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La Granate **2 : 0** Byki 0-30

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## Dubious PKs doom Byki

The Over 30 Team finally put together a full squad of 16 players last Saturday and showed spirit in a 2:0 defeat to La Granate at Windemere Park. La Granate scored both of their goals from the penalty spot, leaving the Byki frustrated with the officials. The loss leaves the Byki winless in four tries so far this season.

A steady downpour delayed the match briefly, although the delay would have extended longer if Byki coach George Gorecki had gotten his message through to a referee who showed inadequate concern for player safety. Gorecki spoke to the referee about the possibility of lightning, and the official said he would stop the game if he saw lightning. When Gorecki asked him to take into account the park's lightning detector, whose flashing light indicated a threat of lightning, the referee dismissed the idea entirely. "I reported this referee's irresponsible attitude towards lightning safety to the PSLC and they agreed with me," said Gorecki. "I wish that the PSLC's President, who was at the game, had had the good sense to step in. Instead, he was as clueless about the lightning detector as the referee."

La Granate fought through the driving rain and heavy field conditions better than the Byki did in the first half. The game was played in the Byki end of the field for long stretches, and only the poor marksmanship of the La Granate forwards prevented them from turning the game into a rout.

They grabbed the lead in the ninth minute, after Adam Hodge was whistled for a foul in the Byki area, leading to a penalty kick. It was a tough call, given the slippery surface and the difficulty all players had staying on their feet. But seeing that the referee had ignored calls for a Byki handball a few minutes earlier, giving the penalty for Hodge's foul was not surprising.

In the 18th minute, a wild scramble in the Byki penalty area resulted in a bouncing header glancing off of the crossbar. Goalkeeper Ray Najera made a terrific save in the 36th minute, tipping the ball to safety after a La Granate player

had broken in alone.

Despite being outplayed by a significant margin in the first half, the Byki went into the break still down by just that 1:0 score. Gorecki wasn't happy with the team's ability to keep possession of the ball and the players responded with a substantial improvement in the second half, which was basically played on even terms.

La Granate scored the clinching goal in the 71st minute, thanks to an incredible and unbelievable decision by the referee to award a penalty kick. Ari Pirillis was adjudged to have brought down a La Granate player in the box during a scrum in front of goal. The referee was trailing the play by about 50 yards, and yet, felt certain about the foul. "That ridiculous penalty was the result of the referees deciding to officiate with a two-man system," complained Gorecki. One of the officials failed to show up and the other two chose to do a two-man system, rather than have one referee and one assistant running the line. "The referee who was closer to play whistled nothing, while the mope who was out of position because of the two-man system wanted the spotlight," groused Gorecki afterwards.

Gorecki was pleased to see improvements in his midfield as the match progressed. "It was good to have a full squad for a change," he said. "It showed that we are capable, but the guys have some work to do in order to become more familiar with one another."

**BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2):** Najera – Fleming (c), Suhayda, Jedrzejowski, King – Gibbs, Barcnas, Hodge, Siervo – Hurley, Maruska. **Bench:** Bianchi, Guild, Pirillis, Ruiz, Valdivia.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**  
None.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Chris Hurley

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## Implosion complete in Byki defeat

The Over 40 Team suffered their first defeat of the season last Sunday, when they were throttled 6:2 by Villains SC at Burden Field. The Villains raced out to a 3:0 lead in the first half hour and cruised the rest of the way. Turnovers in bad places and ramshackle defending left the Byki straining to find any positive takeaways from the debacle. The Byki stand at 1-2-1 for the season and remain winless since their rout of Sporting Cristal on opening day.

Mitch Posada put the Villains defense on notice from the get-go when he made a forceful run down the left flank in the third minute. His centering pass found Rino Positano, whose shot from 15 yards was grabbed by the keeper.

Four minutes later, a sloppy turnover in midfield became a counterattack for the Villains. Goalie James Vlahakis raced far from his line to delay the striker, which forced a shot from a difficult angle. Fullback Dean Fukar hustled to clear the rebound away.

The Villains went into the lead after 22 minutes when the referee thought that Dave Fink's challenge on a Villains player inside the box was a tripping foul. The Villains converted the spot kick past a diving Vlahakis.

Four minutes later, Positano looked poised to equalize. His weaving run past three Villains ended with a shot from the right side of the area that the keeper tipped to safety.

Two goals in the span of two minutes put the Villains firmly in control. The Villains intercepted a foolish Byki pass across the middle in the back and quickly got the ball into the back of the net. The Byki helped the Villains pile on when Fukar got his head to a ball played over the top and sent it back towards the Byki goal. The ball caught Vlahakis on the wrong foot and rolled easily into the unguarded net for a 3:0 lead.

The Byki would need to regroup, and fast. They came out with a purpose after the break and needed just two minutes to get momentum on their side. Ade Ekundayo found Dan Nelson in

the left flank. Nelson dribbled into the corner and pulled a diagonal pass back to Ekundayo, who was unmarked at the top of the box. Ekundayo picked his spot and stroked a shot that found the far post to make it 3:1.

Three minutes later, Positano caused mayhem in the Villains' goal area. After a rambling run down the right wing, Positano cut inside and shot from short range. The keeper blocked it, but the ball remained loose for several seconds before he finally covered it.

Another sequence of turnover followed by counterattack led to two more goals for the Villains in rapid-fire fashion. They effectively doused any Byki momentum, upping their lead to 5:1.

