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International	<b>3</b>	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White B Division
Byki 0-30	<b>4</b>	Lake Park HS 3 June 2018

## Byki survive roller coaster ride

A three-goal lead after just 21 minutes is normally enough to send a soccer team on the way to an easy victory. The Byki Over 30s blitzed International SC to the tune of 3:0 last Sunday at Lake Park HS and did record the victory. But they did their best to make sure that the three points did not come easily. After allowing International to pull back a pair of goals, the Byki scored a fourth and that proved to be the difference in a 4:3 win. The strike duo of Volkan Akbas and Matt Klosterman bagged two goals apiece. With nine points from five matches, the Byki sit in third place in the Over 30 Division.

The Byki completely overwhelmed International right from the jump. They had an opportunity to step on their throats, but allowed confusion in the back to result in two goals conceded and provided International with a much-needed injection of confidence.

Akbas started the scoring parade when he stepped in front of a weak pass from the International goalkeeper. The tall grass at Lake Park's matchbox-sized field played a factor in the turnover. Akbas came in alone on the goalie, and in a tremendous display of unselfish play, dished to the supporting Klosterman, who banged the ball into the empty net.

Four minutes later, it was Klosterman's turn to take advantage of a poor goalkeeper pass. He tried to return the favor to Akbas, but Akbas was in an offside position.

The score went to 2:0 in the 18th minute. After a sequence of patient pressure, Kristian Buur laid the ball off to Paul Gibbs, unmarked on the left wing. Gibbs found Akbas in the middle, who hit an impressive side volley past the goalie.

The Byki were romping through the International midfield three minutes later. Rodrigo Espinoza sent an unmarked Richard Sodeinde on a long run down the right side. He carried the ball deep and crossed for Klosterman, who finished the chance first-time.

A fourth goal was imminent just moments later. Sodeinde,

in an obvious offside position when the Byki sent a long pass downfield, stood passively and let ball run through. The long grass slowed the ball enough for Buur to make a run out of nowhere and he easily dribbled past the keeper to score into an empty net. The assistant, however flagged Sodeinde for offside, making the dubious claim that the ball had grazed Sodeinde's leg.

The Byki then opened the door for International to get back into the match, allowing two goals in the span of six minutes. The Byki defense was completely unbalanced in the 24th minute and International kept moving the ball to the next open man. Eventually, a slow roller to the corner of the goal beat Ray Najera.

Another defensive mix-up on a long throw-in resulted in an open International player at the back post for the easy tap-in.

After that turnabout, it was anybody's game in the second half. International threw out the first salvo, when a wind-aided free kick sailed over the Byki defense to an open player on the right side of the box. Najera did well to get a hand on the ball, which ricocheted off of the crossbar.

The Byki went up 4:2 in the 58th minute, when Carlos Jaramillo sent Akbas into the clear behind the last International defender. The keeper came out, but was no match for a finisher like Akbas, who slipped the ball underneath him for his fourth goal of the campaign.

Ten minutes later, International got to within 4:3 when they converted a penalty kick after the Byki were adjudged to have committed some kind of foul in the nether reaches of the penalty area.

That set things up for a wild finish to the contest. In the 72nd minute, Jaramillo found Akbas in the box and a defender blocked his shot. Sodeinde got to the loose ball first and was denied by a miracle save from the goalkeeper.

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# CHAMPIONS

Najera matched that display with nine minutes to go. He blocked an open shot with a sliding leg save and then scrambled to his feet to repel the put-back attempt.

The Byki had a chance for a clincher with two minutes left. Espinoza set up Tim Patz for a breakaway opportunity, and when the keeper charged out of his box to challenge, Patz went for the lob into the empty net and missed wide.

**BYKI LINEUP (3-5-2):** Najera (c) – McClure (c), Herholdt, Soaga – Gibbs, Buur, Jaramillo, Adogwa, Patz – Akbar, Klosterman. **Bench:** Boeckeler, Durojaiye, Espinoza, C. Ruiz, J. Ruiz, Sodeinde.

#### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

0:1 – Klosterman 3 (Akbas); 7th.  
0:2 – Akbar 3 (Gibbs); 18th.  
0:3 – Klosterman 4 (Sodeinde); 21st.  
2:4 – Akbas 4 (Jaramillo); 58th.

**Byki Men of the Match:** Volkan Akbas and Matt Klosterman.

Stare Byki	<b>1</b>	National Soccer League Major Division
Gazelle SC	<b>3</b>	Olympic Park 3 June 2018

## Gazelle pounce on Byki errors

The Byki fell from the ranks of the undefeated on Sunday when Gazelle SC capitalized on the few openings available in an evenly-played match. Gazelle prevailed 3:1, yet the Byki were not far away from their opponents with respect to quality. The result propels Gazelle into second place in the NSL's Major Division, trailing RWB Adria by one point. The Byki drop to third place, tied on points with Gazelle.

