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Byki 0-30	<b>5</b>	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White Division
FC DePaul	<b>3</b>	Oak Brook Sports Core 18 May 2014

## Over 30s not done scoring

The Over 30 Team made it two in a row last Sunday at Oak Brook when they downed FC DePaul 5:3 in a rollicking affair that saw momentum swing back and forth. Striker Maciek Kekus, absent from outdoor competition since 2012, registered a hat trick, while Gregorio Siervo scored twice and added an assist. Brian Boeckeler and Chris Hurley set up two goals apiece, and the 2-0-0 Byki continued their winning ways.

Sunday's result showed that the opening-day rout of Itasca was no fluke. With six points on the ledger so far in 2014, the Over 30s have exceeded their point totals from each of the 2012 and 2013 seasons. "We're playing with a lot of confidence and that makes a difference," noted Matt Fleming afterwards.

The Byki broke into the lead after just 15 minutes. Boeckeler teed up Kekus for a long-distance strike and the keeper got a hand to it. The ball deflected behind him, glanced off the crossbar and over the line. The keeper rushed back to keep the ball out, but simply was unable to secure it.

Ten minutes later, the Byki doubled their pleasure. Roman Kramarz worked the ball along the left wing and a quick sequence of passes sprang Hurley into the clear. After taking a couple of touches, Hurley found Kekus making a move down the middle and the striker hit a first-timer hard and into

the top of the net.

DePaul made their response in the 35th minute. A wide-open winger came in alone from the left side. Goalkeeper Alan Stevens forced the issue by rushing out from his goal and diverted the DePaul player to the byline, where he squared the ball for an unmarked teammate to tuck away from two yards.

The Byki established their dominant position right after the break, when Kekus completed his hat trick. Siervo slid a well-timed pass behind the defense to Kekus, who faked a shot that sent the pressuring defender away and then finished into the high right corner for a 3:1 lead.

For their part, DePaul were not going away quietly. They struck for two goals five minutes apart and made it a new game. DePaul's defense cleared a Byki corner kick in the 60th minute and initiated a counterattack down the left flank. They won the foot race past the Byki defense and a striker received a square ball to finish easily from close range.

The score went level at 3:3 shortly thereafter. DePaul exploited an advantage in pace on the left wing and their striker ran in alone on goal, blasting the ball home at the near post.

Previous editions of the Over 30 Team might have found a way to squander the points after losing momentum in the match. The 2014 Byki showed genuine resolve by pulling away in the final 20 minutes.

Kekus started things off when he carried the ball in from left side and cut into the middle to line up a shot. A DePaul defender pressured him and laid a simple ball over to Hurley, who one-touched to Boeckeler, making the run from the right wing into the box. Boeckeler sent the ball towards the back post, where Siervo was in the perfect spot to finish neatly past a reeling keeper.

Siervo struck again five minutes later to put the result beyond any doubt. The hard-working Hurley made the play when he chased down a loose ball down the left flank. DePaul's sweeper went to clear, but his attempt was blocked, sending the ball up into the air and deep in the DePaul penalty area. Hurley never gave up the chase and won a shoulder-to-shoulder challenge with a DePaul player. Hurley found Siervo streaking down the middle and hit him with a pass inside the goal box. Siervo made no mistake, crushing a first-time blast that gave the keeper no chance.

Afterwards, Hurley was pleased with the team's performance. "Overall, a very solid game. We came out slow in the first 10-15 minutes but we got up 1:0, which eased the

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pressure a bit. We let down early in the second half and allowed them to pull even at 3:3, but we pressed on to get more goals to go up 5:3. It showed some solid stuff to come back after the mini letdown. “

*Chris Hurley and Alan Stevens contributed to this report.*

**BYKI LINEUP (4-5-1):** Stevens – Jedrzejowski (c), King, Fleming, Marquez – Boeckeler, Hurley, Gibbs, Kramarz, Banbor – Kekus. **Bench:** Pinkham, Siervo.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

- 1:0 – Kekus 1 (Boeckeler); 15th.
- 2:0 – Kekus 2 (Hurley); 25th.
- 3:1 – Kekus 3 (Siervo); 50th.
- 4:3 – Siervo 2 (Boeckeler); 70th.
- 5:3 – Siervo 3 (Hurley); 75th.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Maciek Kekus

Villains	1	Premier Soccer League Over 40 Blue Division
Byki O-40	1	Burden Field 18 May 2014

## Byki stymied by Villains

The Byki Over 40 Team, flush with anticipation following the goal explosion that demolished Sporting Cristal on May 4, collided with a Villains side that was prepared to do anything to grind out a result. Barely able to put a full squad together, the Villains chose to park the bus, and the Byki were left waiting at the bus stop in the wake of a 1:1 draw.

