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OVER 40

Byki 3 : 2 Windy City

PSLC Over 40 Blue Division -Oak Brook Sports Core - 20 May 2012

Balanced Byki too much for United

The Over 40s made it two in a row last Sunday when they downed Windy City United 3:2 at Oak Brook. The Byki put on a clinic on ball movement in the second half and took control of the contest. Despite playing catch-up almost from the outset, pesky United stayed within striking distance throughout. The victory improves the Byki to 3-0-1, good for fourth place in the PSLC's Over 40 Blue Division.

With starting goalkeeper James Vlahakis lost to injury, a courageous Eric Muehlbauer stepped up to take his place. Muehlbauer, not naturally a goalie, made several critical saves to bail out his teammates and did well enough to send a surprise to the dismissive Windy City players.

The Byki have scored just nine goals in their four matches so far and have shown that they are a team that cannot afford to squander good opportunities. Lack of timely scoring was probably the biggest reason the Byki got relegated from the Green Division last year.

The pressure was on United within the first two minutes. Mark Weslar lofted a big cross from the left corner for Mitch Posada at the far post. Posada centered the ball for Steven Pedlow, who was in great position for the simple tap-in. The United keeper pulled off a miracle save, flashing across his goalmouth to deny Pedlow.

It didn't take long for the Byki to convert their advantage into a goal. Peter Follenweider sent a dangerous ball into the mixer. As United defenders scrambled to gain control, the hustling Weslar dispossessed a United player near the goal line. Weslar picked his spot and found the inside of the far post to make it 1:0.

The Byki got sloppy with their passing in front of their area and a United steal presented a great opportunity. Muehlbauer, however, was well positioned to block the shot.

Two minutes later, Ben Zygmunt flicked a Byki goal kick into space for Pedlow, who sprinted alone into the United penalty area. The keeper read the play expertly and saved Pedlow's shot.

United caught the Byki on the counter in the 34th minute and Muehlbauer bailed out his defense once again, snuffing out a dangerous opportunity. United finally broke through in the 36th minute. Poor communication in the back allowed a floater to bounce inside the Byki penalty area. As Byki defenders stood looking at one another, a United player swooped in to make it 1:1.

The Byki soccer brains clicked into high gear after the break. The players made a commitment to moving the ball and suddenly became the dominant team. "It was really striking to see the change in our team," said George Gorecki. "Those of us on the side counted off a sequence of 11 consecutive passes and we switched the ball from wing to wing twice in that spell."

The result from such a patient build-up was inevitable. In the 49th minute, Weslar's incisive pass sent Pedlow on a breakaway. Pedlow dribbled into the goal area and looked set to give the Byki the lead, but the goalkeeper came up with a massive stop from close range.

Moments later, Ade Ekundayo slid a simple pass to Gabriel Rodriguez on the right flank. Rodriguez sprinted into the space and crossed the ball in for Posada. The striker calmly trapped the ball eight yards from goal, turned, and slammed the ball home for a 2:1 lead.

Muehlbauer thwarted yet another United breakaway in the 55th minute. A double pass broke down the Byki backline, but Muehlbauer came up big.

At the hour mark, a Byki corner caused mayhem in the United penalty area. The ball was headed back for Doug Towsey, who fired an uncontested shot from 10 yards over the bar. "I guess I'll never complain about forwards missing the goal after that shot," Towsey quipped afterwards.

The Byki upped their advantage to 3:1 in the 76th minute amid a mild controversy. A United defender, under pressure in his box, knocked an awkward pass towards his goal. The keeper reacted instinctively when he feared the ball might roll past him into his goal and dove full stretch to grab it. That prompted the referee to whistle for a backpass violation, a decision that the United players hotly disputed. The ensuing free kick was positioned inside the United goal area and several defenders were stationed on their goal line prior to the indirect kick. Pedlow set the ball in play and Nick Elmkinssi blasted the ball through the crowd.

United made things interesting in the first minute of stoppage time, when the referee gave a penalty kick for an apparent handball in the box by Towsey. A United shot ricocheted through a gaggle of players in the Byki penalty

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area and the referee somehow concluded that Towsey had committed an infringement. A United player sent Muehlbauer the wrong way to make it 3:2.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Muehlbauer – Towsey, Cohen, Fink, Follenweider – Ekundayo, Weslar, Rodriguez, Elmkinssi – Pedlow, Posada. **Bench:** Cooper, Gorecki (c), Huck, Mazmanian, Zygmunt.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Weslar 1; 16th.
2:1 – Posada 1 (Rodriguez); 50th.
3:1 – Elmkinssi 2 (Pedlow); 76th.