Gazelle provided the Byki their toughest opponent so far in the 2018 season and the margins between the sides were slim. "I told the guys afterwards that I judge them on the quality of their play, rather than on wins and losses," commented coach George Gorecki. "Today, our quality was rather good, and Gazelle's was just a bit better." The Byki regretted the absence of several injured and unavailable players, but their 14-strong squad gave a good account of themselves.

Gazelle needed only five minutes to get on top, pouncing on a Byki clearance that barely had enough momentum to get out of the Byki penalty area. A Gazelle striker drilled a low, hard shot just inside Alex Perez's right-hand post.

It was the worst way to start a match, as no team likes playing from behind. But the Byki did not deviate from the gameplan and continued to match Gazelle between the 18-yard boxes. Finding a breakthrough in the opposing

defense was tough for both sides.

The Byki were not far from an equalizer on 20 minutes. Quavas Kirk trapped a Gazelle player deep in his own corner and his weak attempt to get the ball out of danger wound up at Joe Sauerman's feet. Sauerman fired from 15 yards, but the Gazelle keeper came up with an astounding acrobatic save. He dove to his left and reached back with his right hand to block the shot.

A loss of focus cost the Byki two goals in the last six minutes of the first half. A Gazelle player burst into space on the right side of the Byki defense and dribbled alone into the box. Alex Perez came out to challenge and the Gazelle player rounded him and slotted home for a 2:0 lead. Four minutes later, the Byki got caught shorthanded on the counter and suddenly, the game went to 3:0.

Gazelle experienced their own loss of focus in the final minute before halftime. Quavas Kirk crossed the ball into the middle from the right wing for Sauerman, who dove in and redirected the ball with his chest. The late tally buoyed Byki spirits and gave them confidence to stage a comeback in the second half.

"I thought we did a great job to come back from an early goal," said Gorecki. "It would have been easy to fold the tents. Our guys kept working at it and got themselves back in the game."

In the 50th minute, Erik Yamane pressed Gazelle's left back, who sent a pass back to his keeper. Byron Perez sprinted right at the goalie and blocked his clearance. The deflection sailed wide of the unguarded Gazelle goal.

In the 65th minute, Mike Stamatinos lined up a free kick from 35 yards and fired it narrowly over the crossbar.

Fifteen minutes from the end, Byron Perez launched a cross from the deep right corner for Sauerman in the 6-yard box, but his shot went high. In the 85th minute, Sauerman and Yamane worked a slick series of passes on the right flank and Yamane's attempt from a tough angle just missed catching the far post.

**BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1):** A. Perez – C. Kirk, Stevens, O'Bryan, Stamatinos (c) – Sauerman, Zeman – Joiner, Korinenko, Yamane – Q. Kirk **Bench:** Bickel, Launderback, B. Perez.

#### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:3 – Sauerman 2 (Q. Kirk); 44th.

**Byki Men of the Match:** Justin O'Bryan and Joe Sauerman.

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Byki O-40	<b>0</b>	Premier Soccer League Over 40 B1 Division
PR Rogues	<b>2</b>	Oak Brook Sports Core 3 June 2018

St C Celtics	<b>5</b>	Premier Soccer League Over 48 Division
Byki O-48	<b>4</b>	East Side Sports Complex 6 June 2018

## Scoring woes continue

The Over 40 Team were shut out for the second consecutive week, dropping a 2:0 decision to the Park Ridge Rogues at Oak Brook on Sunday. The Byki have just two points from their four games so far and are now scratching their heads to try to figure out where the goals will come from.

The Byki had not faced Park Ridge for several years. When the Over 40 Division was split into A and B groups, the Rogues remained in the A group, while the Byki dropped to the B group. The Rogues are now down in the B group and the Byki got a first-hand look at their aggressive midfield marking.

Park Ridge scored both of their goals in the first half and set the tempo for how things would go for the entire 90 minutes. They gave the Byki little time or space with the ball, preventing the Byki from building any attacking momentum.

The Byki had a gold-plated opportunity in the first ten minutes, when Diego Penafiel sent a beautiful through pass to Ade Ekundayo, who went directly to goal on a breakaway, but shot right at the keeper.

A few minutes later, goalie James Vlahakis came off his line to challenge a Rogues forward. He chipped it over Vlahakis' head, but sweeper Doug Towsey was in position to back him up. Towsey's first touch, however, was a little too big and a Rogues player sneaked in from behind to poke the ball into an empty net.

With time winding down in the first half, a Park Ridge player ran on to a through pass and outraced the Byki defense. He placed a beautiful shot in the lower left corner for a commanding 2:0 lead.

The second half was a back-and-forth affair, but Park Ridge were definitely in control. "They seemed younger and were all over us when we had the ball," noted Towsey. "We made way too many turnovers, probably caused by their aggressive play."

The Rogues created a bevy of scoring chances, but Vlahakis came up with several quality saves.

"The real problem was our inability to control the ball in midfield," commented Eric Tower. "These guys pressed constantly. The Rogues didn't create tons of chances, but they certainly controlled the flow of the game."

