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**2015 PSLC
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CHAMPIONS**

Sofia BG	2	Premier Soccer League Over 48 Division
Byki O-48	6	Connelly Park 22 May 2016

Pedlow leads Byki rout of Sofia

The Over 48 Team began their season with a flourish on May 22, as they pounded hapless Sofia BG 6:2 at Connelly Park. Steven Pedlow made his Over 48 debut in grand style, banging home five goals in a match that was competitive only briefly.

The six-goal outburst was an impressive accomplishment. In 2015, the Over 48s reached the three-goal mark just twice and Dominic Demarets was the top scorer with three goals. The 2016 version sees a vastly improved player pool. Pedlow just turned 48 and he exposed the Sofia defense for the decrepit bunch that they were. Dan Nelson's one year of retirement from soccer obviously did not last long, as he contributed a pair of assists. Newcomer John Park solidified the middle of the Byki defense.

It all added up to a dominant performance, none more dominant than Pedlow's five-spot. It was the first five-goal game for a Byki player in a Veterans competition. Only twice previously in Byki history has a player scored five times in an outdoor match; Marek Ciszewski in 1997, and Zach Dance in 2007, both of whom were playing with the First Team. Eight players have recorded four-goal games for the Byki.

The match did not start out in favor of the Byki, however. Sofia's gameplan was as bereft of creativity as it was of capability. Their average age was clearly much higher than that of the Byki, so why they thought they could beat the Byki with long balls over the top was a mystery. The long-ball tactic did pay dividends, however, in the 19th minute. The Sofia striker outran the Byki to a Route One ball, prompting netminder James Vlahakis to intervene. Vlahakis went in hard in a sliding attempt to win the ball, but was adjudged to have fouled the Sofia player. Perhaps the referee took a bad angle on the play, perhaps he was wary of seeing the oldest of the oldboys winding up in the hospital. In any case, he whistled for a penalty kick, which Sofia converted.

That lead lasted but three minutes. Juan-Carlos Carrillo supplied Pedlow with a driven ball to the left wing and Pedlow did the rest. He swept past the fullback and his lofted shot

floated over a poorly positioned keeper to make it 1:1. Pedlow owned any wide area that he entered and Sofia were powerless to stop him.

The Byki took the lead in the 27th minute. Dean Fukar controlled a hopeful Sofia pass and sent it to Brian Huck on the right side. Huck crossed for Pedlow, who executed a volley from the top of the box that left the Sofia players standing dead in their tracks.

Pedlow might have registered his hat trick by halftime. He shot wide after taking Charlie Cohen's through pass and then was denied by the crossbar a few minutes later.

The Byki felt confident heading into the second frame and put the result to bed just after the hour mark. Carrillo headed a clearance to Nelson in the 47th minute and the winger tore down the right side to the by-line, where he cut inside and curled an inch-perfect cross to Pedlow, who headed the ball back across the goal, leaving the keeper stranded.

Moments later, Demarets led a counterattack along the right flank and found Pedlow with a cross to the far post. The Sofia keeper came up with a Hail-Mary save when he stuck out his foot at the last moment to stab away Pedlow's shot.

Two goals within two minutes took the air out of Sofia's balloon. Nelson fed Pedlow with a pass up the middle, leaving Pedlow to slash past the last defender. With only the goalkeeper to beat, Pedlow made no mistake to up the score to 4:1.

In the 63rd minute, Nelson released Cohen into the open and Cohen carried into the penalty area. He dished to Pedlow with a well-timed pass and Pedlow converted his easiest goal on the day with a straightforward tap-in.

Sofia pulled to within 5:2 a few minutes later, as the Byki got a bit sloppy in the back. After the Byki failed twice to clear the ball, it fell to a Sofia player on the left wing. Fukar got a foot to the cross in the middle, but he unluckily directed it to an open Sofia player on the right side of the box, who

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converted Sofia's best chance of the day to salvage a shred of pride.

In the 76th minute, the Byki nearly bagged a sixth tally on the counter. Pedlow started the play on the right and found Sven Dahlquist in the middle. He spotted Rory Smith making the run on the left and the incisive pass put Smith into shooting position. Smith beat the goalie, but could not beat the goalpost.

The Byki put a capper on the afternoon with a sweet display of possession soccer ten minutes from the end. Nelson knocked the ball to Carrillo, who sent it along to Demarets. His clever flick between two Sofia defenders wound up with Huck at the top of the arc. His hard, low shot into the left corner gave the goalkeeper no chance.

Even though it was the first game of the season, the Byki came ready to play. They overwhelmed Sofia and made them like it.

Brian Huck contributed to this story.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Vlahakis – Park, Cohen, Fink, Fukar – Tower, Dahlquist – Pedlow (c), Nelson, Carrillo – Demarets. **Bench:** Gorecki, Gorski, Huck, Kerbis, Smith.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – Pedlow 1 (Carrillo); 22nd.
1:2 – Pedlow 2 (Huck); 27th.
1:3 – Pedlow 3 (Nelson); 47th.
1:4 – Pedlow 4 (Nelson); 61st.
1:5 – Pedlow 5 (Cohen); 63rd.
2:6 – Huck 1 (Demarets); 80th.

