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**2014 PSLC
Over 40
CHAMPIONS**

Stare Byki	1	National Soccer League 1st Division
WI Jets	0	Oak Brook 17 May 2015

Gritty Byki get on winning track

The Byki rolled up their sleeves last Sunday and notched their first victory of the season, topping the West Indies Jets 1:0 at blustery Oak Brook. The team played smart soccer at both ends and kept the Jets bottled up in the middle third of the field. The clean sheet was the result of a coordinated effort by the back four, along with some timely interventions from goalkeeper Alan Stevens.

Coach George Gorecki named 17 players to his roster, four of whom were seeing their first action of the season. "Our player pool keeps getting stronger," he commented. "Getting Devin [Freitag] and Alan [Stevens] back in action was terrific."

Gorecki was especially concerned with keeping things in order in the back. The Byki had conceded an ungainly six goals in their first two matches. Stevens was taking the field for the first time after a significant injury layoff, so maintaining an organized front was a top priority. "I told Alan that, if we play things right, all he should have to do is fetch the ball for goal kicks," Gorecki noted. Stevens' day was not quite that quiet, but the Byki got the job done on defense.

Stevens got involved early when the Jets ran a counterattack down the left wing. As Byki defenders were unable to control a Jets player dribbling deep in their territory, it was left to Stevens to block an open shot from 15 yards.

At the half hour, winger Mclain Roth beat his man along the right flank and centered for Joe Sauerman, who was open at the arc. Sauerman's low shot narrowly missed the goal post.

Nine minutes later, Nanmin Kone tore into space on the left side, leaving a Jets defender in his wake. His run carried him slightly wide of the goal and he went far post with his shot. No teammate was making the follow-up run to the back post for what would have been an easy goal.

Just before the break, Freitag played a short corner back to Mike Stamatinos, who cranked a shot just over the bar.

This Byki side is still searching for an attacking identity and Gorecki wanted his players to play with patience, rather

than try to ram the ball forward at every occasion. Although the Byki showed improvement in their ball possession, this remains a work in progress.

The second half continued in see-saw fashion. A bad giveaway in the back allowed a Jets player to race in alone, but his first touch was too strong, and an alert Stevens came out of his box to slide in and clear the ball away.

The Byki finally broke the ice in the 70th minute. As Sauerman led the attack in the middle of the field, he laid off a pass to fullback Cyril Zachariah, overlapping on the right wing. Zachariah crossed the ball in for Miles Marmo, who received it on the left side of the Jets penalty area. He cut the ball back for Jorge Selva and then mayhem ensued. The keeper saved Selva's point-blank shot and the ball caromed off of the crossbar. Cristian Rodriguez then had a go, but the keeper blocked that one as well. Zachariah prevailed in the tangle of legs in the goal area and somehow pushed the ball over the line for a 1:0 lead.

The rattled Jets nearly went down 2:0 two minutes later, when Marmo took advantage of sloppy Jets players in the back who gave the ball away. The goalie came up huge to block Marmo's attempt.

Stevens was even huger three minutes later. The Jets lofted a free kick into the mixer and a forward snapped a header from ten yards. Stevens went full stretch to knock the ball to safety.

The Byki have displayed the characteristics of a good team, but they need to a full, 90-minute consistency every week.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Stevens – Stamatinos (c), J. Rodriguez, Calleros, Keto – Herholdt, Flynn – Roth, Kone, Sauerman – Marmo.
Bench: Champagne, Ciszewski, Freitag, C. Rodriguez, Selva, Zachariah.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Zachariah 1; 70th.

Byki Man of the Match: Juan Rodriguez



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International	2	Premier Soccer League Over 40 B1 Division
Byki O-40	3	Windemere Park 31 May 2015

Byki win in joyless fashion

The Over 40 Team met up with old nemesis International SC last Sunday and squeezed out a 3:2 win, but Inter's brutal challenges left everyone with an unsavory taste in their mouths. The referee was overwhelmed by Inter's whiners and wound up on the receiving end of a two-handed shove after he awarded the Byki a late penalty with the match level at 2:2. It was definitely not a good day for soccer for anyone involved.

The Byki lineup was shorthanded, as players were shared between the Over 40s and Over 48s, who were playing at the same time. Things were dicey right before kickoff, as the Byki had only nine of their eleven players present at the Windemere Park field. Most Over 40 matches kick off at 9.30 AM, but this one was set to start at 9.00, and a couple of players forgot about the change.

The referee was in over his head even before the match had started. The officiating crew failed to perform a player check-in. Had they done this, they might have noticed that two Inter players were wearing #10. And then the game kicked off without a coin toss to choose ends, a significant factor given the strength of the wind on Sunday.

The Byki got on the board early, with just ten players on the field. Diego Penafiel hit a ball across the goal and Mitch Posada slotted it home.

Inter got that one back fairly quickly. Following a series of breakdowns, a through ball released an Inter player on the left side of the Byki goal. He took the ball nearly to the byline and fired a great shot from an impossible angle, finding the upper corner of the goal.

The match then took on a back-and-forth rhythm. One the Byki had their full complement of players, they really settled into their game. But it was like trying to negotiate a minefield at times, as Byki players were being hammered to the ground by some rough challenges.