*Eric Tower and Doug Towsey contributed to this story.*

**BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1):** Vlahakis – Towsey, Tower, Fink, Higginbotham – Lane, Penafiel – Fukar, Pedlow, Ekundayo (c) – Banbor. **Bench:** King, Marquez, Meza, J. Park.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**  
None.

**Byki Men of the Match:** Diego Penafiel and James Vlahakis.

## Byki on short end of goalfest

The Over 48 Team followed up their five-goal outburst in a win over the Silverbacks with a four-spot versus the Celtics last Wednesday. But those four were not enough, as the Celtics snapped a 4:4 tie with an 88th-minute winner. Brian Huck scored once and added two assists and five other Byki joined him in the scoring column.

It was a seesaw affair, with goals early and late, along with four lead changes. You wanted to be the team who had the ball last in order to have a chance to score that final goal.

"Our team has shown some real potency so far," commented George Gorecki. "We scored 15 goals in 14 games last season, so this is a big improvement. The Celtics handled us easily last year, winning 8:2 and 2:1. We were a lot better tonight than in either of those games."

The Byki started things off with a bang. Mark Retterer sent a pass to Jose Arno, whose deft flick put him in behind the last defender. The keeper came out to engage Arno, who skipped past him and slid the ball into the empty after just five minutes.

Midway through the first half, Steven Pedlow controlled the ball with his back to the goal and dropped a pass back for Huck on the right side of the penalty area. Huck drilled a near-post shot that the keeper did well to save.

The Celtics turned the game on its head, scoring twice in the span of two minutes. Ray Najera saved a shot from close range, but the Byki failed to clear the rebound and a Celtics forward nailed a bicycle kick into the back of the net to make it 1:1. The Byki then left an open runner at the back post and he nodded home a cross from the left wing to give the Celtics the lead.

Momentum swung back to the Byki in the 31st minute. Dave Sisson was shoved down in the box, prompting the referee to point to the spot. Huck, nearly automatic when converting penalties, was stopped by a keeper who guessed right. Huck admitted at halftime that he changed his normal penalty kick routine, contributing to the miss.

There were no lingering after-effects, however. In the 34th minute, Kris Zadlo came in from the right flank to lay off a pass to Huck, who maneuvered into an opening to send a curling shot that kissed the crossbar to level things at 2:2.

The Byki retook the lead on the final action of the half. Arno beat his man on the left wing and carried to the end line. He crossed to the far post, where Jim Jacobs kept the ball in play. He sent a diagonal pass into the middle of the box for Huck, who shielded the ball long enough to drop a pass for Juan-Carlos Carrillo. The midfielder had perfect placement in the upper 90 and the Byki were 3:2 up.

The Celtics evened things in the 64th minute and then snatched the lead ten minutes later, when a player planted at



**NSL MAJOR DIVISION****7 June 2018****www.nslchicago.org**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria	4	3	1	0	11	3	10
Gazelle SC	3	3	0	0	7	1	9
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>
Wisloka Chicago	2	2	0	0	9	2	6
SAC Wisla	3	2	0	1	7	4	6
Vikings AA	3	1	2	0	8	5	5
AAC Winged Bull	4	1	1	2	5	11	4
CKS Warta	4	1	0	3	12	13	3
FC Guadalajara	3	1	0	2	6	9	3
Das Magic	3	0	0	3	4	9	0
Dundalk FC	5	0	0	5	7	22	0

**PSLC OVER 30 WHITE DIVISION****3 June 2018****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Levski Chicago 2014	5	5	0	0	23	7	15
Celtics	5	4	1	0	14	6	13
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>
FC Oasu	4	2	1	1	26	9	7
Tricolorii FC	5	2	1	2	13	9	7
AEK FC Chicago	3	2	0	1	18	3	6
Chicago Rangers FC	4	1	1	2	14	10	4
FC Igloopol	4	1	1	2	6	11	4
FC National	4	1	0	3	15	16	3
Shogun	3	1	0	2	6	14	3
International SC	3	0	1	2	8	12	1
Adventists United FC	5	0	0	5	2	56	0

**PSLC OVER 40 B DIVISION****3 June 2018****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Olympiacos Chicago	5	4	1	0	26	4	13
FK Danubia	4	2	2	0	11	7	8
Park Ridge Rogues	3	2	1	0	9	4	7
Deerfield	4	2	1	1	7	5	7
Atletico Torino FC	2	1	0	1	3	10	3
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>
International SC	3	0	1	2	2	5	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****6 June 2018****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Park Ridge Rogues	4	3	0	1	18	5	9
Jakes Stars Villains	3	2	1	0	12	1	7
HNK Concordia	2	2	0	0	6	1	6
St Charles Celtics	4	2	0	2	13	17	6
Sofia BG	3	1	2	0	8	3	5
Atletico Torino FC	4	1	1	2	8	11	4
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>
St. Charles Celtics Silverbacks	5	0	0	5	4	30	0