



# BOUNCINGS



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Stare Byki	<b>3</b>	National Soccer League Major Division
Das Magic	<b>1</b>	Oak Brook Sports Core 20 May 2018

## Ten-man Byki stay undefeated

The Byki survived a rash of last-minute injuries on May 20 and were left with just ten players to face old rivals Das Magic at Oak Brook. But teamwork seems to be the running theme for the 2018 Byki. They held Das Magic in check until halftime and then struck for two goals in a three-minute span in the second half to assume control. The Byki survived a late scare from the visitors and won 3:1 in tidy fashion. The Byki have earned a maximum nine points from their three matches so far.

Das Magic have long been the bogey opponent for the Byki, often finding ways to win games even when they appear to be second-best on the field. Oftentimes, the Byki have been unable to get over this hurdle. Last season, three of the team's four defeats came at the hands of Das Magic, including the championship playoff game.

The Byki actually played the first 15 minutes with just nine players and Das Magic held a significant advantage in possession. The Byki maintained their shape and their discipline, bent a few times, but refused to break.

In the 16th minute, Matt Tutich controlled the ball at the halfway line and decided to roll the dice. He took off on a long run to goal and drilled a shot right at the keeper.

The action picked up in the last 15 minutes of the half. Das Magic worked the ball on the right side of the box and tried to beat Aaron Menyes with a floater, but the Byki netminder tipped it to safety.

In the 37th minute, Joe Sauerma n led the counterattack and drove a ball into the mixer from the right flank. Das Magic cleared the ball just outside the box to Dmytro Korinenko, whose hard shot was snagged by the keeper.

Moments later, Das Magic came dangerously close. Menyes repelled a shot from inside the box, but needed Chris Talac to intervene to get the ball cleared out.

After weathering the early storm, the Byki felt confident that they could win the second half. In the 51st minute,

Quavas Kirk chased down a long pass, beat two defenders, but was ultimately denied by the crossbar.

The game turned towards the Byki two minutes later. Quavas Kirk settled a throw-in on the right wing and turned to find Sauerma n making a slicing run behind the defense. Kirk's perfectly weighted pass found Sauerma n in stride, leaving him with only the goalkeeper to beat. He slipped it right underneath him for a 1:0 lead.

Das Magic hardly knew what had hit them when the Byki struck again. Korinenko powered his way into middle and dribbled across the top of the box. He rifled a shot that was too hot for the keeper to handle and the Byki were suddenly comfortably in the driver's seat at 2:0.

The game got interesting on 67 minutes, when Das Magic showed that they were not ready to throw in the towel. A Byki clearance barely made it out of the penalty area and went straight to a Das Magic player, whose low shot beating a diving Menyes.

But the Byki were not about to park the bus. They continued playing with confidence, Colin Kirk's booming free kick from 40 yards narrowly missed the target.

The Byki put the result beyond any doubt in the 75th minute, when Quavas Kirk set up Tutich for an easy finish to make it 3:1. Tutich had terrorized Das Magic defenders to distraction and his goal was all the more satisfying.

**BYKI LINEUP:** Menyes – C. Kirk, Stamatinos (c), Talac, Crist – Sauerma n, Joiner, Korinenko, Tutich – Q. Kirk

### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Sauerma n 1 (Q. Kirk); 53rd.  
2:0 – Korinenko 1; 56th.  
3:1 – Tutich 2 (Q. Kirk); 75th.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Joe Sauerma n.

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# 2017

**NSL FIRST DIVISION  
PSLC OVER 30 B DIVISION**

# CHAMPIONS

Byki 0-30	<b>2</b>	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White B Division
Rangers	<b>0</b>	Oak Brook Sports Core 20 May 2018

Silverbacks	<b>2</b>	Premier Soccer League Over 48 Division
Byki 0-48	<b>5</b>	East Side Sports Complex 31 May 2018

## Byki back on track, blank Rangers

The Over 30 Team snapped a two-game losing streak with a comprehensive 2:0 win over Chicago Rangers FC on May 20 at Oak Brook. Robbie McClure and Owiocho Adogwa supplied the goals in a match that was more one-sided than the score indicated. With six points from four matches, the Byki are in fourth place, trailing leaders Levski Chicago by six points. The Byki controlled the tempo throughout and better finishing might well have led to a gaudy scoreline. Midfield superiority was the difference between the sides.

