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**RED**

**HUAC White 0 : 2 Byki**

NSL Major Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 22 May 2011

## Byki on their game for 1st win

After a back-and-forth tussle with Hellenic United's Blue team on May 15, the Byki tried their luck against Hellenic White on May 22. The result was a big improvement, a solid 2:0 win. The Byki rolled up their sleeves and got the job done, despite not playing their best brand of soccer. With four points from their three matches, the Byki can use this result as an important building block for the future.

Hellenic United White joined their Blue comrades into the Major Division, after having earned promotion from the 1st Division in 2010. Although the White squad represent the club's second-choice players, they gave a good accounting of themselves versus the Byki, controlling possession in the middle third of the field for long stretches. But they rarely found gaps in the Byki defense and the Byki were content to sit back and absorb pressure. The Byki were the better team on the day and they took their chances with cool confidence.

The Byki had a difficult time adjusting their spacing in the first half on the monster-sized field at Oak Brook Sports Core. Hellenic players had plenty of time and space on the ball and this shortcoming exasperated coach Joe Gambino.

The Byki stood their ground and kept their game together well enough to score a highlight-reel goal to grab a 25th-minute lead. Laurence Green started the play on the right wing and swung a cross to the left side, spotting Mike Stamatinos making the incisive run. Stamatinos met the ball at the goal line to the keeper's right and crossed the ball through the goal area, where striker Blake Taubman launched himself full stretch to ram a header home just inside the right post.

Hellenic had a great opportunity to knot the score six

minutes later, coming 3 v 2 after a Byki turnover in the defensive end. Hellenic worked the ball to an open player on the right side of the box, but Marty Lupou had him read perfectly and parried the near-post attempt to safety.

Gambino was adamant to see the large gap between his three lines reduced in the second half. The Byki were reasonably successful and although Hellenic continued to enjoy the possession edge, their wingers were no longer running rampant.

The patient Byki doubled their lead in the 68th minute. Green sent a sweeping ball from the left side to Kristian Buur, who ran into space on the right. He immediately played a through pass for Ammin Mehreioskouei, who sprinted past his marker, who tripped him inside the box. The referee whistled for a penalty and Mehreioskouei capped off the play with a blast right down the middle of the goal.

Hellenic changed their formation to get more players forward for the final 20 minutes. The Byki responded like real pros, holding possession, passing into space, and killing off the game, giving Hellenic no hope. They nearly made it 3:0 on the counter. Green started things with a pass to Mehreioskouei, who found Josh Taylor getting in behind the defense. The goalie came out fast and smothered Taylor's shot attempt.

Teamwork was the best attribute on the day for the Byki and was the most important factor in getting three points.



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**BLUE****NK Prijedor 3 : 0 Byki**

NSL 1st Division - Olympic Park - 22 May 2011

## Cohesion eludes Byki

NK Prijedor handed the Blue Team their second loss in as many matches, knocking them down in a 3:1 win at Olympic Park on May 22. The Byki had difficulties getting through a packed Prijedor defense, a task made more difficult by the Byki trying to bludgeon their way through very heart of that defense.

“Our team continue to show considerable technical capabilities,” said coach George Gorecki. “So far, we have fallen short with regards to teamwork. Some of that problem falls to me and arranging the players in the best formation. The rest of it falls to the players to get better as a group in training.”

The Byki had the advantage of youth and speed on their side, but Prijedor played a much smarter game than the visitors did. Prijedor waited for the Byki to come at them and then launched timely counterattacks that forced the Byki to scramble back on defense.

A Prijedor player ran free on the right side during a raid in the seventh minute. Goalkeeper Martin Bertels made a terrific diving save on an open shot from the top of the box.

Six minutes later, Jeremy Slate found Chris Koenig alone in the box. Koenig turned his defender inside out to create the opening, but the keeper was right there to make the stop. In the 15th minute, Anthony del Priore and Pedro Simas combined nicely to set up Simas at the 18. The Prijedor goalie dove to his right to keep the ball out of the net.

