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Stare Byki	1	National Soccer League 1st Division
Dynasty	0	Oak Brook Sports Core 7 May 2017

Late winner sends Byki home happy

It was a match that appeared to destined to end goalless. The Byki and Chicago Dynasty were in an evenly matched dogfight, with neither being able to find the magic to unlock the other's defense. Then, an opportunity emerged from out of nowhere in the 87th minute, when newcomer Dmytro Korninenko drove home a shot from just outside the Dynasty penalty area to secure victory for the Byki in their opening match of the 2017 season on May 7. Even though the game did not feature highlight-reel exploits, it was filled with grit and hard work. Sometimes, a team has to fight through their difficulties in order to get their reward.

Those difficulties stemmed primarily from players still learning how to play together. The Byki welcomed three new players into their squad on Sunday and had to rely on Brian Boeckeler (Over 30) and Kuba Banbor (Over 40) to make sure that the team would be competitive from the kickoff. "We are very fortunate that our club has enough depth that all of the teams can share players when needed," noted coach George Gorecki.

With attendance at pre-season training spotty and many questions marks surrounding the roster, Gorecki hoped that his team could keep things on the same page, as players get comfortable with new roles and new teammates.

The result was a first half of disjointed attacking soccer. The Byki, who aim to play a possession style, were spraying passes all over the field. Frontrunners Korninenko and Andrew Sokolowski were without consistent service in the the final third, as they were frequently outnumbered by Dynasty defenders when the Byki were forced to hoof the ball upfield.

At least the Byki could lean on a solid, compact defense to keep the game under control. Mike Stamatinos and Tony Sabo patrolled the middle and were effective in cutting off Dynasty passing lanes. The Byki deployed Kyler Mowry, Carlos Mendoza and Boeckeler in the defensive midfield roles at various times and their play further stabilized things.

The second half started out in lively fashion. After a Byki

turnover near the halfway line, Dynasty quickly brought the ball forward right up the middle of a suddenly unbalanced Byki defense. Goalkeeper Alan Stevens was well-positioned to deflect a shot from distance over the bar.

Mowry capped off a strong run along the left flank in the 50th minute by sending a cross from the byline into the mixer. A Dynasty player cleared the ball to the right side, where the supporting Banbor let loose with a first-time bomb. Dynasty's keeper got a hand to the ball to steer it to safety.

Three minutes later, Devin Freitag maneuvered along the left side on a counterattack and played a delicious ball into the space behind the Dynasty defense. The speedy Sokolowski raced in to win the ball, but his first touch was a bit heavy, allowing the goalkeeper to slide in and smother the play.

Things settled down until the crucial endgame. Andrii Verbych showed great hustle as he won possession of the ball in the left channel and had to walk the tightrope to keep the ball from going out for a goal kick. He dropped a pass back for Korninenko, who fired into the upper 90 to make his Byki debut a memorable one.

The game opened up during the final minutes, as Dynasty didn't want to go home with zilch for their effort. This left them vulnerable to the counterattack, and the Byki nearly capitalized in the 89th minute. Korninenko controlled a clearance at midfield and raced towards goal, catching Dynasty with just two players defending. He carried until the central defender committed himself, centering for the supporting Sokolowski. The keeper came out aggressively and snuffed out the opportunity before Sokolowski could load and shoot.

"There's a lot of work to be done before we can be a really good team," said Gorecki afterwards. "The foundation is there; we just have to build on it.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-1-1): Stevens – Bickel, Stamatinos (c), Sabo, Banbor – Mendoza, Boeckeler, Verbych, Ibragimov – Korninenko – Sokolowski.
Bench: Freitag, Mowry.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY
1:0 – Korninenko 1 (Verbych); 87th.

Byki Men of the Match: Tony Sabo and Mike Stamatinos.

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Byki O-30	1	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White B Division
FC National	0	Olympic Park 7 May 2017

O-30s keep on rolling

The Over 30 Team continued their strong start to the season when they downed newcomers FC National 1:0 on May 7 at Olympic Park. Carlos Jaramillo scored the only goal that the Byki would need, as the Over 30s pitched their second consecutive shutout. The Byki were not far from breaking the game open against an FC National side that rarely challenged Ray Najera's goal.

FC National presented the Byki with a genuine challenge, unlike Adventists United, whom the Byki wiped out 11:0 in Week 1. The Byki, however, were the dominant team throughout, and only a lack of precision prevented a more impressive winning margin.

It didn't take the Byki very long to get their attack going. In the sixth minute, Martin Herholdt and Segun Durojaiye worked a nifty combination to set up Jaramillo, whose sliding shot was saved by the keeper.

National's keeper nearly helped get the Byki on the board ten minutes later, thanks to a weak goal kick. Rodrigo Espinoza pounced on the error and fired from 25 yards, but the goalie recovered to make the grab.

Just after the half hour, the Byki finally cashed in. Alex Guzman played a give-and-go with Jaramillo at top of the penalty area. Jaramillo took a touch into space and blasted a shot that gave the goalkeeper no chance.

The Byki continued to press and were inches away from doubling their lead five minutes before the break when Espinoza's attempt from distance crashed off of the crossbar.

FC National came out with renewed vigor to start the second half. They earned a corner after a Byki mistake in the back. The corner produced a clean header for a National player, but he steered it wide of the target.

The Byki shook off that mini scare and resumed their quest for a second goal. Their ball possession put players in good positions, but good chances were wasted, thanks to substandard marksmanship.

"We should have closed the game four times," said player-coach Kristian Buur. "If we had been just a bit sharper it would have been 3:0 at half and they would have collapsed. Our forwards missed too many chances, but at least we created a lot."

Alex Guzman and Kristian Buur contributed to this report.