The field conditions did the Byki no favors. The persistent rainy weather in the days leading up to the match prevented the park district from cutting the grass at Burden Field. Player-coach Eric Tower described it as a “pasture.”

The game started well enough for the Byki. The Villains had only 10 men at kickoff and their eleventh player was hurriedly dressing on the sidelines. The Byki scored after just six minutes. Midfielder Ade Ekundayo fired a shot that the keeper parried, but couldn't catch, leaving an opportunistic Steven Pedlow to dink in the rebound.

“We seemed fairly dominant at first,” noted Tower. “The ball movement was good and we were swinging the ball from side-to-side.” But a Villains player went down injured not long afterwards, leaving them shorthanded for the balance of the contest. They quickly adjusted their tactics and put everyone back behind the ball except for their lone forward, who was quick and dangerous but generally unable to beat the central defensive combination of Doug Towsey and Dave Fink.

Disaster struck when a long cross found a Villains attacker who was left unmarked by three Byki players. He headed the ball back and a teammate slotted the ball home for a 1:1 deadlock. It was just the tonic that the Villains needed to

support their defense-first tactics.

Angry at themselves for allowing such a foolish goal, play resumed with the Byki maintaining possession in the Villains half, but unable to find the breakthrough opportunity.

The Villains did muster one good chance when they hoofed another long ball to their forward. Towsey slipped on the long grass and the striker came in alone on keeper James Vlahakis, who came off his line quickly and deflected the shot.

The Byki changed their system to a 4-4-2 after the break, but it made no difference in the flow of the game. The Villains hardly left their half, and seldom strung together many passes. The Byki had a hard time creating chances because the Villains often had as many as eight players packed into the box. Ekundayo probed for an opening as he danced down to the touchline and crossed the ball on the ground to Jim Jacobs, whose shot was cleared off the line by a Villains defender.

As the Byki started getting a bit desperate, the shots started raining down from ridiculous distances. The attempts that actually made it on frame were easy pickings for the Villains goalie. The rest missed the target by plenty.

The pace of the game also slowed down, playing right into the hands of the Villains. “We were slower to pass and dribbled more,” said Tower. “There were no give-and-gos, and little effort off the ball. I'd characterize the play as listless sludge.”

*Eric Tower contributed to this report.*

**BYKI LINEUP (4-5-1):** Vlahakis – Towsey, Fukar, Fink, Safford – Lane, Tower, Cohen G. Rodriguez, Ekundayo – Pedlow (c). **Bench:** Elmkinssi, Huck, Jacobs, Muehlbauer, St Clair.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

- 0:1 – Pedlow 3 (Ekundayo); 6th.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Ade Ekundayo

Stare Byki	3	National Soccer League 1st Division
Das Magic	3	Oak Brook Sports Core 18 May 2014

## Magical start, terrible ending

The Byki looked set to break out of their doldrums last Sunday, as they jumped all over Das Magic with two goals before a quarter hour had passed. They tacked on another one shortly after the break, and that should have put the result to bed. An enterprising Magic side, however, stepped up the pressure on the Byki and they turned the tables, scoring three times in the span of 11 minutes and claimed a share of the points in a 3:3 draw.

The disappointing outcome left the Byki fuming for letting a beaten opponent off the hook. Coach George Gorecki wasn't pleased either, but he tried to see the cup as half full. “Our

team chemistry is still a work in progress,” he said afterwards. “Incorporating all of these new players into a cohesive unit is not a task that is completed overnight. We played far better in the first 70 minutes today than we did in the first two matches combined. We have to finish the job in a situation like that.”

It took just seven minutes for the Byki to snatch the lead. Daniel Zielinski was in the right place to pick off an errant Magic pass and he finished smartly, slotting home from 12 yards.

Seven minutes later, the Byki doubled the lead. KC Gronke, pushing forward from his fullback slot, maintained possession in a crowd near the Magic goal line. He slid the ball wide for Kuba Banbor, who sent a looping cross towards the goal and got a delightful outcome when the trajectory of the ball fooled the goalkeeper and the ball rattled off the far post into the back of the net. Banbor was pulling double duty on the day. With the Over 30 Team playing on an adjacent field, he left that match after 30 minutes and volunteered to help Gorecki’s squad until late players arrived.