Byki Man of the Match: Steven Pedlow.

Dynasty B	0	National Soccer League 2nd Division
Stare Byki	2	Hawtorne Sports Complex 22 May 2016

Byki back on track versus Dynasty

The Byki notched their first victory of the season on May 22 when they blanked Chicago Dynasty FC B 2:0 at Hawthorne. Kyler Mowry and Devin Freitag each tallied late in each half and the lockdown defense from the Byki choked off the Dynasty offense in the middle third of the field.

The match was a welcome turnabout from the chaos that the Byki created in Week 1 against Winged Bull. Ball movement was vastly improved and the Byki controlled the tempo of the contest for long stretches. Keeping Dynasty's midfield on the back foot made it easy for the Byki to pick out the open players with simple, straightforward passes.

The Byki served notice in the 14th minute, as they counterattacked along the left wing. Striker Nanmin Kone concluded a long run by turning to the inside and dropping a pass back into the middle of the box for Freitag, whose shot attempt was blocked.

Ten minutes later, it was Kone on the prowl once again. Tony Sabo sprang him into the clear with a brilliant through

ball. Kone turned past his defender and fired just wide of the upper corner of the goal.

In the 34th minute, defender Gil Calleros carried the ball into the right-wing channel and was not at all bashful. His blast narrowly missed the near post.

Dynasty had a clear opportunity to grab the lead in the 40th minute. A sloppy turnover in the back presented Dynasty with a chance to push to goal. Goalkeeper Sohel Mansuri came off his line quickly to challenge an open shot in the penalty area, and he made a terrific save after having gone to ground.

The Byki took the lead just moments before the halftime whistle. Calleros won a loose ball in midfield and sent Mowry into space in the right-wing channel. Mowry juked past a defender and cut to the inside to get better shooting position before firing underneath the Dynasty goalie.

The goal was justly deserved after all of the significant attacking build-ups, and the Byki expected to keep on rolling in the second half. Although the goals did not pour in during the final 45 minutes, the Byki still held the upper hand throughout and put the result to bed just before the end.

Dynasty had a big chance to level things just after the hour mark. On the rare occasion where Byki defenders did not hold their marks, an open Dynasty player shot from ten yards and was denied by the goalpost. Otherwise, Dynasty spent the second half much like they did the first, where they attempted to break the Byki defense with the long ball. That tactic continued to fail and Dynasty's equalizer would never materialize.

The Byki wrapped things up in the 83rd minute. Mansuri tossed the ball to Alan Stevens on the left flank. Stevens sent a low pass up the wing for Freitag. Mike Stamatinos was the facilitator on the play, as he shielded a Dynasty player away from Stevens' pass and allowed the ball to get through.

Freitag did the rest, sprinting deep with the ball, and then sharply moving past his marker. His shooting angle was not the greatest, but Dynasty's goalkeeper incredibly left the near post open. Freitag readily accepted the invitation and slammed a shot into the back of the net.

Although the Byki were not at peak effectiveness, their quality was reminiscent of the successful 2015 season, when they finished with the second-highest point total in the First Division.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Mansuri – Stamatinos (c), J. Rodriguez, Stevens, Mehagic – Mowry, Sauerma – de Rama, Freitag, Sabo – Kone. **Bench:** Calleros, Ciszewski.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

0:1 – Mowry 1 (Calleros); 44th.
0:2 – Freitag 1 (Stevens); 83rd.

Byki Men of the Match: Tony Sabo and Joe Sauerma.

Olympiacos	4	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White Division
Byki 0-30	2	Oak Brook Sports Core 22 May 2016

Byki defense left wanting

The Over 30s did not have their best day when they faced Olympiacos Chicago on May 22. The teams traded goals for the first hour and then a late spurt by Olympiacos put the match out of reach. Defensive errors, lackluster finishing and a couple of instances of plain, dumb luck sent the Byki to their second defeat in as many matches.

The scoring chances were plentiful for both sides and the Byki got it going early. The play started on the deep left wing in the Byki end of the field. Paul Gibbs found Kristian Buur on the flank and the midfielder swung a pass over the top of the Olympiacos defense. The pass seemed more hopeful than penetrating, but its placement caused the goalkeeper to be indecisive on whether to make a play for the ball. Martin Herholdt was not at all indecisive and sent a simple flick over the goalie's head, easily finding the back of the net.

The Byki gave the lead away in sloppy fashion only five minutes later. An Olympiacos winger crossed the ball into the Byki penalty area to an unmarked teammate. That player moved the ball to another unmarked teammate, who had no trouble slotting home to make it 1:1. The scandalous defending is the type of thing that makes people pull the hair out of their heads.

The Byki restored their advantage in the 33rd minute, as the Danish connection in the Over 30 Team struck again. Ray Najera served up a terrific corner kick for Nicolai Baekkegaard, who handily outjumped everyone in the pack and headed home for a 2:1 lead.