Things only got worse for the Byki. In the 65th minute, Charlie Cohen lofted a ball into the Villains' box, where a defender misplayed the ball into his arm, leading to a penalty for the Byki. Brian Huck's spot kick, however, was not hit strongly enough and the diving keeper snared it.

A few minutes later, Positano caused the wrong kind of mayhem when he came in hard as the Villains' netminder dove on the ball. Already carrying a caution, Positano's fate was sealed, and the Byki were down to ten men the rest of the way.

Posada completed the scoring for the Byki in the 87th minute when he adroitly converted Ekundayo's insightful through pass. Posada raced behind the defense and easily slipped the ball past the onrushing goalkeeper.

The Byki have to find a way to fix a defense that has leaked ten goals in the last two matches. No amount of attacking firepower can keep pace with this kind of defending.

**BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2):** Vlahakis – Towsey, Cohen, Fink, Fukar – Tower, Kuch, Posada, Ekundayo – Positano, Nelson. **Bench:** Gorecki (c), Huck, Jacobs, Muehlbauer, St Clair.

### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

3:1 – Ekundayo 2 (Nelson); 47th.

6:2 – Posada 4 (Ekundayo); 87th.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Ade Ekundayo

# Byki Stats

### FIRST TEAM, NSL MAJOR DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
N'Guettia	1	0	1
Zielinski	1	0	1
Llamas	0	1	1
Szymkowiak	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Salazar	270	6	2.00

Current record: 0-0-1-2

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

Player	G	A	Pts
Hurley	1	0	1
St Clair	1	0	1
Uriza	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Gorecki	24	1	3.75
Najera	246	13	4.76

Current record: 0-0-4

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

Player	G	A	Pts
Posada	4	1	5
Positano	4	0	4
Ekundayo	2	1	3
Nelson	2	1	3
Tower	1	1	2
Rodriguez, G.	0	2	2
Fukar	0	1	1
Pedlow	0	1	1
Safford	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Vlahakis	360	12	3.00

Current record: 1-2-1

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**HOWARD  
HARTENSTEIN**

**Hometown:** Chicago, IL

**Position:** Defender

**Joined the Byki in:** 1990, last played in 2010

**Current location:** Evanston, IL

**Occupation:** Architect/Construction Manager

**Games played for the Byki:** 432

**Byki accomplishments:** Coach of the 1998 NSL 2nd Division Champions, NSL 2nd Division Coach of the Year in 1998

**Previous clubs:** Lake Zurich Aces

**How I joined the Byki:** Met George Gorecki playing pick-up soccer games on the Northwestern University campus and managed to finagle an invitation to join the Byki.

**My favorite moment while playing for the Byki:** One of my favorite moments came during practice on the field in Elmhurst. A ball inadvertently got kicked into an adjacent back yard where a rather large dog had been let out by its owner. Artur Methoxha (Byki 1997-2000) was convinced that, being a dog person, he could retrieve the ball no problem. He calmly walked into the yard to collect the ball. As soon as he picked up the ball, the dog decided he was an unwanted intruder, and took off after him at top speed. Artur came sprinting back to the practice field, ball in hand, with the dog hot on his heels. He barely escaped with his backside intact.

One of my proudest moments came as coach of the Byki. During a 1999 State Cup Tournament Game against Legovia FC, a much more seasoned opponent, the Byki managed to push the match to overtime despite playing a significant portion of the game shorthanded.

Then of course, there is always Matt Treter (Byki 1993-2010) and Nutmeg Betty.

**Clubs I like:** Chicago Fire, FC Barcelona, Castel di Sangro, and the old Chicago Sting.

**NSL MAJOR DIVISION****May 19, 2013****www.nslchicago.org**

	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
RWB Adria	3	3	0	0	11	4	9
FC Uta Chicago	3	2	1	0	7	2	7
Gazelle SC	3	2	1	0	5	1	7
Assyrian FC	2	2	0	0	5	3	6
SAC Wisla	3	1	2	0	8	3	5
CKS Warta	3	0	2	1	5	7	2
Jamstar FC	4	0	2	2	12	15	2
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>
Brusfa FC	3	0	1	2	6	11	1
Khaboor FC	3	0	0	3	2	11	0

**PSLC OVER 30 RED DIVISION****June 1, 2013****www.pslchicagoland.com**

<b>Group A</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
FC Tarnovia	5	5	0	0	14	8	15
St Charles Celtics Red	4	3	0	1	14	7	9
Romania SC	4	1	1	2	8	10	4
Balkan	2	1	0	1	8	2	3
Chicago Celtic	4	1	0	3	7	12	3
SAC Wisla	5	0	1	4	8	20	1
<b>Group B</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
La Granate	4	3	1	0	13	6	10
Chicago United	5	3	1	1	20	16	10
Bulgaria FC	2	2	0	0	10	2	6
Jahbat FC	4	1	1	2	13	11	4
Igloopol	5	1	1	3	11	16	4
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>

**PSLC OVER 40 BLUE DIVISION****June 2, 2013****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
St Charles Celtics Green	4	4	0	0	19	5	12
Real FC	3	3	0	0	10	1	9
Windy City United	4	2	1	1	9	4	7
Naperville Strikers FC	4	2	1	1	10	7	7
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>
Pampas OT	4	1	1	2	9	10	4
Sporting Cristal	4	1	1	2	6	13	4
Villains SC	4	1	0	3	7	12	3
MOFG	4	0	2	2	5	11	2
St Charles Celtics Orange	3	0	0	3	2	15	0