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Guadalajara	3	National Soccer League 1st Division
Stare Byki	6	Oak Brook Park District 21 May 2017

Byki goal explosion a welcome sight

The goals were in abundance for the Byki when they blasted FC Guadalajara 6:3 on May 21. Dmytro Korinenko and Andy Sokolowski each knocked in a pair, while Quavas Kirk contributed two assists. The Byki are 2-0-0 to start the 2017 season.

The three goals conceded were the only blemish on this performance, and two of them came in a chaotic first half, during which the Byki were trying to figure out their tactics. “We switched formations early in the first half,” said coach George Gorecki. “And then I tested several players in various positions. I applaud my players for remaining flexible. We really settled things down and dominated the second half.”

While six goals are a clear indicator of dominance, the Byki easily could have reached double figures had Guadalajara’s goalkeeper not made several top-class saves. He was the only genuinely reliable player in a team that comprised quite a few young players along with some veterans from dormant FC Kosova.

Guadalajara opened the scoring in the 12th minute after a scramble in front of the Byki goal. The Byki allowed a free kick to drop in front of their goal area and the ensuing mayhem resulted in a goal that squibbed past newly signed goalkeeper Aaron Menyes.

The Byki response was quick and decisive, as they drove home three goals in the span of seven minutes. The score went level in the 15th minute, when Kirk’s flicked header sprang Tony Sabo on a breakaway. The keeper came out to challenge Sabo, who coolly slotted the ball home.

The Byki took the lead just two minutes later. Sabo sent a long throw-in from the left wing into the mixer. The ball was headed along to midfielder Mark Zeman, whose shot pinged off of the crossbar. Sokolowski was in just the right spot to bundle the ball home.

Devin Freitag pounced on a bad goalkeeper error in the 22nd minute and sent the ball into the empty net for a 3:1 lead.

Guadalajara closed to within 3:2 just two minutes later,

catching the Byki defense napping. A Guadalajara winger ran down a long pass on the right side and sent a square ball across the face of the Byki goal. No one tracked a runner coming hard down the middle and he tapped home for an easy score.

By halftime, Gorecki had made up his mind about how to deploy his players and they responded with an impressive offensive barrage. Settling positions also stabilized the Byki defensively and Guadalajara could no longer carve out open spaces in the Byki backline.

Korinenko, shifted to a wing position in a 4-2-3-1 formation, wreaked havoc on the right side of the Guadalajara defense. He wasted little time in restoring a two-goal lead for the Byki. The play began with Quavas Kirk undressing a defender on the right flank with a killer fake. Kirk launched a cross into the goal area, where a Guadalajara player headed the ball towards the top of the penalty area. Korinenko was lurking, and rammed a first-time shot into the low corner for a 4:2 lead.

Guadalajara came close in the 57th minute, when a wind-aided free kick from midfield clanged off of the crossbar.

A flurry by the Byki at the hour mark put Guadalajara back on their heels. Zeman flicked a throw-in into open space for Kyler Mowry to go 1 v 1 against the goalie. Mowry’s first touch was a bit heavy and the keeper won the ball.

Moments later, a spectacular passing sequence between Quavas Kirk and Joe Sauerma sprang Mowry on the left side of the box. The goalkeeper was decisive and smothered the shot nearly at Mowry’s feet.

The score went to 5:2 in the 64th minute, when Kirk’s well-timed pass opened the door for Korinenko, who tallied his third goal of the season.

The chances kept piling up for the Byki. Sabo set up Korinenko for a potential hat trick in the 68th minute, but he was denied by a dramatic foot save from the goalkeeper.

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Quavas Kirk threaded an immaculate through pass for Sokolowski in the 75th minute, sending the youngster on a breakaway. He smartly looked for the far post, but his shot rolled just wide.

Sokolowski took care of business five minutes later, chasing down a clearance from Andrews Alfaro on the right flank. He easily outpaced the Guadalajara fullback and cut inside towards goal. The keeper had no chance, as Sokolowski tucked the ball home inside the near post.