The Byki are still in the process of integrating a host of new players into their roster. The overall talent level appears to be an upgrade over last year's squad, but things are not yet clicking on all cylinders.

McClure came close to opening his account in the 15th minute, when his header went narrowly over the crossbar.

He corrected things ten minutes later. Alan Stevens cleared a Rangers free kick to midfield, finding Tim Patz. Suddenly, the Byki were poised to make a break on the counter. Patz played the ball wide for Carlos Jaramillo, who crossed into mixer for McClure to head home to make it 1:0.

Moments later, Jaramillo had a good look at goal, but his free kick from 20 yards out went high.

The Byki doubled their pleasure in the 35th minute. Segun Durojaiye slid a square pass to Owiocho Adogwa. The midfielder ripped a knuckleball shot from outside the box, giving the Rangers goalkeeper fits. He misjudged the swerving shot, deflecting it onto the post and into the goal line for a 2:0 advantage.

The second half morphed into battle in midfield for the most part. The Rangers mustered just one decent effort in the 45 minutes and that shot sailed wide of Byki netminder Ray Najera's goal. With a two-goal lead that basically felt unassailable, the Byki handily controlled the contest at both ends of the field.

The Byki were not far from a third goal in the final minute, when striker Volkan Akbas came in alone on a breakaway. The Rangers goalie stuck his leg out to deny Akbas his third tally of the season.

*Alan Stevens contributed to this story.*

**BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2):** Najera – Buur, Boeckeler, Stevens, Soaga – McClure (c), Hernandez, Jaramillo, Patz – Akbar, Campos. **Bench:** Adogwa, Durojaiye, Jaworski, J. Ruiz, Sodeinde.

### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – McClure 1 (Jaramillo); 25th.  
2:0 – Adogwa 1 (Durojaiye); 35th.

**Byki Men of the Match:** Owiocho Adogwa and Robby McClure.

## Byki win "second" opener

The Over 48 Team finally found their way onto the soccer field and spanked St Charles Celtics Silverbacks 5:2 on Thursday at the East Side Sports Complex. Brian Huck and newcomer Mark Retterer bagged two goals apiece, while Steven Pedlow notched a goal and an assist. Jim Jacobs, finding new life as wingback, contributed two assists.

It was actually the second game of the season for the Byki, who were forced to forfeit the previous week's match versus Jake's Stars Villains, due to a lack of players. "We got the process of assembling the roster started too late before we realized we were too short to play," said George Gorecki, who took on the temporary role of player-coach in the aftermath of the debacle. "Forfeiting games because of a lack of readiness is unacceptable. I'm happy that over the course of 2500-plus matches in our history, we've failed to answer the bell just five times. But for me, even one forfeited game is too many."

The Byki dressed 15 players against the Silverbacks, another oldboys iteration of the St Charles Celtics. This group comprises many of the players who have been part of the Celtics Orange Over 40s for many years.

The Byki lined up in a 5-3-2 system, a stark departure from their traditional set-up of four in the back. "Defensive discipline was our biggest problem last season," said Gorecki. "I'm glad that the guys were open to a new approach and it worked pretty well for us."

It didn't take long for the Byki to make an impression, banging home three goals in the first ten minutes. Pedlow carried the ball into the right-wing channel in the third minute and crossed into the box. The ball was headed out and wound up with Jacobs on the byline. He sent a square pass into the middle for Huck, who completed the easy tap-in.

Four minutes later, the Byki struck on the counter. Jacobs went on a long run along the right flank and found Retterer in the middle with a diagonal pass. The unmarked Retterer converted easily.

The score swelled to 3:0 when Pedlow back-headed a near-post corner kick into the middle. The ball somehow found its way to Retterer, who made no mistake from close range.

That bright start should have been the catalyst for an all-out rout, but eyes on the Byki side of the field got big, as everyone sensed an opportunity to get on the scoresheet. "We had a great start and moved the ball really well," said Gorecki. "But then we got away from what made us successful and we were kind of bogged down in a soccer malaise."

The Celtics managed to pull one back in the 31st minute. The Byki made two feeble attempts to clear the ball out of their penalty area and a Celtics player sent a low shot past

volunteer goalkeeper John Park.