Moments later, striker Maciek Kekus brought down a long pass and bulled past his marker. Kekus created a great opening, but his curling attempt went narrowly over the crossbar.

The start of the second half saw a flurry of activity in front of the Olympiacos goal, but the Byki failed to capitalize. Najera brought the ball up the right wing and dropped a floater into the box for Buur. His first touch was not the best and the keeper managed to block the shot. The rebound remained alive, and Tom Field returned the ball to Buur, who was denied by the goalkeeper, who came out hard to smother the shot. Converting a goal to go up 3:1 might have been the knockout punch that the Byki needed.

Instead, Olympiacos equalized again in the 55th minute under dubious circumstances. An Olympiacos player aimed a throw-in from the deep left wing for the near post. Goalkeeper Amit Khankari made a play for the ball, but it sailed over his head and dropped in the six-yard box. Mayhem ensued and the end result was a second goal for Olympiacos. The Byki argued that the ball rolled over the goal line directly from the throw, untouched by any player. The referee consulted his assistant and the goal stood.

After a Kekus blast in the 67th minute whizzed over the crossbar, Olympiacos banged home two more goals in the span of eight minutes to take control of the affair. The Byki defense had a lot to answer for on both occasions.

Olympiacos lumped a long ball forward for their striker. Herholdt, who had switched positions to center back at halftime, was unable to hold off the striker, who swept into the clear and beat Khankari from 15 yards.

The score went to 4:2 in the 76th minute after an Olympiacos counterattack. They launched another long pass down the left side to an attacker who looked suspiciously offside. Khankari immediately became the last line of defense and the Olympiacos player flicked over him for an easy score.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Khankari – Banbor, Jdrzejewski, King, Marquez – Beeson, Gibbs – Boeckeler, Buur, Herholdt – Kekus (c). Bench: Baekkegaard, Chudyba, Field, Kramarz, Najera.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

0:1 – Herholdt 1 (Buur); 11th.

1:2 – Baekkegaard 1 (Najera); 33rd.

Byki Man of the Match: None given

Byki Stats

FIRST TEAM, NSL 1ST DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Freitag	1	0	1
Mowry	1	0	1
Calleros	0	1	1
Stevens	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Chronowski	90	1	1.00

Current record: 1-0-1

O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Baekkegaard	1	0	1
Herholdt	1	0	1
Buur	0	1	1
Najera	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Chronowski	90	1	1.00
Khankari	90	4	4.00

Current record: 0-0-2

O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
No goals yet!			

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Vlahakis	90	1	1.00

Current record: 0-0-1

O-48 TEAM, PSLC O-48 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Pedlow	5	0	5
Huck	1	1	2
Nelson	0	2	2
Carrillo	0	1	1
Cohen	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Vlahakis	90	2	2.00

Current record: 1-0-0

NSL FIRST DIVISION**May 22, 2016****www.nslchicago.org**

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Moldova	4	4	0	0	17	7	12
SAC Wisla B	3	2	1	0	14	6	7
AAC Winged Bull	2	2	0	0	7	0	6
Das Magic	3	2	0	1	10	8	6
FC Macedonia	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Stare Byki FC	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
FC Kosova	2	0	0	2	2	8	0
CKS Warta B	3	0	0	3	4	11	0
Chicago Dynasty FC B	4	0	0	4	3	18	0

PSLC OVER 30 WHITE DIVISION**May 22, 2016****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
AEK FC Chicago	2	2	0	0	8	1	6
Tricolorii	3	2	0	1	13	7	6
St Charles Celtics	3	2	0	1	8	5	6
Olympiacos Chicago	3	1	1	1	7	6	4
Levski Chicago 2014	3	1	1	1	9	10	4
FC DePaul	1	1	0	0	7	0	3
FC Oasu	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Chicago Rangers FC	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Stare Byki FC	2	0	0	2	2	5	0
Shogun	1	0	0	1	1	7	0
Real FC	3	0	0	3	2	17	0

PSLC OVER 40 B1/B2 DIVISION**May 22, 2016****www.pslchicagoland.com**

B1 DIVISION	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Grosse Point Social Club	3	3	0	0	6	0	9
MANA Soccer Club	4	2	1	1	15	8	7
Windy City United	3	2	0	1	7	5	6
Naperville Strikers FC	2	1	0	1	4	9	3
Pampas OT	3	0	1	2	3	6	1
Stare Byki FC	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
MOFG	2	0	0	2	5	11	0
B2 DIVISION	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
International SC	4	2	1	1	16	7	7
Itasca	2	1	1	0	5	4	4
St Charles Celtics Green	2	1	0	1	8	4	3
Real FC	2	1	0	1	6	7	3
Chicago FC	2	0	2	0	4	4	2
St Charles Celtics Orange	2	0	0	2	0	13	0

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Stare Byki FC	1	1	0	0	6	2	3
Concordia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
International SC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Charles Celtics	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sofia BG	1	0	0	1	2	6	0