A flurry at the end of the first half might have been enough to put the Magic away. In the 40th minute, Mike Stamatinos lofted a free kick from the left side towards the far post. Marek Ciszewski leapt high and sent a knock-down header back into the middle for Cyril Zachariah, whose first-time shot went straight at the goalie.

Moments later, Tony Sabo finished off a dribbling run along the left flank and sent the ball to the right side of the box for Jordan Stopka. He faked past his defender and rifled a shot that glanced off of the crossbar.

The Byki figured that another goal was all that they would need to secure the three points and they executed brilliantly in the 56th minute. Ciszewski received a pass along the right touchline near midfield and flicked the ball past an out-of-position defender. Ciszewski sprinted alone into the empty space and sent the ball ahead for Zachariah, who deftly slipped the ball past the oncoming keeper. The ball calmly

rolled into the empty net for a 3:0 lead.

A chance to put the result beyond doubt materialized just after the hour mark. Banbor was in the thick of a counterattack and centered for Gronke, who sent a sitter wide of the mark.

Das Magic got on the board in the 67th minute. They split the Byki defense apart with short passes, the final one into space behind the backline to a striker who may well have been offside. He dribbled in alone and slotted past Justin Salazar to make it 3:1.

The score went to 3:2 four minutes later, with the Byki beaten again on the counter. All of the talk at halftime about making sure to keep the Magic players in check had fallen by the wayside.

A well taken counterattack nearly gave the Byki the response they needed in the 76th minute. Ciszewski sent a ball into space for Zachariah, who chased it down to the goal line on the right side. The keeper came out to challenge Zachariah, who slid the ball across the face of goal. Stamatinos met the ball on the left side of the box and smashed a first-time shot from a sharp angle into the side netting.

Das Magic evened the score with 12 minutes to go. Stopka chased after a dribbling Magic player and bumped him inside the Byki penalty area. The referee immediately pointed to the spot and a Magic player converted, just out of the reach of a diving Salazar.

The result was a hard lesson for the Byki. The good soccer that they created for 70 minutes has to extend for the full 90.

**BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1):** Salazar – Stamatinos (c), J. Rodriguez, Calleros, Gronke – Zielinski, Sabo – Banbor, Ciszewski, De Rama – Zachariah.  
**Bench:** Stopka.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

1:0 – Zielinski 1; 7th.  
2:0 – Banbor 1 (Gronke); 14th.  
3:0 – Zachariah 2 (Ciszewski); 56th.

**Byki Men of the Match:** Marek Ciszewski and Cyril Zachariah.

# Byki Stats

**FIRST TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION**

Player	G	A	Pts
Zachariah	2	0	2
Banbor	1	1	2
Ciszewski	1	1	2
Zielinski	1	0	1
Gronke	0	1	1
Stopka	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Avalos	18	0	0.00
Salazar	180	10	5.00
Khankari	75	6	7.20

Current record: 0-1-2

**O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION**

Player	G	A	Pts
Siervo	3	1	4
Hurley	0	4	4
Kekus	3	0	3
Benavides	2	0	2
Boeckeler	0	2	2
Banbor	1	0	1
Kramarz	1	0	1
Vullo	1	0	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Stevens	180	4	2.00

Current record: 2-0-0

**O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION**

Player	G	A	Pts
Ekundayo	3	2	5
Pedlow	3	1	4
Jacobs	1	2	3
Huck	1	1	2
Nelson	1	0	1
Rodriguez, G	1	0	1
Fink	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Vlahakis	270	4	1.33

Current record: 1-1-1

Stare Byki	1	National Soccer League 1st Division
FC Moldova	7	Olympic Park 11 May 2014

## 1st-half blitz crushes Byki

The early-season stumbling continued for the Byki on May 11, as they fell meekly to FC Moldova by a 7:1 scoreline at Olympic Park. The visitors came out gunning and pounded home four tallies before the half-hour mark. A Byki roster depleted by injuries and absences had little chance to climb out of such a deep hole.

Moldova controlled the middle third of the field, and as a result, controlled the tempo of the match. The Byki were in a reactive stance for long stretches, and a lack of familiarity among teammates caused confusion in the back. Moldova took full advantage and kept up the pressure throughout.