BYKI LINEUP (4-5-1): Najera – Soaga, Hurley, Anderson, Durojaiye – Guzman (c), Herholdt, Jaramillo, Espinoza, Sodeinde – Kekus. **Bench:** Buur, Chudyba, Jedrzejowski, Field, Marquez.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Jaramillo 1 (Guzman); 32nd.

Byki Man of the Match: Alex Guzman

Byki O-40	4	Premier Soccer League Over 40 B1 Division
Naperville	1	Oak Brook Sports Core 7 May 2017

Byki back on winning track

The Over 40 Team bounced back nicely from the defeat in Week 1 when they dismantled the Naperville Strikers 4:1 in Oak Brook on May 7. Diego Penafiel knocked in two goals and assisted on a third, as the Byki were in total control by halftime. The Byki displayed an excellent level of teamwork in that first half and then appeared to take their foot off the gas after the break.

The Byki broke out on top early following a delightful exchange of passes between Penafiel and Ade Ekundayo. With Penafiel filling space on the left flank, Ekundayo found him with a smart pass. Penafiel gave it right back to Ekundayo, who received the ball in stride. Ekundayo's finish was clinical and the Byki were up 1:0.

The Byki doubled their lead just before the half hour. Fullback Jim Kuch dribbled past two players and cut in towards the goal from the right wing. The keeper came out to challenge, but Kuch got past him and was taken to the ground by a defender, resulting in a penalty kick. Penafiel fired into the corner of the goal and the Byki were in the driver's seat.

Things were absolutely rolling now for the Byki. Shortly before the break, Brian Huck delivered a great pass for Steven Pedlow, who had raced between two defenders. Pedlow stretched long to deaden the ball just near the top of the box, and with his second touch, swept it to the left corner of the net for a commanding 3:0 advantage.

The Byki failed to press that advantage much further in the second half. The two sides traded scores, so there was no chance that Naperville could get back into the contest.

Penafiel saved his best effort for his second tally, a goal that was sure to make the highlight reel. Andy Lane recovered the ball in the midfield and passed it to Ekundayo immediately. The big midfielder burst forward with BK Park and Penafiel on a counterattack. Even though there were four Naperville players back, they had no hope of containing the Byki trio. Ekundayo laid a pass off for Park, who sped past two defenders and fired from close range. The keeper deflected the ball and Penafiel found himself in a position where a bicycle kick was his only option. He executed with

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precision and the points were undoubtedly in the bag.

Penafiel had a great chance to complete his hat trick just before the final whistle. Ekundayo's telling pass sprang Penafiel on a breakaway. He went for the lob, but the ball sailed just a tick over the crossbar.

"Naperville played us even in the second half," said Pedlow. "But we were poorer rather than they were better. We needed to continue playing like we did in the first half, as a team."

Steven Pedlow, Diego Penafiel and Doug Towsey contributed to this report.

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

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Ekundayo 1 (Penafiel); 15th.
 2:0 – Penafiel 1 (pk); 25th.
 3:0 – Pedlow 1 (Huck); 35th.
 4:0 – Penafiel 2; 80th.

Byki Man of the Match: Diego Penafiel

Byki Stats

FIRST TEAM, NSL 1ST DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Korninenko	1	0	1
Verbych	0	1	1
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Stevens	90	0	0.00

Current record: 1-0-0

O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Anderson	3	1	4
Sodeinde	3	1	4
Jaramillo	1	2	3
Gibbs	1	1	2
Guzman	0	2	2
Boeckeler	1	0	1
Chudyba	0	1	1
Marquez	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Najera	180	0	0.00

Current record: 2-0-0

O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Penafiel	2	1	3
Ekundayo	1	0	1
Pedlow	1	0	1
Huck	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Vlahakis	90	1	1.00
Muehlbauer	90	2	2.00

Current record: 1-1-0

NSL FIRST DIVISION**May 14, 2017****www.nslchicago.org**

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
United Stars FC	2	1	0	1	6	4	3
Das Magic	1	1	0	0	4	3	3
FC Macedonia	2	1	0	1	4	3	3
Stare Byki FC	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Chicago Dynasty FC	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
FC Guadalajara	2	0	0	2	0	5	0

PSLC OVER 30 WHITE DIVISION**May 14, 2017****www.pslchicagoland.com**

A DIVISION	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
AEK FC Chicago	2	2	0	0	13	1	6
FC DePaul	3	1	0	2	8	5	3
Levski Chicago 2014	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Tricolorii FC	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
FC Oasu	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Celtics	2	0	0	2	1	17	0

PSLC OVER 40 B DIVISION**May 14, 2017****www.pslchicagoland.com**

B1 DIVISION	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Gato Verde	2	2	0	0	9	1	6
Stare Byki FC	2	1	0	1	4	3	3
International SC	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Olympiacos Chicago	2	1	0	1	3	5	3
Pampas OT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Naperville Strikers FC	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
Windy City United	2	0	0	2	3	10	0

B DIVISION	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Stare Byki FC	2	2	0	0	12	0	6
Chicago Rangers FC	1	1	0	0	10	0	3
Real FC	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Shogun	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
FC National	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Adventists United FC	2	0	0	2	0	21	0

B2 DIVISION	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FK Danubia	3	3	0	0	19	5	9
St Charles Celtics Green	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Real FC	2	1	0	1	5	8	3
United-Dynamo	1	0	1	0	3	3	1
MOFG	3	0	1	2	4	10	1
St Charles Celtics Orange	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Itasca	2	0	0	2	1	6	0

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
HNK Concordia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
International SC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Park Ridge Rogues	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sofia BG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Charles Celtics	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stare Byki FC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Torino FC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Villains SC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0