Byki Man of the Match: Eric Muehlbauer

Striker Ammin Mehreioskouei headed the ball along for Todd Trowbridge, who was unmarked in the penalty area. Trowbridge’s shot trickled wide of the goalpost.

Eight minutes later, Stevens once again found Mehreioskouei open in the box with a throw-in. Mehreioskouei’s first-time attempt went wide of the target.

Steaua shrugged off those two dangerous situations and snatched the lead after 13 minutes. Byki marking was far too loose and an open player beat Martin Bertels from ten yards.

The two teams settled in after that opening salvo. Steaua had a slight edge in the possession battle, yet could not consistently create space behind the Byki back four.

Steaua had a marvelous opportunity to double their lead right before the break. Bertels was on his toes when he had to parry away a long-range bomb. The rebound remained loose on the doorstep of the goal and a Steaua player clipped the ball over the bar.

Steaua went 2:0 up when they converted a counterattacking opportunity in the 68th minute. They brought the ball quickly up the left wing. With the Byki slow to recover, central players went out wide to contain the play. Steaua exploited the extra space in the middle and a shot found the far post.

The best chance for the Byki to get back into the match came in the 73rd minute. Trowbridge played a sensational through pass for Stefan Soegaard, who had made an angled run on the right side. He sprinted into the box past the stationary defenders and placed a diagonal ball towards the far post. The ball missed the far post by inches and a supporting Marek Ciszewski arrived a half-step too late to tap the ball in.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Bertels – Suhayda Stevens, Gibbs, Mansur – Havlat, Bouzoukis, Stamatinos (c), Soegaard – Trowbridge, Mehreioskouei. **Bench:** Ciszewski, Dziekiewicz.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

Byki Man of the Match: Brett Suhayda

RED
FC Steaua 2 : 0 Byki
NSL Major Division -Conkey Forest Preserve - 20 May 2012

Byki goal drought persists

The Red Team lost for the third straight time last Sunday, when they were blanked 2:0 by FC Steaua at Conkey Forest Preserve. The Byki still are seeking their first goal of the season and have conceded nine in three matches so far.

The Byki created opportunities to get on the scoresheet, but came up empty once again. The team played in organized fashion at the defensive end, but the lack of scoring punch requires a flawless game on defense. So far, the Byki have yet to find the ideal balance of attacking and defending.

Two chances in the first ten minutes proved crucial. In the second minute, Alan Stevens hurled a long throw-in into the mixer in front of the Steaua goal. The depth and the accuracy of the throw caught the Steaua defense off guard.

Byki Stats

RED TEAM, NSL MAJOR DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
No goals yet!			
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Bertels	270	9	3.00
Current record: 0-0-3			

BLUE TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
LaConte	2	1	3
Stopka	2	0	2
Buur	1	0	1
Slate	1	0	1
Koenig	0	1	1
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Khankari	270	8	2.67
Current record: 1-0-3			

O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
No goals yet!			
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Najera	180	15	7.50
Current record: 0-0-2			

O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Rodriguez	2	1	3
Elmkinssi	2	0	2
Pedlow	1	1	2
Weslar	1	1	2
Posada	1	0	1
Zygmunt	1	0	1
Cohen	0	1	1
Ekundayo	0	1	1
Team goals	1	x	x
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Vlahakis	270	5	1.67
Muehlbauer	90	2	2.00
Current record: 3-0-1			

BLUE

Assyrian FC 8 : 2 Byki

NSL 1st Division - Conkey Forest Preserve - 20 May 2012

Byki short of answers

Assyrian FC proved to be too much for the Blue Team to handle last Sunday and they ran away easy 8:2 winners. The Assyrians were ready to play at a lightning-fast pace from the opening whistle and the Byki hardly knew what hit them. The Assyrians needed just 14 minutes to build a 2:0 lead and never looked back. The defeat drops the Byki to 1-0-3 for the season.

After having played the Assyrians enough times indoors and outdoors, the Byki should have known what to expect. In the first minute of the match, the Assyrians played a long ball into the corner on the left wing and then sent it into the middle. A shot from the top of the box hit the post and the ball remained loose inside the goal area. An Assyrian player got there first and his shot nicked the post as well. Barely a minute later, the Assyrians swooped in on the left side yet again and made no mistake with their finishing this time.

Amit Khankari was forced into a difficult diving save in the 13th minute. And the pressure was still on the Byki moments later, as the Assyrians played a couple of quick passes to unlock things. A shot from eight yards beat Khankari to make it 2:0.