A botched offside trap by the Byki in the third minute was exploited by Moldova, as two strikers came in alone on goalkeeper Justin Salazar. He made a tremendous save on a shot inside the box and then had the composure to scramble to his feet and shepherd the Moldova player wide towards the goal line.

But Moldova had merely been warming to the task. Six minutes later, they stole the ball and came fast along the right wing. A well placed cross found a forward running across and into the open. He slotted home for a 1:0 lead.

The Byki gave away a gift in the 15th minute. KC Gronke threw the ball in to Salazar from a deep position in the Byki end of the field. Salazar tried to give the ball back to Gronke, but a Moldova player alertly pressured the play and stole the ball. Disaster ensued moments later when a Moldova player converted a ridiculously easy chance.

The Byki responded three minutes later. A free kick from the right-side channel was headed along to the left side of the area, where Bryan de Rama smashed a volley just over the bar. Moldova's finishing two minutes later, however, was a

little better, and they took command at 3:0.

Moldova scored a brilliant goal in the 26th minute. The Byki turned the ball over in the back third and the Moldova player dribbled past two Byki before drilling a rocket into the upper corner.

The Byki pulled one back just a minute later. Marek Ciszewski and Kuba Banbor maintained possession along the right wing, when Ciszewski suddenly decided to let fly with a bomb from 35 yards. The shot sailed over the keeper's head and nestled into the back of the net.

Moldova made a bid to blow the game up and the end of the first half, but two spectacular stops by Salazar kept the score at 4:1 going into the interval.

Coach George Gorecki, distressed by his team's lack of discipline in the defensive third of the field, challenged his team to come away with a clean half the rest of the way. Moldova, however, had other ideas, and came out with high pressure to start the second half. They parlayed a turnover in the back into a goal within moments of the second-half whistle to make it 5:1. The score swelled to 6:1 ten minutes later when Salazar saved a long-distance shot and the Byki were slow to control the rebound. A Moldova player got there first and slammed it home for a gaudy 6:1 lead.

The only decent chance for the Byki after the break came just before the hour mark. The Moldova goalie came out to grab Maciek Kekus's corner kick, but managed only a weak punch. Jose Hernandez was first to the ball and crushed a volley that hit the keeper square in the chest.

Moldova added to their total with 14 minutes to go when they stole the ball and the Byki failed to track back on the counter. With numbers on their side, Moldova made easy work of the opportunity.

**BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2):** Salazar – Banbor, Herholdt (c), Gronke, Hernandez – Kekus, Avalos, De Rama, Ciszewski – Benavides, Zachariah. **Bench:** Khankari.

### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:4 – Ciszewski 1 (Banbor); 27th.

**Byki Man of the Match:** None given.



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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Moldova	3	3	0	0	15	2	9
Lancer SC	3	2	0	1	13	5	6
FC Kosova	3	2	0	1	10	9	6
Das Magic	2	1	1	0	8	4	4
Chicago Dynasty FC	2	1	0	1	6	6	3
CKS Warta B	3	1	0	2	10	11	3
FC Macedonia	3	1	0	2	7	8	3
West Indies Jets	3	1	0	2	6	16	3
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>
Assyrian B	1	0	0	1	3	6	0

**PSLC OVER 30 WHITE DIVISION****May 18, 2014****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>
AEK FC Chicago	3	2	0	1	11	10	6
Chicago Rangers FC	3	1	1	1	5	3	4
FC DePaul	2	1	0	1	8	7	3
Levski Chicago 2014	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Olympiacos Chicago	2	1	0	1	3	6	3
Shogun	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Itasca	3	0	0	3	4	12	0
St Charles Celtics White	1	0	0	1	3	6	0

**PSLC OVER 40 BLUE DIVISION****May 18, 2014****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Real FC	2	2	0	0	12	1	6
Pampas OT	3	2	0	1	10	7	6
Naperville Strikers FC	3	2	0	1	9	8	6
MOFG	2	2	0	0	4	2	6
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
Villains SC	3	1	1	1	5	6	4
St Charles Celtics Green	2	1	0	1	7	2	3
MANA Futbol Club	2	1	0	1	3	5	3
Windy City United	2	0	0	2	2	4	0
St Charles Celtics Orange	3	0	0	3	2	18	0
Sporting Cristal	1	0	0	1	1	8	0