The Byki got a bit too comfortable in the endgame and their laxness cost them a goal in the 87th minute. The swarming Guadalajara players weren't far away from a fourth goal in stoppage time, and only a desperate clearance off the line saved the Byki from further blushes. The Byki will have to remember to play at their strongest level until the final whistle.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Menyés – Bickel, Stevens (c), Elshafie, Mendoza – Sauerman, Sokolowski, Mowry, Sabo – Korinenko, Q. Kirk. **Bench:** Alfaro, Freitag, C. Kirk, Mehagic, Zeman.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

- 1:1 – Sabo 1 (Q. Kirk); 15th.
- 1:2 – Sokolowski 1; 17th.
- 1:3 – Freitag 1; 22nd.
- 2:4 – Korinenko 2; 47th.
- 2:5 – Korinenko 3 (Q. Kirk); 64th.
- 2:6 – Sokolowski 2 (Alfaro); 80th.

Byki Men of the Match: Dmytro Korinenko and Andy Sokolowski..

Byki O-30	2	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White B Division
Rangers	1	Oak Brook Sports Core 21 May 2017

Byki train keeps rolling

The Over 30 Team were poised to set a bit of personal history when they took the field versus Chicago Rangers on May 21. A win would give the team a perfect nine points

from three matches, which would mark the best start for a Byki Over 30 Team ever. The 2014 edition earned seven points from their first three matches. The current Byki complied by sweating out a tough 2:1 victory, despite playing with ten men for the last 40 minutes of the contest.

Fast starts at the Over 30 level haven't happened that often, primarily due to early-season scrambling to assemble a credible roster. Although this year's group only really came together a couple of weeks prior to the start of the season, the quality of the player pool is the main reason for the early success.

Having faced this opponent many times over the years, the Byki knew to expect aggressive play and constant pressure. The strategy was to counter the Rangers' aggressive play with high pressure in their end of the field. That approach yielded success 15 minutes into the match, when sustained pressure on the Rangers backline created a turnover. When their sweeper attempted to move the ball sideways, he wound up sending a perfect pass to Carlos Jaramillo out on the left wing. Jaramillo collected the ball 25 yards from goal and he calmly pushed the ball forward, setting himself up for a shot that roared into the back of the net, leaving the goalie with no chance.

The early lead emboldened the Byki to maintain their high-pressure tactics. The Rangers were unable to maintain possession of the ball and their scoring chances were few. The Byki, on the other hand, moved the ball up the field with ease and switched sides, searching for openings in the Rangers backline.

Alex Guzman made a strong bid to double the margin on 25 minutes, when his powerful free kick from 25 yards ricocheted off of the crossbar.

Byki pressure paid dividends just minutes later. The Byki parlayed a turnover in the Rangers half of the field into a counterattack. A diagonal pass found Lukas Chudyba running in space, and a desperate challenge by a Rangers defender brought Chudyba down in the penalty area. The referee pointed towards the spot and the ever-reliable Paul Gibbs calmly deposited the ball into the net after sending the goalie the wrong way.

FIRST TEAM, NSL 1ST DIVISION				O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION				O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION				O-48 TEAM, PSLC O-48 DIVISION			
Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts
Korinenko	3	0	3	Anderson	3	1	4	Penafiel	2	2	4	Huck	1	0	1
Sokolowski	2	0	2	Espinoza	3	1	4	Ekundayo	3	0	3	Demarets	0	1	1
Kirk, Q	0	2	2	Sodeinde	3	1	4	Fukar	2	0	2				
Freitag	1	0	1	Jaramillo	2	2	4	Pedlow	1	0	1	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Sabo	1	0	1	Gibbs	2	1	3	Huck	0	1	1	Muehlbauer	57	1	1.58
Alfaro	0	1	1	Guzman	0	2	2	Kramarz	0	1	1	Fukar	33	3	8.18
Verbych	0	1	1	Boeckeler	1	0	1	Kuch	0	1	1				
				Chudyba	0	1	1	Rodriguez, G	0	1	1	Current record: 0-0-1			
				Marquez	0	1	1								
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA					Goalie	Min	GA	GAA				
Stevens	90	0	0.00					Vlahakis	180	1	0.50				
Menyés	90	3	3.00	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Muehlbauer	90	2	2.00				
Current record: 2-0-0				Najera	270	1	0.33	Current record: 2-1-0							
				Current record: 3-0-0											

The Byki were fully deserving of their 2:0 halftime lead. During the break, the Byki discussed the importance of maintaining good positioning and continuing to limit Rangers scoring opportunities.