The Byki worked hard to respond. Carlos Mendoza received a throw-in in the 19th minute and the keeper barely

tipped his shot from a sharp angle over the bar. Eleven minutes later, Jordan Stopka capped off a long run on the right flank by centering a pass for Matt LaConte. The striker's off-balance shot was saved by the keeper.

The Assyrians made it 3:0 in the 37th minute when they beat the Byki on the counterattack. Two minutes later, the Byki were saved by the goalpost when an Assyrian player headed off of the framework.

The teams exchanged four goals in a nine-minute span in the second half. After the Assyrians had gone ahead 4:0, the Byki got on the board in the 64th minute. The Assyrian goalie made a weak punch to clear a Byki corner kick. The ball fell to Kristian Buur, who buried a half-volley from 15 yards.

The Byki barely had time to celebrate that goal before the Assyrians wiped it out with their fifth score of the day, slicing up the Byki defense with some quick passing. The Byki pulled to within 5:2 in the 69th minute when LaConte played a brilliant through pass at midfield to spring Stopka. The midfielder came in alone and fired a shot in at the far post.

The Byki continued to battle, but would get no closer. The Assyrians maintained their aggressive approach and score three more times in the final 11 minutes to salt away the three points.

BYKI LINEUP (5-4-1): Khankari – Buur (c), Szczypka, White, Kosinski, Mendoza – Stopka, Garnon, Gonchar, Slate – LaConte. **Bench:** Barcenas, Mehagic.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

4:1 – Buur 1; 64th.

5:2 – Stopka 2 (LaConte); 69th.

Byki Man of the Match: Jordan Stopka

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MAJOR DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Gazelle SC	3	3	0	0	9	4	9
Albanian Stars	3	2	0	1	12	4	6
Brusfa FC	3	1	1	1	5	3	4
CKS Warta	3	1	1	1	6	8	4
RWB Adria	1	1	0	0	7	1	3
Jahbat FC	4	1	0	3	2	12	3
Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Hellenic United Blue	2	2	0	0	10	3	6
Deportivo Colomex	4	2	0	2	9	4	6
SAC Wisla	3	2	0	1	5	8	6
FC Steaua	3	1	0	2	4	4	3
Hellenic United White	4	1	0	3	6	15	3
Stare Byki FC Red	3	0	0	3	0	9	0

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Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Das Magic	4	3	0	1	15	9	9
Khaboor FC	4	2	2	0	5	2	8
Bosphorus FC	3	2	1	0	15	6	7
West Indies Jets SC	2	2	0	0	8	3	6
FC Moldova	3	1	0	2	4	10	3
Jamstar FC	2	0	1	1	4	6	1
NK Prijedor	3	0	1	2	5	10	1
Independiente FC	3	0	1	2	5	11	1
Shlama FC	2	0	0	2	2	6	0
Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Assyrian FC	4	3	0	1	13	5	9
Lancer FC	3	2	1	0	9	6	7
Raiders FC	4	2	1	1	11	8	7
FK Republika Srpska	2	2	0	0	5	2	6
FC Kosova	3	1	1	1	7	7	4
Gremio FC	3	1	1	1	5	6	4
Stare Byki FC Blue	4	1	0	3	6	16	3
Chicago Dynasty FC	4	0	2	2	9	12	2
Lamaso FC	1	0	0	1	4	5	0
Winged Bull	2	0	0	2	1	3	0

PREMIER SOCCER LEAGUE of CHICAGOLAND

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OVER 30 RED DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Romania SC	4	4	0	0	28	5	12
Bulgaria FC	3	3	0	0	15	5	9
Pampas	4	3	0	1	17	7	9
Hellenic United AC	4	3	0	1	10	4	9
Chicago Celtic	5	3	0	2	14	12	9
FC Tarnovia	5	3	0	2	10	10	9
Balkan	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
St Charles Celtics Red	3	1	0	2	7	8	3
La Granate	3	1	0	2	6	10	3
Jahbat FC	5	1	0	4	8	16	3
Black Eagle	4	0	1	3	8	21	1
SAC Wisla	4	0	0	4	6	17	0
Stare Byki FC	2	0	0	2	0	15	0

OVER 40 BLUE DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Pampas OT	5	4	0	1	21	10	12
MOFG	5	4	0	1	10	6	12
Torino FC	4	3	0	1	18	5	9
Stare Byki FC	4	3	0	1	9	7	9
Real FC	5	2	1	2	14	9	7
St Charles Celtics Green	4	2	0	2	9	10	6
Villains SC	5	2	0	3	7	15	6
Windy City United	5	1	1	3	14	13	4
Naperville Strikers FC	4	1	0	3	12	8	3
St Charles Celtics Orange	5	0	0	5	2	33	0