The Byki regrouped at halftime, agreeing that they had lost their way in the latter stages of the first half. They came roaring out of the gates after the break, bagging two goals in the first eight minutes. Jacobs made a long run from midfield on the right side, tearing past the overmatched defender. He spotted Dave Safford making the supporting run on the left side of the box. The unbalanced Silverbacks reacted poorly and Safford drove the ball towards the goal. The keeper lunged but could only deflect the ball along to Huck, who made easy work from the doorstep of the goal to up the lead to 4:1.

A few minutes later, Huck beat his man 1 v 1 on the right wing and centered for Pedlow at the top of the box. Pedlow's initial attempt was blocked, but he was in the right spot to bang the follow-up into the back of the net for a 5:1 lead.

The Silverbacks had one shining moment in the second half, when a player fired a long-range free kick that beat Ray Najera, who replaced Park at halftime. They otherwise spent a lot of time chasing after the Byki and failing to dent the Byki defense.

The Byki executed several promising counterattacks in the final ten minutes, taking advantage of a tiring defense. Shots from Pedlow and Doug Towsey were blocked by an alert goalkeeper. Towsey, who shifted from his customary central position in defense to wingback in the second half, found plenty of joy on the left flank, easily beating any Silverbacks on that side of the field. He had a gilt-edged opportunity in the dying moments of the contest, springing forward on a breakaway. A goal seemed certain, but Towsey slid the ball wide of the post. "I think they moved the goal," Towsey said afterwards. "I had it all lined up."

**BYKI LINEUP (5-3-2):** J. Park – Jacobs, Higginbotham, Tower, King, Safford – Cohen, Huck, J. Rodriguez – Pedlow (c), Retterer. **Bench:** Carrillo, R. Najera, V. Najera, Towsey.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

- 0:1 – Huck 1 (Jacobs); 3rd.
- 0:2 – Retterer 1 (Jacobs); 7th.
- 0:3 – Retterer 2 (Pedlow); 10th.
- 1:4 – Huck 2; 47th.
- 1:5 - Pedlow 1; 53rd.

**Byki Men of the Match:** George Higginbotham and Jim Jacobs

Byki 0-40	0	Premier Soccer League Over 40 B1 Division
Olympiacos	6	
		Olympic Park 20 May 2018

## A really bad day at the office

The Over 40 Team suffered one of their worst defeats ever on May 20, when Olympiacos Chicago blitzed the Byki 6:0, with five of the goals coming in the second half. What started out as an evenly played match turned bizarre, as keeper Dean Fukar was helpless to defend a flurry of deflected shots. To make things worse, five Byki suffered injuries that prevented them from continuing.

After the Byki opened the season with draws versus International and Deerfield, they expected to finally get their act together. The pre-season went in fits and starts for all teams, given the frigid and rainy conditions that prevailed for much of the early spring. Following this setback, the Byki will still need to find that consistent scoring threat.

The teams played on even terms at the start of the contest, as the possession battle seemed pretty level. Both teams generated some shots, but none that were capable of bothering the goalkeepers.

The Byki gifted Olympiacos their first goal at the half-hour mark, when a foolish Byki pass through the middle of their own penalty area found an Olympiacos striker alone in front of Fukar. He buried that opportunity, but the Byki were hardly bothered and fully expected to get that one back.

At halftime, the heavens opened up, soaking all of Olympic Park on a day where the thermometer struggled to reach 50 degrees. The rain persisted for the majority of the second half, providing some incredibly miserable playing conditions.

Olympiacos must prefer playing in the rain because they scored two quick goals within 15 minutes. In both cases, the goals came from shots that were deflected off of Byki defenders and into the goal, leaving the hapless Fukar powerless.

"[The goals] let the air out of the balloon," noted player-coach Doug Towsey. "It seemed like we were deflated at that point. It was freezing and pouring down rain. It was miserable. I've decided we are a warm weather team."

Olympiacos went into the driver's seat for the rest of the game. They scored two more goals thanks to deflections, giving them a total of four on the day. Olympiacos put a cherry on the sundae with a late goal to swell their advantage to 6:0 on a shot into the upper right corner of the goal.

The Byki were also bitten hard by the injury bug. Winger Miguel Zarate had to withdraw early in the match. By the middle of the second half, Carlin Metzger, Kuba Banbor and Towsey were also on the shelf. John Park came out during the latter stages. The Byki were left with no substitutes at a point where most players probably wished they could find the comfort of a warm car.

