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Deerfield	1	Premier Soccer League Over 40 B1 Division
Byki 0-40	1	Brickyards Park 6 May 2018

Byki shooting blanks

The Over 40 Team continued their search for goalscoring consistency on May 6 when they faced Deerfield at Brickyards Park and came away with a 1:1 draw. The Byki spun their wheels for the second consecutive match and have accumulated a meager two points so far.

The Byki were stymied by the narrow and bumpy field conditions at Centennial Park when they faced International SC in their opener and it appears that the field at Brickyards may utilize the same groundskeeper. In both cases, the wing-to-wing possession game that the Byki favor could not be realized and they failed to adjust adequately.

The first 20 minutes versus Deerfield were a stalemate, with neither team able to control the ball cleanly. Deerfield grabbed the lead midway through the first half when a shot from 25 yards took an awkward bounce in front of the goal and eluded goalkeeper James Vlahakis as he tried to push the ball away. For the rest of the half, the Byki improved their ball possession and became the more dangerous team. "The opponents had one really good player and a couple of good players," noted Steven Pedlow. "But they only troubled our defense one or two more times in the second half."

The Byki continued their dominant position in the contest throughout the second half, but struggled to find the finishing touch.

Their quest for the equalizer was realized in the 65th minute, when sweeper Doug Towsey saw a streaking Diego Penafiel and placed a long ball into space. The pass sent Penafiel on a breakaway and the midfielder bagged his second goal of the campaign.

Deerfield appeared happy to get a point out of this hardscrabble contest. They had begun some time-wasting tactics even before the Byki leveled things, but the gamesmanship went up to the next level once the score had reached 1:1.

The Byki were in the driver's seat, but the ball seemed

to bounce everywhere within the Deerfield penalty area, except to the feet of a Byki player who might be in a position to score. The closest that the Byki would come to nabbing a second goal was Gabriel Rodriguez's late nice header that failed to find the target.

Afterwards, a frustrated Towsey contemplated a formation change. "Not sure if we should go to a 4-4-2 lineup," he noted. "[I'm] open to suggestions to try and get more goals."

Steven Pedlow and Doug Towsey contributed to this story.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Vlahakis – Towsey, Fink, Higginbotham, Tower – Lane, Penafiel – Zarate, Pedlow, Ekundayo (c) – BK Park. **Bench:** Fukar, Marquez, G. Rodriguez, Safford.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY
1:1 – Penafiel 2 (Towsey); 65th.

Byki Man of the Match: None given.

Byki 0-30	0	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White B Division
AEK Chicago	2	Oak Brook Sports Core 6 May 2018

Stoppage-time heartbreak for Byki

The Over 30 Team were able to battle AEK FC Chicago toe to toe on May 6 and were clinging to a 0:0 scoreline as the clock was running out. It was at that point when AEK converted a set-piece opportunity, helped by a fortunate bounce. They added one more just before the final whistle to cement a 2:0 win.

The Byki struggled to maintain consistent possession in

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the contest, as AEK players swarmed any Byki player as he tried to bring the ball under control. But AEK failed to translate any territorial dominance into goals. Organized and resolute defending, along with a stellar performance between the sticks from goalkeeper Ray Najera, allowed the Byki to think that they might rescue a point out of this match. This, despite Paul Gibbs being sent off just four minutes into the second half after clashing with an AEK player near the touchline.

AEK finished in third place in the Over 30 A Group in 2017 and were the team who eliminated the Byki in the postseason tournament. The Byki knew that they would have their hands full and responded to the challenge with pluck and grit.

A tightly contested first half saw just two decent scoring chances, both created by AEK. In the 16th minute, a booming cross from a corner kick found an unmarked AEK player at the far post. His header banged off of the upright, allowing the Byki to breathe a sigh of relief.

In the 37th minute, Najera dove full stretch to steer a long free kick wide of the target. The ball traveled through a thicket of legs, but Najera read the shot the whole way.

The Byki tried to regroup at halftime and switched their formation from a 4-4-2 to a 4-2-3-1 so that the extra midfielder would help them improve keeping the ball. The strategy hardly had time to sink in when Gibbs was given his marching papers. The Byki retreated into a more defensive posture and sought to catch AEK on the break.