Things changed significantly, however, when defender Mohammed Soaga collected his second caution of the match only a few minutes into the second half. Soaga had beaten a Rangers player to a long pass and touched it into open space in front of the Byki penalty area. When the Rangers player made a move for the ball, he and Soaga got tangled up, and the referee concluded that Soaga had gone too far in trying to win the ball. The decision was harsh, but every player sitting on a yellow card has to choose his challenges carefully.

Despite being shorthanded, the Byki were able to maintain ball possession for long stretches. Jaramillo's well-timed through pass allowed striker Richard Sodeinde to utilize his speed and charge past defenders 1 v 1.

The man advantage eventually worked in the Rangers' favor. With 15 minutes to go, the Rangers came on a quick counterattack. A well placed pass sent the right winger on a run in open space, resulting in a cross into a crowded penalty area. Three Rangers players overwhelmed goalie Ray Najera and knocked the ball home to make it 2:1.

The Byki played the endgame to perfection to lock up all three points. The pressure was on to maintain possession and neutralize the Rangers, who became more aggressive and desperate to find an equalizer. With time running out, the Rangers relied more and more on long balls over the top of the Byki defense. The Byki, however, held firm and locked things down in front of their goal.

When the final whistle blew, the Byki cashed three more points and further secured their position at the top of the table. A full team effort and overall intelligent play were the foundation for a satisfying win.

Dan Jedrzejewski contributed to this report.

BYKI LINEUP (4-5-1): Najera – Boeckeler, Soaga, Jedrzejewski, Durojaiye – Gibbs, Guzman (c), Chudyba, Jaramillo, Espinoza – Sodeinde.
Bench: Labno.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Jaramillo 2; 15th.
 2:0 – Gibbs (pk); 28th.

Byki Man of the Match: None given.

Byki 0-40	4	Premier Soccer League Over 40 B1 Division
Pampas	0	Oak Brook Sports Core 21 May 2017

Byki force Pampas into *no mas*

Beating a rival is always satisfying, but beating them to the point where they capitulate is as fun as winning gets. The Over 40 Team blanked Chicago Pampas 4:0 on May 21 at

Oak Brook in an incredibly one-sided affair. The Byki were dominant throughout and Pampas totally lost their motivation to compete after the third Byki goal at the hour mark. The Byki now have six points from their three matches and have shown progressive improvement each week.

The Byki and Pampas have tangled many times over the last 18 years at multiple competitive levels in two leagues and many of those matches have ended with bitter feelings. There is no better way to stoke the fires of a rivalry.

It didn't take long for the Byki to serve notice of their intentions. In the seventh minute, Roman Kramarz charged into the Pampas penalty area and sent a slow, rolling shot past the keeper. Miguel Zarate followed up the play and tried to send the ball home, but a hustling Pampas defender slid in to block Zarate's shot.

Five minutes later, Jim Kuch crossed a ball into the goal area for Ade Ekundayo, whose header was snared by the goalie at full stretch.

The Byki got their breakthrough in the 19th minute, when Kuch's long pass from midfield found Ekundayo running behind the Pampas defense. The keeper came out and blocked Ekundayo's attempt, but the ball came right back to the midfielder, who touched it home for a 1:0 lead.

In the 23rd minute, Pampas found some space on the left side on the counterattack and James Vlahakis did well to block a hard shot, which then deflected off of the crossbar.

The Byki made it 2:0 in the 30th minute. Diego Penafiel started the play at midfield and found Kramarz in an advanced position. Kramarz dished off to Dean Fukar, who finished it off with a cheeky nutmeg of the goalie.

