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RED

Byki 0 : 1 HUAC Blue

NSL Major Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 15 May 2011

Hellenic defense tough nut to crack

Last Sunday's rematch between the Byki Red Team and Hellenic United from last year's playoffs lacked the drama of that extra-time thriller. But the Byki, despite missing six players from their regular roster, played on even terms with an opponent who will surely be among the Major Division's contenders. Hellenic ground out a 1:0 victory, and nothing came easily for either side. The Byki are 0-1-1 for the season.

Coach Joe Gambino reached over to the Blue Team for help in filling his roster and even dug into the list of dormant players who participated in the indoor season. All of the newcomers found ways to contribute. In the end, the Byki were simply missing that finishing touch.

The cold and windy conditions were a factor at Oak Brook Sports Core on Sunday. Balls played into the wind wound up going practically back to where they started and it did not look like a day for scoring goals. Hellenic's well-organized and disciplined defense maintained firm control of the area in front of the 18, stifling Byki attacks before they could get dangerous.

Hellenic grabbed the lead in the 31st minute, using swift ball movement to find an opening in the Byki defense. They swung the ball from the left wing to the right side of the penalty area with relative ease. An open player coolly picked his spot and slotted into the far post from 15 yards.

The Byki attack finally showed some life in the last 20 minutes of the contest, perhaps capitalizing on

Hellenic's fatigue. Marek Ciszewski received a pass in the middle in the 72nd minute. He turned quickly and fired a shot from 20 yards that the goalkeeper could only parry away. No Byki were in the vicinity of the loose ball to pound it home.

Four minutes later, the Byki had their best chance of the match. Fullback Gabi Dziekiewicz made a marauding run up the right flank and crossed the ball into the penalty area. Declan Geraghty had moved toward the left post, anticipating a play that would go to the goal. Geraghty met Dziekiewicz' cross with a first-time shot that went across the face of goal and skimmed off the right post.

Ciszewski found room in the box in the 87th minute. The Hellenic keeper read the play perfectly and smothered Ciszewski's open shot from 12 yards.

Afterwards, Gambino acknowledged the hard work from his players. "Our guys made a great effort," he said. "But I hate to lose a game like this. We're only going to get better if the guys come out to practice. We had four last week. That isn't going to work."



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BLUE

Byki 0 : 3 Dep Colomex

NSL 1st Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 15 May 2011

Byki blanked in home opener

The Blue Team ran into a well-drilled opponent last Sunday in the person of Deportivo Colomex and wound up on the wrong end of a 3:0 scoreline at windy and dreary Oak Brook Sports Core. Colomex played with pace and with teamwork. Although two of the Colomex goals might have looked a little bit lucky from a Byki point of view, the fact is that good teams make their own luck.

The Byki are still waiting for a ruling from the NSL on their previous match versus Assyrian FC, so the Colomex game was really the curtain-raiser for the Blues. The twelve-man squad waged a pitched battle in the midfield, but found little joy in the final third of the field.

Colomex needed only four minutes to break the ice. The Byki defense had trouble clearing a cross out of their penalty area and a shot from 15 yards gave keeper Martin Bertels no chance.

Maksym Kmit set up Pedro Simas in the 37th minute and a shot from 20 yards by Simas whistled barely wide of the post. Colomex scored a crucial goal just before the halftime break. Bertels went full stretch to make a save and the ball remained loose in the goal area. A wild scramble ensued and Ohad Garnon's luckless clearance hit a Colomex player and ricocheted back into the empty net.

The Byki had not been playing badly to that point, but were desperate to get the next goal in order to stay competitive in the contest. Those hopes were dashed in the 57th minute when some very shoddy defending allowed Colomex to make a series of passes at will inside the Byki penalty area. Bertels had no chance and Colomex gained a commanding 3:0 advantage.

A set piece opportunity went unconverted in the 67th minute. Tim Havlat floated a free kick into the mixer, where Aaron Barsotti headed narrowly over the crossbar.

"Colomex have a good team and they played with cohesion," noted coach George Gorecki. "I think we matched up well with them talent-wise, but the outcome shows us how much work is ahead of us to become a real team."