The field was certainly tilted towards the Byki goal, and especially for the last 20 minutes. Najera conjured a spectacular double save in the 74th minute. He blocked an attempt at his near post and then recovered in time to tip away a header.

AEK looked sure to score five minutes later. As the Byki tried to negotiate the mayhem inside their penalty area, Najera came up with his best play of the day, snaring a shot from a prone position.

AEK finally broke through during the first minute of stoppage time. They lofted a free kick from the deep left wing towards goal. Najera appeared to have the ball on his radar, but could not recover when it took a wicked hop right in front of him.

The Byki desperately pushed players forward in search of the equalizer and nearly found one in the third minute of added time. Alex Campos drilled a header from a corner kick on target, but the AEK goalie made an out-of-this-world save on a ball destined for the back of the net. An AEK counterattack just before the end sealed the result.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Najera – Champagne, McClure, Stevens, Soaga – Buur, Patz, Jamarillo, Owoicho – Sodeinde, Campos. **Bench:** Chudyba, Gibbs, Hernandez, Mendoza, C, Ruiz, J. Ruiz.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY
None.

Byki Man of the Match: Ray Najera.

Byki Stats

FIRST TEAM, NSL MAJOR DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Perez, B	1	1	2
De Felice	1	0	1
Joiner	1	0	1
Parker	1	0	1
Tutich	1	0	1
Korinenko	0	1	1
Yamane	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Menyes	90	1	1.00
Perez, A	90	1	1.00

Current record: 2-0-0

O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Sodeinde	3	1	4
Jaworski	1	2	3
Akbas	2	0	2
Klosterman	2	0	2
Gibbs	1	1	2
Campos	1	0	1
Patz	1	0	1
Espinoza	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Najera	270	6	2.00

Current record: 1-0-2

O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Penafiel	2	1	3
Ekundayo	1	0	1
Towsey	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Vlahakis	135	2	1.33
Park, J	45	1	2.00

Current record: 0-2-0

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NSL MAJOR DIVISION**17 May 2018****www.nslchicago.org**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria	3	2	1	0	8	3	7
Stare Byki FC	2	2	0	0	5	2	6
Vikings AA	3	1	2	0	8	5	5
AAC Winged Bull	3	1	1	1	4	6	4
Wisloka Chicago	1	1	0	0	5	0	3
Gazelle SC	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
SAC Wisla	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Das Magic	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Dundalk FC	2	0	0	2	2	4	0
CKS Warta	3	0	0	3	3	10	0
FC Guadalajara	2	0	0	2	0	7	0

PSLC OVER 30 WHITE DIVISION**13 May 2018****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Levski Chicago 2014	3	3	0	0	17	6	9
Celtics O30	3	2	1	0	10	5	7
AEK FC Chicago	2	2	0	0	17	0	6
FC Oasu	3	1	1	1	20	8	4
Tricolorii FC	3	1	1	1	8	6	4
FC Igloopol	2	1	1	0	5	4	4
Stare Byki FC	3	1	0	2	11	6	3
Shogun	2	1	0	1	6	9	3
Chicago Rangers FC	2	0	1	1	7	8	1
International SC	2	0	1	1	5	8	1
FC National	2	0	0	2	4	12	0
Adventists United FC	3	0	0	3	1	39	0

PSLC OVER 40 B DIVISION**13 May 2018****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Olympiacos Chicago	3	2	1	0	11	3	7
FK Danubia	3	2	1	0	7	3	7
Park Ridge Rogues	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Atletico Torino FC	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Stare Byki FC	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
International SC	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Deerfield	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
MANA United SC	2	0	0	2	1	4	0
Real FC Blues	2	0	0	2	1	10	0

PSLC OVER 48 DIVISION**17 May 2018****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Jakes Stars Villains	2	1	1	0	9	1	4
St Charles Celtics	1	1	0	0	6	1	3
HNK Concordia	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Sofia BG	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Park Ridge Rogues	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stare Byki FC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Atletico Torino FC	1	0	0	1	1	6	0
St C Celtics Silverbacks	2	0	0	2	0	11	0