The best chance of the day for Pampas came in the 34th minute. A Pampas striker chased after a long pass that had gotten behind the Byki defense. Vlahakis came out to intervene and cleared the ball back right into the striker, propelling it towards the Byki goal. A second Pampas player came in to direct the ball home, but George Higginbotham stuck in a leg and cleared the ball to safety.

With that moment of anxiety out of the way, there was no stopping a Byki attack ready to run rampant. In the 39th minute, Gabriel Rodriguez and Penafiel exchanged quick passes, leading a to a breakaway for Penafiel. The keeper came out fast and desperately blocked Penafiel's attempt.

Two minutes later, Fukar controlled the ball along the goal line and floated a cross to the back post for Rodriguez, who bounced an open header wide of the target.

The confident Byki out their stamp on the match in the second half, as the outcome seemed to be a foregone conclusion for them. In the 60th minute, Attila Kotsy carried the ball into space and found Rodriguez in the right-wing channel. He cut inside and waited patiently for the play to develop. He sent the ball to an unmarked Fukar, whose shot had eyes for the far post. Fukar, normally a fixture on the backline, proved his versatility on a day when the Byki roster was strong with defenders, and netted two goals.

Pampas lost whatever motivation was left and sought to find a way to endure the final 30 minutes. The Byki added one more to their total ten minutes from the end. Rodriguez chipped a pass to Penafiel, who laid off for Ekundayo. After

sidestepping a defender, Ekundayo made it look easy in bagging his third goal of the campaign.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Vlahakis – Kuch, Higginbotham, Fink, King – Lane, Penafiel – Zarate, G. Rodriguez, Ekundayo (c) – Kramarz. **Bench:** Gorecki, Jacobs, Kotsy, Muehlbauer, J. Park.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

- 1:0 – Ekundayo 2; 19th.
- 2:0 – Fukar 1 (Kramarz); 30th.
- 3:0 – Fukar 2 (G. Rodriguez); 60th.
- 4:0 – Ekundayo 3 (Penafiel); 80th.

Byki Man of the Match: Dean Fukar

Rogues	4	Premier Soccer League Over 48 Division
Byki 0-48	1	Wheeling HS 24 May 2017

Rogues prove too tough for Byki

The Over 48 Team embarked on a new and improved Over 48 Division season on May 24, taking on the Park Ridge Rogues at Wheeling HS. The Rogues prevailed 4:1, displaying a higher level of understanding between teammates than the Byki, racing out to a 3:0 lead after 33 minutes. The Byki seemed a step slow in the first half and their passing was badly out of sync. The second half was a more even competition on the field, but the Byki were not poised for a titanic comeback.

After limping along as a five-team circuit in 2015 and 2016, the PSLC's Over 48 Division expanded to eight teams for 2017. Also gone in 2017 were occasional Sunday morning matches, necessitated by the work schedules of the players from Sofia BG. All of the teams involved tolerated Sunday matches for the sake of getting the league off the ground, but everyone preferred a midweek-only schedule. The PSLC eliminated Sunday matches altogether and a 14-game schedule will lead to a full summer of matches without any bye weeks.

The Rogues have been a mainstay in the Over 40 A Division. Some Byki players noted that many of the Rogues on the field were the same ones who regularly play Over 40. It was no wonder that the Rogues appeared to be playing in a higher gear than the Byki.

The Byki created the first good opportunity of the contest, catching the Rogues on the break. Charlie Cohen chased down Eric Tower's long clearance and found Dominic Demarets in the left-wing channel. Demarets smartly dropped the ball back for Dan Nelson, whose strong shot forced the goalie to make a diving grab.

The Rogues shook off that sequence and came right at the Byki. In the 13th minute, Dean Fukar made a point-blank save on a Rogue player unmarked in the middle of the box. Three minutes later, the Rogues went into the lead. A swerving free kick from the corner of the penalty area found an open

Rogue player at the far post. He outjumped everyone for his header, including Fukar's outstretched arms.

The Rogues controlled the tempo of the contest for the remainder of the first half, as their pace caused problems for the Byki in midfield. For their part, the Byki sputtered all over the field, unable to string together more than three passes before giving the ball away. It forced the Byki into a defensive stance and the Rogues kept piling on the pressure.