OVER 30

St C Celtics 5 : 0 Byki

PSLC Over 30 Division - East Side Sports Complex - 14 May 2011

PSLC leave Byki fuming

When the 4:30 kickoff time rolled around last Saturday at the East Side Sports Complex last Saturday, only one of the competing teams were ready to play. That was the Byki Over 30s. Their opponents, St Charles Celtics, clearly were not. They lacked uniforms, player passes and a lineup sheet. The referee inexplicably said the match would start, based on the promise of the Celtics that uniforms and passes would arrive shortly. Although that promise was kept, the Byki went to the PSLC's Board for an explanation why a match could be allowed to start when no players were in uniform and none could be identified prior to the start. The PSLC ruled that the referee did the right thing and the 5:0 Celtics victory would be the official result.

Byki President George Gorecki was still shaking his head after reading PSLC Vice President and Over 30 Commissioner Claudio Frigo's justification for allowing the result to stand when the League's rules and by-laws had been so obviously violated. "The biggest problem with the PSLC is that they do not consistently apply the rules in their rulebook and they are quick to allow exceptions," Gorecki said. "They did a similar thing last year in the Over 40 Division. Claudio allowed a 38-year-old player to play Over 40 because, in his opinion, that decision was in the best interests of soccer." The Byki have appealed the decision and await a response from the league.

On the field, the match was a mess for the Byki. They dealt very poorly with the windy and rainy conditions. Rather than play short, simple passes on the ground, they continued to pound long balls over the top. In the first half, their aerial game was thwarted by having the wind in their faces. In the second half, the wind and slick field sent Byki passes far beyond their intended targets.

The Celtics were 2:0 to the good in the first half. Their second goal was a wind-aided floater that bamboozled goalkeeper Dean Fukar.

Things deteriorated for the Byki after the break, both on the tactical side and regarding their discipline. Matt Fleming and Dan Jdrzejowski were sent off for various indiscretions, situations that were exacerbated by a verbally aggressive referee.

The Celtics went up 3:0 shortly after Fleming's dismissal midway through the second half and then added two late goals at the end.

Regardless of the bizarre rulings that come from the PSLC, the Over 30s appear to have lost their way with regard to their normal style of play and need to get back to that to be competitive in the Over 30 Division.

OVER 40**Byki 4 : 6 FC DePaul**

PSLC Over 40 Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 15 May 2011

Slow start, late rally

Things began very badly last Sunday for the Over 40 Team, who conceded three goals in the first 17 minutes to FC DePaul. It only got worse from there, as DePaul led 6:0 on the hour mark. The Byki then underwent a radical transformation and scored four times in the final 29 minutes. Although it was nice to see the team dig deep and not regard the last half hour as extended garbage time, giving up six goals is unacceptable defending. The Byki have given up that many goals just twice since joining the PSLC in 2009.

DePaul went into the lead after three minutes. A long ball over the top released a DePaul striker, who sprinted into the clear and was met by goalkeeper Dean Fukar, who tried to slide in to knock the ball away. Both players wound up on the ground and the DePaul player alertly poked the ball into the empty from a prone position. Four minutes later, the Byki were unable to clear a corner kick and the put-back shot from distance left Fukar stranded. The Byki were flat-footed after

a turnover in midfield, leading to a DePaul breakaway for a 3:0 lead.

Further turnovers and overall sloppy play made life easy for DePaul's attackers, who gleefully were putting chances away as though they were going through a shooting exercise in training. The lead slowly swelled to 6:0 and a disheartened Byki squad could have packed it in and sought refuge from the rain and wind.

Brian Huck let fly with a shot from 25 yards that the keeper tipped to safety in the 50th minute and the first signs of the slumbering offense began to take shape. In the 61st minute, the Byki pushed the counterattack. Steven Pedlow led the way and slid the ball to Ben Zygmunt, who slotted home from close range.

In the 73rd minute, the complacent DePaul defenders were slow to get back. After a series of passes in the box, Mark Gorski appeared to swing and miss on the ball, which rolled over to Mike Cruickshank. The midfielder was inches away from the goal line and blasted into the back of the net to make it 6:2.

Cruickshank was involved in the third Byki goal in the 84th minute. His free kick from 35 yards smacked off of the crossbar and Gorski won the battle for the rebound for his first goal of the year. Two minutes from the end, Cruickshank fired a shot from long range. A DePaul defender blocked his attempt and the rebound came to Huck, who finished off a beautiful drive from 25 yards.

Byki Stats

RED TEAM, NSL MAJOR DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Taubman	1	0	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Lupou, Marty	180	2	1.00

Current record: 0-1-1

BLUE TEAM, NSL 1ST DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
No goals yet!			