"I would just like to forget about the game and move on," said Towsey afterwards. "I think we were just as good as them, as we played basically even in the first half. Looking forward to the rematch."

*Doug Towsey contributed to this story.*

**BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1):** Fukar – Towsey, King, Fink, Banbor – Lane, Penafiel – G. Rodriguez, Zarate, Ekundayo (c) – Pedlow. **Bench:** Metzger, Marquez, Meza, J. Park, Safford.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

None.

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

### NSL MAJOR DIVISION

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria	4	3	1	0	11	3	10
Stare Byki FC	3	3	0	0	8	3	9
Wisloka Chicago	2	2	0	0	9	2	6
Gazelle SC	2	2	0	0	4	0	6
Vikings AA	3	1	2	0	8	5	5
AAC Winged Bull	3	1	1	1	4	6	4
SAC Wisla	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
FC Guadalajara	3	1	0	2	6	9	3
Das Magic	3	0	0	3	4	9	0
CKS Warta	3	0	0	3	3	10	0
Dundalk FC	4	0	0	4	4	13	0

### PSLC OVER 30 WHITE DIVISION

20 May 2018

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Levski Chicago 2014	4	4	0	0	20	6	12
Celtics	4	3	1	0	11	5	10
AEK FC Chicago	2	2	0	0	17	0	6
Stare Byki FC	4	2	0	2	13	6	6
FC Oasu	3	1	1	1	20	8	4
FC Igloopol	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Tricolorii FC	4	1	1	2	8	9	4
FC National	3	1	0	2	14	13	3
Shogun	2	1	0	1	6	9	3
Chicago Rangers FC	3	0	1	2	7	10	1
International SC	2	0	1	1	5	8	1
Adventists United FC	4	0	0	4	2	49	0

### PSLC OVER 40 B DIVISION

20 May 2018

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Olympiacos Chicago	4	3	1	0	17	3	10
FK Danubia	4	2	2	0	11	7	8
Park Ridge Rogues	2	1	1	0	7	4	4
Deerfield	3	1	1	1	6	5	4
Atletico Torino FC	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Stare Byki FC	3	0	2	1	3	9	2
International SC	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
MANA United SC	2	0	0	2	1	4	0
Real FC Blues	3	0	0	3	2	14	0

### PSLC OVER 48 DIVISION

31 May 2018

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Jakes Stars Villains	3	2	1	0	12	1	7
Park Ridge Rogues	3	2	0	1	10	4	6
HNK Concordia	2	2	0	0	6	1	6
Sofia BG	2	1	1	0	7	2	4
Stare Byki FC	2	1	0	1	5	5	3
Atletico Torino FC	3	1	0	2	7	10	3
St Charles Celtics	3	1	0	2	8	13	3
St. Charles Celtics Silverbacks	4	0	0	4	3	22	0

# Byki Stats

#### FIRST TEAM, NSL MAJOR DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Tutich	2	0	2
Korinenko	1	1	2
Perez, B	1	1	2
Kirk, Q	0	2	2
De Felice	1	0	1
Joiner	1	0	1
Parker	1	0	1
Sauerman	1	0	1
Yamane	0	1	1
<b>Goalie</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>GAA</b>
Menyes	180	2	1.00
Perez, A	90	1	1.00

Current record: 3-0-0

#### O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Sodeinde	3	1	4
Jaworski	1	2	3
Akbas	2	0	2
Klosterman	2	0	2
Gibbs	1	1	2
Adogwa	1	0	1
Campos	1	0	1
McClure	1	0	1
Patz	1	0	1
Durojaiye	0	1	1
Espinoza	0	1	1
Jaramillo	0	1	1
<b>Goalie</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>GAA</b>
Najera	360	6	1.50

Current record: 2-0-2

#### O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Penafiel	2	1	3
Ekundayo	1	0	1
Towsey	0	1	1
<b>Goalie</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>GAA</b>
Vlahakis	135	2	1.33
Park, J	45	1	2.00
Fukar	90	6	6.00

Current record: 0-2-1

#### O-48 TEAM, PSLC O-48 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Huck	2	0	2
Retterer	2	0	2
Pedlow	1	1	2
Jacobs	0	2	2
<b>Goalie</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>GAA</b>
Najera	45	1	2.00
Park, J	45	1	2.00

Current record: 1-0-0