They made it 2:0 in the 29th minute when they picked off a bad Byki turnover in the defensive third. A long, low shot gave Fukar no chance. A third goal four minutes later confirmed the Rogues' dominance of the match. The Byki were one step slow on every pass during a Rogues counterattack and they easily slotted past a stranded Fukar. That goal ended Fukar's night, as he limped off with a calf injury. The enthused Eric Muehlbauer took over between the pipes.

The Byki improved their organization at halftime and looked a better team for it. In the 52nd minute, the Rogues messed up defending a Byki corner kick. Demarets pounced on the opportunity and smashed a half-volley from 12 yards. The keeper blocked the shot, but left the ball loose. No Byki players were close enough to follow up.

Eleven minutes later, a short Rogues clearance went right to Robert Dec on the left wing. He wasted no time going straight to goal, his shot ticking off the outside of the right post.

In the 67th minute, the Byki created chaos in front of the Park Ridge goal. Julian Kerbis intercepted a Rogues throw-in and played the ball to Brian Huck. The midfielder sent it along to Nelson, who briefly had the goalkeeper 1 v 1. A defender stuck a leg in at the last moment, sending the ball to Dec, who fired immediately. The keeper did well to grab up the near-post attempt.

The Rogues made it 4:0 in the 75th minute, catching the Byki on the counterattack. The play was too fast for the Byki to recover, made more difficult with players pushed forward looking for a goal.

The Byki left Wheeling with something on the scoreboard five minutes later. Demarets lofted a free kick from the corner of the penalty area towards the far post. The keeper totally misjudged the flight of the ball, allowing it to go right through his hands. Huck was in the right place to capitalize, steering the ball into the back of the net.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Fukar – Safford, Fink, Park, Kerbis – Tower, Huck (c) – Dec, Cohen, Nelson – Demarets. **Bench:** Carrillo, Gorski, Muehlbauer.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

- 4:1 – Huck 1 (Demarets); 80th.

Byki Man of the Match: Eric Muehlbauer

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Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Macedonia	3	2	0	1	10	5	6
Stare Byki FC	2	2	0	0	7	3	6
Chicago Dynasty FC	3	2	0	1	7	5	6
Das Magic	2	1	0	1	6	7	3
United Stars FC	3	1	0	2	8	10	3
FC Guadalajara	3	0	0	3	3	11	0

PSLC OVER 30 WHITE DIVISION**May 21, 2017****www.pslchicagoland.com**

A DIVISION	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
AEK FC Chicago	3	2	0	1	15	4	6
Levski Chicago 2014	2	2	0	0	7	5	6
FC Oasu	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
FC DePaul	3	1	0	2	8	5	3
Tricolorii FC	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Celtics	3	0	0	3	4	21	0

PSLC OVER 40 B DIVISION**May 21, 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	3	2	0	1	8	3	6
International SC	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Olympiacos Chicago	3	1	1	1	5	7	4
Naperville Strikers FC	2	0	1	1	3	6	1
Windy City United	3	0	1	2	5	12	1
Pampas OT	1	0	0	1	0	4	0

B2 DIVISION	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FK Danubia	4	4	0	0	25	5	12
United-Dynamo	2	1	1	0	5	3	4
St Charles Celtics Green	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Itasca	3	1	0	2	5	7	3
Real FC	2	1	0	1	5	8	3
MOFG	4	0	1	3	4	16	1
St Charles Celtics Orange	1	0	0	1	1	4	0

B DIVISION	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Stare Byki FC	3	3	0	0	14	1	9
Shogun	2	1	1	0	10	2	4
Chicago Rangers FC	2	1	0	1	11	2	3
Real FC	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
FC National	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Adventists United FC	3	0	0	3	0	29	0

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Park Ridge Rogues	2	2	0	0	10	2	6
St Charles Celtics	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Sofia BG	2	1	0	1	6	4	3
Torino FC	2	1	0	1	4	8	3
International SC	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Concordia	2	0	1	1	2	5	1
Villains SC	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
Stare Byki FC	1	0	0	1	1	4	0