to be there, but never made it at all. The Assyrians parlayed the manpower advantage to the maximum, scoring three times in the first 12 minutes of the contest. Once the numbers were closer to being even, the match was closely contested until the termination.

“Our effort was awesome,” said an enthusiastic Gorecki afterwards. “Given the short numbers and the weird circumstances, it could have been easy for our players to throw in the towel early. They fought like crazy, and with better finishing, the score could have been a lot closer.” With so many new faces in the squad, it will take some time to build teamwork and cohesion. But the talent is evident at several positions.

The Byki pulled to within 3:1 in the 26th minute when they ran the counterattack with precision. Pedro Simas crossed the ball from deep in the left corner for Anthony Del Priore at the far side of the penalty area. Del Priore dropped a nice ball back to the top of the box for Chris Koenig, who blasted a first-time shot low and into the corner of the goal.

Three more good chances right before the break were left wanting. Tim Havlat’s drive from inside the area was tipped away by the keeper for a corner. Havlat sent the ensuing corner into the mixer for Alan Stevens, whose header went

over. Moments later, Simas received a throw-in in the box from Del Priore. Simas turned and fired a near-post shot that required a diving save from the goalie.

Byki goalkeeper Martin Bertels was a key contributor, sweeping up any loose ends on the Byki side of the field. He made three top-class saves following defensive breakdowns.

The second half started in twilight and the referee tried to string things out for as long as possible, ignoring the safety of the players as visibility grew increasingly worse. Assyrian FC scored their final goal under cover of darkness. An Assyrian player dribbled the ball over the Byki goal line, but still passed back into the middle, where a teammate tapped the ball home for a 4:1 lead. The Byki protested to the referee that the ball had gone out, and even the Assyrian players acknowledged the same. It was obviously too dark for the referee to see the play clearly. He finally blew his whistle at 8:21 PM, fully 26 minutes after sunset.

BYKI LINEUP: Bertels – Barsotti, Garnon, Stevens (c), Del Priore – Havlat, Koenig, Simas, Buur – Gambino.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

3:1 – Koeing 1 (Del Priore); 26th.

Byki Men of the Match: Martin Bertels and Anthony Del Priore

Byki Stats

RED TEAM, NSL MAJOR DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Taubman	1	0	1

Goalie **Min** **GA** **GAA**

Lupou, Marty	90	1	1.00
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Current record: 0-1-0

O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Kekus	2	0	2
Fleming	0	1	1

Goalie **Min** **GA** **GAA**

Bertels	90	6	6.00
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Current record: 0-0-1

O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Dec	1	0	1
Huck	1	0	1

Goalie **Min** **GA** **GAA**

Vlahakis	90	1	1.00
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Muehlbauer	90	3	3.00
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Current record: 0-1-1

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MAJOR DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Albanian Stars	2	2	0	0	6	0	6
RWB Adria	1	1	0	0	9	1	3
SAC Wisla	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
Jahbat FC	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
FC Steaua	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
Khaboor FC	2	0	0	2	1	12	0

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
CKS Warta A	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Hellenic United Blue	1	1	0	0	6	1	3
Stare Byki FC Red	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Gazelle SC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hellenic United White	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
FK Republika Srpska	1	0	0	1	1	6	0

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
NK Prijedor	1	1	0	0	6	2	3
Brusfa FC	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Assyrian FC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stare Byki FC Blue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Independiente FC	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Gremio FC	1	0	0	1	2	6	0

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Deportivo Colomex B	2	1	1	0	8	3	4
Das Magic	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
West Indies Jets SC	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Chicago Thunder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CKS Warta B	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Winged Bull B	1	0	0	1	1	6	0

SECOND DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Lamaso FC	1	1	0	0	11	1	3
Chicago Dynasty FC	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
FC Moldova	1	0	0	1	3	4	0
Bosphorus FC	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
FK Podrinje	1	0	0	1	1	7	0

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Lemont FC	1	1	0	0	7	1	3
DePaul FC	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
FC Kosova	1	1	0	0	4	3	3
West Bosnia SC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turkish FC	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Chicago Thunder B	1	0	0	1	1	11	0

OVER 30 DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Jahbat FC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hellenic United AC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SAC Wisla	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Indies Jets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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OVER 30 RED DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Bulgaria FC	2	2	0	0	9	4	6
Torino FC	2	2	0	0	6	2	6
Chicago Celtic	2	2	0	0	5	3	6
St Charles Celtics Red	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Balkan	2	0	0	2	3	5	0
Hellenic United AC	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
FC Tarnovia	2	0	0	2	3	6	0
Stare Byki FC	1	0	0	1	2	6	0

OVER 40 GREEN DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Park Ridge Rogues	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
Botev Chicago	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
International SC	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Real Wilmette	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Hellenic United AC	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Stare Byki FC	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Champions FC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FC DePaul	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Charles Celtics Blue	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
St Charles Celtics Green	2	0	0	2	0	4	0

OVER 40 BLUE DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Windy City United	2	2	0	0	8	2	6
Pampas OT	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
MOFG	2	1	1	0	5	2	4
Gato Verde	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Villains SC	2	1	0	1	5	4	3
Real FC	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Naperville Strikers FC	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Torino FC	2	0	0	2	2	8	0
St Charles Celtics Orange	2	0	0	2	1	8	0