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Bertels	90	3	3.00

Current record: 0-0-1

O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION

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

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Fukar	90	5	5.00
Bertels	90	6	6.00

Current record: 0-0-2

O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Dec	1	0	1
Cruickshank	1	0	1
Gorski	1	0	1
Zygmunt	1	0	1
Pedlow	0	1	1
Huck	2	0	2

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Vlahakis	90	1	1.00
Muehlbauer	90	3	3.00
Fukar	90	6	6.00

Current record: 0-1-2

BYKI SCOREBOARD

RED

Byki 0 : 1 HUAC Blue

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BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Marty Lupou – Black (c), Dziekiewicz, Mike Lupou, Suhayda – Gibbs, Ciszewski, Geraghty, Buur – Ahrens, Boghicev. **Bench:** Taylor.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

Byki Man of the Match: Paul Gibbs

BLUE

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BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Bertels – Barsotti, Garnon, Stevens (c), L Karam – Havlat, Koenig, Slate, Pirahmadi – Simas, Gambino. **Bench:** Kmit.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

Byki Man of the Match: Tim Havlat

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BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Fukar – McGrath, Dec, Lim, Brough – Lane (c), Jedrzejowski, Fleming, Cruickshank – Kekus, Banbor. **Bench:** Chial, Dziekiewicz.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

Byki Man of the Match: Gabi Dziekiewicz

OVER 40

Byki 4 : 6 FC DePaul

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BYKI LINEUP (4-5-1): Fukar – Tower, Safford, Pedlow, Geng – Huck, Elmkinssi, Muehlbauer Zygmunt, Cruickshank – Gorski. **Bench:** Cooper, Jacobs.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:6 – Zygmunt 1 (Pedlow); 61st.

2:6 – Cruickshank 1; 73rd.

3:6 – Gorski 1; 84th.

4:6 – Huck 2; 88th.

Byki Men of the Match: Mike Cruickshank and Steven Pedlow

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

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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	2	1	0	1	4	3	3
FC Steaua	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
Khaboor FC	3	0	0	3	1	16	0

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Independiente FC	2	1	0	1	6	1	3
NK Prijedor	2	1	0	1	7	4	3
Brusfa FC	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Assyrian FC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stare Byki FC Blue	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Gremio FC	1	0	0	1	2	6	0

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Hellenic United Blue	2	2	0	0	7	1	6
CKS Warta A	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Stare Byki FC Red	2	0	1	1	1	2	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

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Deportivo Colomex	3	2	1	0	11	3	7
Das Magic	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
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	2	0	0	2	1	12	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	2	2	0	0	10	3	6
DePaul FC	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
FC Kosova	1	1	0	0	4	3	3
Turkish FC	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
West Bosnia SC	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Chicago Thunder B	2	0	0	2	3	15	0

OVER 30 DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Hellenic United AC	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Jahbat FC	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
SAC Wisla	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
West Indies Jets SC	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

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OVER 30 RED DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Torino FC	3	3	0	0	9	2	9
St Charles Celtics Red	3	2	0	1	7	2	6
Bulgaria FC	3	2	0	1	9	7	6
Chicago Celtic	3	2	0	1	6	5	6
Balkan	3	1	0	2	5	6	3
FC Tarnovia	3	1	0	2	5	6	3
Hellenic United AC	2	0	0	2	2	6	0
Stare Byki FC	2	0	0	2	2	11	0

OVER 40 GREEN DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
International SC	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
Park Ridge Rogues	3	2	0	1	7	8	6
Hellenic United AC	2	1	1	0	5	2	4
Champions FC	1	1	0	0	7	2	3
Botev Chicago	2	1	0	1	4	2	3
FC DePaul	1	1	0	0	6	4	3
St Charles Celtics Blue	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Real Wilmette	3	1	0	2	2	4	3
Stare Byki FC	3	0	1	2	6	10	1
St Charles Celtics Green	3	0	0	3	1	8	0

OVER 40 BLUE DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Windy City United	3	3	0	0	10	3	9
Pampas OT	3	3	0	0	5	1	9
MOFG	2	1	0	1	5	2	4
Gato Verde	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Villains SC	3	1	2	0	6	6	3
Real FC	3	0	1	2	5	6	2
St Charles Celtics Orange	3	0	2	1	3	10	1
Naperville Strikers FC	1	0	1	0	1	2	0
Torino FC	2	0	2	0	2	8	0