They Byki defense kept a pretty tight ship, as speedy fullback Rick Arcos easily shut down his man. Miguel Zarate did an admirable job in his first outing at fullback, and Dave Fink did his usual awesome job mopping up any errors. In midfield, the tired and rather decrepit Inter attackers failed to put much pressure on the Byki.

With about eight minutes left in the first half, the Byki were inches away from regaining the lead. An unmarked Andy Lane headed a corner kick over a couple defenders, but was denied by the crossbar.

The half ended when stopper Eric Tower collided with an Inter player at midfield while challenging for a 50-50 ball. The Byki headed to the sidelines while the Inter player remained crumpled on the field as if he'd been shot. Several of his teammates felt compelled to educate the referee about

the rules.

The Byki went into halftime with a lot of confidence, knowing what had to be done. Inter had a hard time stringing together passes, and they kept lumping long balls forward to players who were ridiculously slow. There was plenty of time and space in the middle of the field.

Not surprisingly, the second half picked up right where the first half had left off. Several Inter players drew cautions for dissent, hacking, and any number of other infractions, and the referee never asserted control over the match.

The Byki came close to scoring a second time about 20 minutes in. Lane, again completely unmarked, headed the ball on goal at the far post. Inter's keeper made a well-timed dive to push the ball past the post. Shortly thereafter, Penafiel took full advantage of the wind when taking a corner kick and curled the ball through the goal area and past the startled keeper to make it 2:1.

Desperation set in for Inter, who were letting the match slip away. The referee was in the middle of controversy when Inter lumped a ball into the Byki penalty area. Fink was adjudged to have fouled an Inter player, although a slip was the more likely result than a foul. The Byki were incredulous at the decision and Ade Ekundayo earned a yellow card for dissent. Inter converted the ensuing spot kick to level the affair at 2:2.

The play didn't end there, however. As the referee was writing things down in his book, he heard Ekundayo utter an

Byki Stats

FIRST TEAM, NSL 1ST DIVISION				O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION			
Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts
Kone	1	0	1	Boeckeler	1	0	1
Zachariah	1	0	1	Kekus	2	1	3
Keto	0	1	1	Benavides	1	1	2
				Gibbs	0	1	1
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Stevens	90	0	0.00	Najera	65	1	1.38
Beard	180	6	3.00	Marquez	115	2	1.57
Current record: 1-0-2				Current record: 1-1-0			
O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION				O-48 TEAM, PSLC O-48 DIVISION			
Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts
Penafiel	3	1	4	Elmkinssi	1	0	1
Posada	2	0	2	Ochoa	1	0	1
Karafili	1	0	1	Demarets	0	1	1
Lane	1	0	1	Team goals	1	x	x
Pedlow	1	0	1				
Tower	1	0	1	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Huck	0	1	1	Bolesta	180	7	3.50
Rodriguez, G	0	1	1	Current record: 1-0-1			
Safford	0	1	1				
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA				
Muehlbauer	23	0	0.00				
Vlahakis	270	3	1.00				
Calbay	67	1	1.34				
Current record: 3-0-1							

expletive and promptly sent him off. It was clear that the referee was looking for a way to get Ekundayo off the field and gave him a second caution, despite having his back to Ekundayo at the time. There was no way that the referee could have been sure that the foul language had been directed at him.

Inter took heart in being up a man, but the Byki shook off that dubious decision and resumed their dominance of midfield. They created several chances, forcing some nice saves by the keeper, but just couldn't find the net.

Then, everything changed in the blink of an eye. With two minutes to go, Pedlow torched Inter's left fullback and he slid underneath Pedlow with a tackle that reverberated across the field, leaving the winger writhing in pain. The referee pointed to the spot, and was promptly surrounded by angry Inter players. The assistants quickly ran into the field to support the referee, but a melee occurred, and an Inter player planted a two-handed shove to the arbiter's chest. The referee sent him off, but incredibly did not abandon the match. Lane took the ensuing penalty kick, slamming it in off the left post past the helpless keeper.

It was a good win, all in all. Unfortunately, some nice play by the Byki was marred by extremely weak officiating and some significant misconduct by Inter. The ISSA have received the referee's report describing how the Inter player attacked him and are in the process of handing out severe punishment.

Eric Tower contributed to this report.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Vlahakis – Fink (c), Arcos, Tower, Zarate – Lane, Penafiel – Posada, Pedlow, Ekundayo – Karafili.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

0:1 – Posada 2 (Penafiel); 15th.
1:2 – Penafiel 3; 67th.
2:3 – Lane 1 (pk); 88th.

Byki Man of the Match: None given.

Byki O-48	3	Premier Soccer League Over 48 Division
Sofia BG	2	Oak Brook 31 May 2015

Over 48s come up winners

The Over 48 Team got on track last Sunday, fighting off lineup problems, and downing pesky Sofia BG 3:2 at Oak Brook. Cesar Ochoa and Nick Elmkinssi sandwiched strikes around a Sofia own goal to secure the points for the Byki.