The Byki blundered badly when they defended a Prijedor throw-in from the deep right corner in the 24th minute. They allowed the ball to bounce twice in the penalty area and an open player fired a half volley from ten yards past the helpless Bertels.

Prijedor went up 2:0 in the 59th minute when the Byki were caught in no man’s land on a ball over the top. Prijedor’s attackers got behind the defense and Bertels was left on an island.

Three minutes later, the Byki made a bid to close the gap. Ohad Garnon crossed a short corner into the box. The weak clearance fell to Del Priore at the top of the arc. His strong strike forced the goalie into a lunging save.

Prijedor put the finishing touches on the match in the 77th minute when they beat the Byki yet again on the break. The Byki had committed more players into the attack by that point, so the defense got stretched rather easily.

The Byki avoided the shutout just before the final whistle. Del Priore played a thoughtful through ball for Simas, who scampered past one defender in the area and then drew the goalkeeper off his line. Swerving past the keeper, Simas calmly deposited the ball into the back of the net from a very tough angle near the goal line.

**OVER 30****Byki 2 : 3 Balkan**

PSLC Over 30 Division - Olympic Park - 21 May 2011

## Changes result in goals, but no win

The Over 30 Team inserted five new faces into the squad, four of them starters, for their encounter with Balkan at Olympic Park on May 21. The changes provided the verve and intelligence that were desperately missing in the first two matches of the season. Although Balkan broke a 2:2 deadlock in the 70th minute to secure victory, the Byki played competitively with one of the better teams in the PSLC’s Over 30 Division.

One of the newcomers made his Over 30 debut and was instrumental in both Byki goals. Ivan Torossian started the match as a lone forward and gave the Balkan defenders headaches all day long. Even though his is still working to reach match fitness, he played the full 90 and provided an element of surprise and speed that the Over 30s can use.

Torossian was full of surprises in the 11th minute of the contest. Kuba Banbor started the play by cutting inside with the ball from the right flank. He laid off to Torossian, who began a weaving jaunt through the box. After he lured the goalie out, Torossian appeared to be pinned along the goal line. He sent a simple diagonal pass into the goal area for Banbor, who slammed the ball into the unguarded net.

The early strike set the tone for a half of soccer with a multitude of scoring chances. In the 23rd minute, a Balkan player dribbled free and fired from 22 yards, only to see his shot skim off the top of the crossbar. A minute later, Banbor sent a long pass for Torossian, who easily slipped past his marker. His shot from 17 yards clanged off of the inside of the post.

Goalkeeper Martin Bertels did his share to maintain the lead. He bailed out his defense with two tremendous saves and the Byki went into the break with a 1:0 lead and seeking more in the second half.

Balkan, however, had other ideas. They blitzed the Byki for two goals in the first 11 minutes to gain control of the contest. The Byki were scrambling after a weak clearance in their end. Conor Casey got his legs tangled with a Balkan player dribbling in the box and was whistled for a penalty in the 49th minute. Balkan converted the spot kick and then took the lead when a player sent a deftly flicked header over Bertels.

The Byki had a response waiting. In the 65th minute, Kieron Inalsingh hustled to keep a ball in play and passed to Roman Kramarz. The midfielder waited for the right moment and sent a square pass to Torossian, who accelerated towards the goal. He sped past his defender and coolly slotted home past the advancing goalkeeper.

Balkan scored the winner five minutes later, beating the Byki on the counter. Their quick passing left the Byki flat-footed.

**OVER 40****Byki 0 : 3 Botev**

PSLC Over 40 Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 22 May 2011

**Over 40s remain winless**

The Over 40 Team suffered their third consecutive defeat on May 22 when they dropped a 3:0 decision to opportunistic Botev at Oak Brook Sports Core. The Byki were disappointed to come away with nothing from this match after having the lion's share of possession. Botev made the most of their chances and that was the difference in the game.

