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OVER 30

Chicago Celtic 1 : 2 Byki

PSLC Over 30 Division - Woodland Meadow - 4 June 2011

Byki prevail with teamwork

The Over 30 Team recorded their first win of the season last Saturday in a 2:1 decision over Chicago Celtic. Although their performance was not artistically pleasing for some of the players, the product of players fighting for one another was all that mattered. And that effort was enough to assure victory. The win moves the Byki out of the Over 30 cellar and into fifth place in the table.

Celtic relied on their tried and true formula of pumping long balls over the top. That formula was good enough for two significant wins so far this season, 1:0 over the St Charles Celtics, and 4:3 over FC Tarnovia. Against the Byki, Celtic were undone by embarrassingly poor finishing. On three occasions, a Celtic forward had Byki goalie Ray Najera one-on-one and a Celtic player shot wide of the target every time.

Celtic created the best chances of the first half with these tactics. Coming out in a 3-5-2 formation, the Byki might have been asking for trouble when facing a team playing the direct style. The Byki botched the offside trap in the fifth minute, leading to a Celtic breakaway. Najera came off his line to challenge the shooter and heaved a huge sigh of relief when the Celtic player missed an empty net. The Byki were beaten similarly in the 32nd minute and Najera's intervention resulted in an open shot sailing wide of the target.

Both teams had good chances right before halftime. Matt Fleming fed Maciek Kekus in the 42nd minute as Kekus barreled along the right wing. Kekus turned the corner on his defender and blasted a shot that was saved at the near post by the goalie.

Moments later, Najera got a hand to a corner kick, but could not tip it clear. The ball floated to the far post, where a Celtic player tried to head the ball home. Conor Casey, alertly backing up his netminder, headed the ball off the line.

The Byki were not in sync during most of the first half and struggled to find an attacking rhythm. They certainly had

the personnel available to blow through the Celtic defense, but their lack of intelligent play prevented them from taking care of business.

They needed just four minutes of the second half to put things right. Kekus threaded an insightful penetrating pass for Ivan Torossian, who barged past the last defender and calmly slotted the ball home as the keeper advanced out of his area. It was Torossian's second goal in as many matches for the Over 30s.

Now that they were playing from behind, Celtic increased their effort and enjoyed the lion's share of possession for the final half hour. But their possession advantage did not translate into scoring chances. The equalizer eventually came in the 83rd minute, but it was not the result of intelligent build-up or elegant combination play. The Celtic tally was the product of a lucky deflection, when a shot from distance bounced off of a Byki player, sending Najera the wrong way.

A goal like that can deflate a team, but the Byki responded aggressively barely a minute later. Dan Jedrzejowski started the play on the right flank in the Byki end of the field. He sent the ball to Torossian, who quickly played it to Roman Kramarz, who dribbled towards the corner. He crossed the ball into the Celtic goal area and Kekus won the aerial battle to pound the ball home for the winning strike.

This was a result that the Byki absolutely had to have. They showed composure on the ball and used their heads to create space. Had they executed these qualities more consistently, the result might not have hung in the balance until the dying moments.

BYKI LINEUP (3-5-2): Najera – Lim, Brough, Casey – McGrath, Jedrzejowski, Kramarz, Fleming, Ciszewski – Kekus (c), Torossian.
Bench: Banbor, Cruickshank, Inalsingh, Pirillis, Zaskowski.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY
0:1 – Torossian 1 (Kekus); 49th.
1:2 – Kekus 3 (Kramarz); 84th.

Byki Men of the Match: Maciej Kekus and Greg Zaskowski



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RED**Jahbat FC 5 : 1 Byki**

NSL Major Division - Lovelace Park - 5 June 2011

Jahbat give Byki a real spanking

The Red Team ran into a real buzzsaw last Sunday at Lovelace Park in the form of Jahbat FC, a skillful, powerful side who found the gaps in the Byki defense with consistency. Those gaps became more numerous as the match wore on and Byki fatigue became more significant. Jahbat scored three times in the last 19 minutes to break open a close match and win 5:1. The defeat drops the Byki to 1-1-2 on the season.

Coach Joe Gambino called in three players from the Blue Team to reinforce an already depleted roster. He needed every one of his players to give maximum output against an opponent as difficult as Jahbat.

A scuffling midfield battle turned Jahbat's way in the middle of the first half. The Byki frivolously gave away a corner kick in the 24th minute. A Jahbat player headed home the ensuing cross from inside the 6-yard box. They made it 2:0 five minutes later when the Byki weakly cleared a long throw-in from their penalty area. A Jahbat player swung the ball back into the middle, where an unmarked teammate easily side-footed a shot into the back of the net.

The Byki scrambled back into the contest just before the break. In the 41st minute, Todd Trowbridge played an elegant

pass into the Jahbat area for Ammin Mehreioskouei. He ran past his defender and was off balance as he tried to slide a shot into the net vacated by the goalie. An alert Jahbat defender deflected the ball to safety.