The Sunday scheduling presented problems for the Byki because the Over 40 and Over 48 Teams share so many players. Both teams wound up playing with the minimum of 11 players. Most Over 48 matches are played midweek for this reason. Sofia, however, was the only squad of the five in the Over 48 Division who can only play on Sundays. The Byki were stretched in terms of their roster, but still found a

way to make it all work.

The Byki opened the scoring at the half hour mark. Rob Thompson sent a long pass along the left side to Dominic Demarets. He blew past his defender in a foot race and turned the ball towards the goal. Demarets hit a perfectly weighted pass across the box for Ochoa, who had made the unmarked run to the far post. The tap-in was the easiest part of the play.

Sofia walked into a gift opportunity to knot the score late in the half when the referee awarded a penalty kick. A Sofia player tumbled in the box when Dean Fukar put a little weight on him. The referee took the bait and pointed to the spot. Goalkeeper Rick Bolesta must have dug into his bag of tricks of intimidation, however, and forced the Sofia player to change his mind at the last moment, sending the penalty kick wide of the goal.

The Byki had felt hard done by earlier in the half when Demarets was hauled down in the area. The foul appeared to be a clear one, but the referee had other thoughts.

The Byki kept their foot on the gas to start the second frame and were rewarded when Sofia messed up what should have been an easy clearance. Ochoa led a counterattack down the right wing and crossed the ball into the middle. Sofia's goalkeeper came out and failed to make a play on the ball, while the defender attempting to cut off the cross put the ball in his own goal instead.

Sofia replied fairly quickly to make it 2:1. They looked poised to take control when players from Botev FC, Sofia's sister team in the Over 40 Division, arrived at the field. Sofia began pushing more players forward, but the Byki held their shape together rather nicely in the face of increased pressure.

The Byki scored a crucial third tally with 20 minutes to go. Demarets came in 1 v 1 on the Sofia keeper, who blocked the shot. The ricochet went high in the air and Elmkinssi made a bid for Sports Center highlights when he rifled a first-time volley into the back of the net.

Sofia's pressure got them back to within 3:2 with 10 minutes left. The Byki, however, held firm the rest of the way and were not about to let the result slip away.

Teamwork is a key element to success when a team has no substitutes and they are just getting used to one another. Thompson and Sven Dahlquist sealed off the middle in disciplined fashion. Jim Jacobs and Brian Huck, pressed into duty in the back because of the squad's composition, controlled the wide areas.

Nick Elmkinssi, Jim Jacobs and Rob Thompson contributed to this report.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Bolesta – King, Huck, Fukar, Jacobs (c) – Dahlquist, Calbay, Thompson, Elmkinssi – Demarets, Ochoa.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Ochoa 1 (Demarets); 30th
2:1 – Sofia own goal; 55th.
3:1 – Elmkinssi 1; 70th.

Byki Man of the Match: None given

NSL FIRST DIVISION**May 31, 2015****www.nslchicago.org**

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Kosova	3	3	0	0	8	2	9
Das Magic	3	2	1	0	9	3	7
Chicago Dynasty FC	3	1	1	1	6	4	4
Stare Byki FC	3	1	0	2	2	6	3
West Indies Jets	3	1	0	2	3	5	3
Olympiacos Chicago	3	0	0	3	0	8	0

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Assyrian FC	2	2	0	0	9	3	6
FC Macedonia	3	1	0	2	8	7	3
FC Guadalajara	2	1	0	1	3	5	3
Gremio FC	2	1	0	1	4	8	3
Lancer SC	1	0	0	1	1	2	0

PSLC OVER 40 B1/B2 DIVISION**May 31, 2015****www.pslchicagoland.com**

B1 DIVISION	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Stare Byki FC O40	4	3	0	1	9	4	9
Windy City United	4	2	1	1	6	6	7
Pampas OT	4	2	0	2	9	10	6
International SC	4	1	2	1	7	5	5
MOFG	3	1	0	2	3	4	3
Naperville Strikers FC	3	0	1	2	3	8	1

B2 DIVISION	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
MANA Soccer Club	4	3	0	1	21	7	9
St Charles Celtics Green	4	2	1	1	12	5	7
Itasca	3	2	0	1	11	6	6
Real FC	3	2	0	1	9	9	6
Chicago FC	4	1	1	2	8	11	4
St Charles Celtics Orange	4	0	0	4	1	24	0

PSLC OVER 30 WHITE DIVISION**May 31, 2015****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
St Charles Celtics	4	3	1	0	8	4	10
FC DePaul	4	3	0	1	13	5	9
Levski Chicago 2014	4	2	1	1	18	8	7
Stare Byki FC	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Olympiacos Chicago	3	1	0	2	6	5	3
AEK FC	2	1	0	1	4	7	3
Real FC	3	1	0	2	6	10	3
Chicago Rangers FC	3	0	1	2	2	7	1
Shogun	3	0	0	3	5	17	0

PSLC OVER 48 DIVISION**June 4, 2015****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Concordia O48	2	2	0	0	7	1	6
Sofia BG	2	1	0	1	5	4	3
Stare Byki FC O48	2	1	0	1	3	7	3
International SC O48	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
St Charles Celtics O48	1	0	0	1	1	3	0