The Byki veterans continue to struggle to find their way in 2011. Despite a record of 0-1-3, they haven't played terribly, as evidenced by the quality shown in their matches versus Hellenic United and International FC. At the same time, they have not done enough to get over the hump and get on the winning track.

Botev scored the only goal of the first half after 15 minutes and they then made a commitment to defend their lead. They allowed the Byki to maintain ball possession, but did well

enough to clog the area in front of their goal to thwart any Byki incursions into the box. Sweeper Doug Towsey summed things up at the break. "I touched the ball three times the entire time," he said, an indication of how much ball possession that the Byki were enjoying. Botev got the goal they needed and were simply content to sit back with five players and dared the Byki to find some space. And that was the rub for the Byki, who did a very nice job of hanging on to the ball, but did very little in the way of penetrating the Botev backline.

In the second half, the Byki picked where they had left off and kept trying to probe the defense for openings. Botev deserved credit for keeping things tidy in the back and only venturing forward when chances presented themselves on the break.

They made it 2:0 with a couple of quick passes that caught the Byki defense unaware. Once the Byki started pushing more players forward for the remainder of the match, open space was plentiful in the Byki half of the field. Botev smartly parlayed the shift to full advantage. When Eric Tower went out to the left flank to chase down a winger, the middle was left open and an easy pass into space sparked a breakaway from midfield for their striker. He waltzed in for the clinching third goal.

*Eric Tower contributed to this story.*

# Byki Stats

**RED TEAM, NSL MAJOR DIVISION**

Player	G	A	Pts
Taubman	2	0	2
Mehreioskouei	1	0	1
Stamatinos	0	1	1
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Lupou, Marty	270	2	0.67

Current record: 1-1-1

**BLUE TEAM, NSL 1ST DIVISION**

Player	G	A	Pts
Simas	1	0	1
Del Priore	0	1	1
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Bertels	180	6	3.00

Current record: 0-0-2

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

Player	G	A	Pts
Kekus	2	0	2
Torossian	1	1	2
Banbor	1	0	1
Fleming	0	1	1
Kramarz	0	1	1
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Bertels	180	9	4.50
Fukar	90	5	5.00

Current record: 0-0-3

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

Player	G	A	Pts
Huck	2	0	2
Cruickshank	1	0	1
Dec	1	0	1
Gorski	1	0	1
Zygmunt	1	0	1
Pedlow	0	1	1
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Vlahakis	180	4	2.00
Muehlbauer	90	3	3.00
Fukar	90	6	6.00

Current record: 0-1-3

# BYKI SCOREBOARD

**RED**

HUAC White 0 : 2 Byki

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**BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2):** Marty Lupou – Black (c), Dziekiewicz, Mike Lupou, Suhayda – Herholdt, Buur, Stamatinos, Trowbridge – Mehreioskouei, Taubman. **Bench:** Green, Taylor.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

0:1 – Taubman 2 (Stamatinos); 25th.  
0:2 – Mehreioskouei 1 (pk); 68th.

**Byki Men of the Match:** Kvar Black and Laurence Green

**BLUE**

NK Prijedor 3 : 0 Byki

NSL 1st Division - Olympic Park - 22 May 2011

**BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2):** Bertels – L Karam, Garnon, J Karam, Stevens (c) – Havlat, Koenig, Pirahmadi, Del Priore – Slate, Simas. **Bench:** Barsotti, Gambino.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

3:1 – Simas 1 (Del Priore); 90th.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Joe Karam

**OVER 30**

Byki 2 : 3 Balkan

PSLC Over 30 Division - Olympic Park - 21 May 2011

**BYKI LINEUP (4-5-1):** Bertels – Lane (c), Lim, Brough, Casey – Dziekiewicz, Samp, Dec, Banbor, Kramarz – Torossian. **Bench:** Inalsingh, McGrath, Zaskowski.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

1:0 – Banbor 1 (Torossian); 11th.  
2:2 – Torossian 1 (Kramarz); 65th.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Ray Lim

**OVER 40**

Byki 0 : 3 Botev

PSLC Over 40 Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 22 May 2011

**BYKI LINEUP (4-5-1):** Vlahakis – Towsey, Safford, Weslar, Geng – Tower, Elmkinssi, Pedlow, Dec, Huck – Posada. **Bench:** Cruickshank, Fukar Jacobs, Sambou, Zygmunt.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

None.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Jing Geng

# NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

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## MAJOR DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Albanian Stars	2	2	0	0	6	0	6
SAC Wisla	2	1	1	0	5	1	4
Jahbat FC	3	1	1	1	5	4	4
RWB Adria	1	1	0	0	9	1	3
FC Steaua	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
Khaboor FC	4	0	0	4	1	19	0

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Independiente FC	3	2	0	1	12	2	6
NK Prijedor	3	2	0	1	10	5	6
Brusfa FC	2	2	0	0	6	2	6
Assyrian FC	1	0	0	1	2	5	0
Stare Byki FC Blue	2	0	0	2	1	6	0
Gremio FC	2	0	0	2	3	12	0

## FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Hellenic United Blue	3	3	0	0	11	3	9
Stare Byki FC Red	3	1	1	1	3	2	4
CKS Warta A	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
FK Republika Srpska	2	1	0	1	2	6	3
Gazelle SC	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
Hellenic United White	2	0	0	2	0	3	0

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Deportivo Colomex	4	2	1	1	13	7	7
Das Magic	3	2	0	1	6	3	6
West Indies Jets SC	2	1	1	0	6	4	4
CKS Warta B	2	1	0	1	4	5	3
Winged Bull B	3	1	0	2	3	13	3
Chicago Thunder	1	0	0	1	2	4	0

## SECOND DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Chicago Dynasty FC	2	2	0	0	4	0	6
Lamaso FC	1	1	0	0	11	1	3
Bosphorus FC	2	1	0	1	6	4	3
FC Moldova	2	0	0	2	3	6	0
FK Podrinje	2	0	0	2	2	12	0

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Lemont FC	3	3	0	0	13	5	9
DePaul FC	2	2	0	0	9	3	6
FC Kosova	2	2	0	0	7	5	6
Turkish FC	3	1	0	2	6	7	3
West Bosnia SC	2	0	0	2	4	6	0
Chicago Thunder B	3	0	0	3	5	21	0

## OVER 30 DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Hellenic United AC	2	2	0	0	5	0	6
Jahbat FC	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
West Indies Jets SC	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
SAC Wisla	2	0	0	2	2	6	0

# PREMIER SOCCER LEAGUE of CHICAGOLAND

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## OVER 30 RED DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Torino FC	3	3	0	0	9	2	9
Bulgaria FC	4	3	0	1	13	7	9
Chicago Celtic	4	2	1	1	7	6	7
St Charles Celtics Red	3	2	0	1	7	2	6
Balkan	4	2	0	2	8	8	6
FC Tarnovia	4	1	0	3	5	10	3
Hellenic United AC	3	0	1	2	3	7	1
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>

## OVER 40 GREEN DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
International SC	3	3	0	0	8	1	9
Hellenic United AC	3	2	1	0	8	4	7
Champions FC	3	2	0	1	20	6	6
Botev Chicago	3	2	0	1	7	2	6
Real Wilmette	4	2	0	2	4	4	6
Park Ridge Rogues	3	2	0	1	7	8	6
St Charles Celtics Blue	3	1	0	2	2	5	3
FC DePaul	2	1	0	1	7	15	3
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>
St Charles Celtics Green	4	0	0	4	1	12	0

## OVER 40 BLUE DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Pampas OT	4	4	0	0	8	1	12
Windy City United	4	3	1	0	10	5	9
Gato Verde	3	2	1	0	4	1	6
Villains SC	4	2	2	0	7	6	6
Real FC	4	1	1	2	7	7	5
MOFG	3	1	1	1	5	3	4
St Charles Celtics Orange	3	0	2	1	3	10	1
Naperville Strikers FC	2	0	2	0	2	4	0
Torino FC	3	0	3	0	2	11	0