In the 44th minute, the keeper desperately flapped away at Trowbridge's cross, leading to a Byki corner. Mike Stamatinos launched the ball into the mixer and Declan Geraghty headed home to bring the Byki to within 2:1.

That flurry, however, was as close as the Byki would get. The point in the match when the Byki really needed to be the next ones to score was when Jahbat found their groove. Marty Lupou bailed out his defense with two excellent saves in the early part of the second half, but Jahbat shifted gears and left the Byki wheezing in their effort to keep up.

Three goals on the counter showed the difference in class. The openings in the back of the Byki team were numerous and the gaps spacious. Jahbat eagerly took advantage and wrapped up the victory with a commanding display in their endgame.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Marty Lupou – Black (c), Stevens, Mike Lupou, Geraghty – Gibbs, Dziekiewicz, Stamatinos, Trowbridge – Taylor, Del Priore. **Bench:** Mehreioskouei, Suhayda.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

2:1 – Geraghty 1 (Stamatinos); 44th.

Byki Man of the Match: Marty Lupou

Byki Stats

RED TEAM, NSL MAJOR DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Taubman	2	0	2
Stamatinos	0	2	2
Geraghty	1	0	1
Mehreioskouei	1	0	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Lupou, Marty	360	7	1.75

Current record: 1-1-2

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	3	1	4
Torossian	2	1	3
Kramarz	0	2	2
Banbor	1	0	1
Fleming	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Najera	90	1	1.00
Bertels	180	9	4.50
Fukar	90	5	5.00

Current record: 1-0-3

O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Huck	2	0	2
Pedlow	1	1	2
Cruickshank	1	0	1
Dec	1	0	1
Gorski	1	0	1
Zygmunt	1	0	1
Posada	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Vlahakis	270	6	2.00
Muehlbauer	90	3	3.00
Fukar	90	6	6.00

Current record: 0-1-4

OVER 40

Champions FC 2 : 1 Byki

PSLC Over 40 Division - Hamilton Field - 5 June 2011

Byki fall to late strike

The Over 40 Team faced a tough task last Sunday against Champions FC and came up just a bit short, falling 2:1 in a closely contested match at bumpy Hamilton Field in Itasca. The Byki sought to play a compact defensive style and break out for counterattacks. They held Champions in check, but did not generate enough offense to overcome an early deficit. The Byki are 0-1-4 for the season.

Champions FC, formerly known as FC Soccer Place, renamed their club in the off-season, possibly to match their achievement in 2010, when they won the league in impressive fashion. Their commitment to playing for possession made them a force in the PSLC last year, as few opponents were able to match them for skill and for successful execution.

Champions wasted little time to look for the opening goal. In the fourth minute, the Byki backline coordinated poorly on a long ball and left a Champions player onside on the left flank. He turned inside quickly and James Vlahakis came up with a huge block as he slid towards the shooter's feet. Six minutes later, a similar play for Champions had a very different outcome. As a Champions player controlled the ball along the goal line to Vlahakis' right, the Byki were in scramble mode. With Vlahakis out to challenge the play, the Champions player coolly stroked a diagonal pass back into the middle of the box, where a teammate hit the ball into the open net for a 1:0 lead.

Vlahakis was called upon twice more in the first half to make difficult saves and his stellar play kept the Byki in the game. Things didn't look as good at the other end for the

Byki, who struggled to string together passes and easily gave the ball back to Champions.

In the second half, Champions wanted to put the game out of reach quickly. The Byki adjusted their defensive tactics and their midfielders did a good job of shutting down the wide areas. Vlahakis and sweeper Doug Towsey snuffed out any long balls that Champions played over the top.

As Champions appeared to peter out a bit due to heat and fatigue, the Byki began to sporadically develop some flow. This resulted in some nice breaks that could have produced results if the ball had been delivered slightly better on the last touch.

The Byki drew level largely thanks to the efforts of Mitch Posada. He gathered a long ball at the halfway line in the 65th minute and proceeded to dance his way down the field, shedding three defenders along the way. Once he reached the Champions penalty area, he crossed the ball on the ground in front of the keeper to a wide-open Steven Pedlow, who gratefully tapped home at the far post to draw the score level.

Despite fatigue and internal disagreements, Champions notched a winner late in the contest. A long cross from the left side skimmed off Dave Safford's head and was gathered in right on the end line by a Champions forward. As three Byki defenders rushed to close down the forward, he chipped the ball to an open player in front of the goal.

The Byki had a last gasp when a corner kick found its way to Mike Cruickshank's foot, but his blast from inside the box was saved gloriously by the Champions keeper.

Eric Tower contributed to this story.

BYKI LINEUP (4-5-1): Vlahakis – Towsey, Safford (c), Tower, Geng – Posada, Elmkinssi, Weslar, Pedlow, Passi – Cruickshank. **Bench:** Chial, Dahlquist, Fukar, Huck, Jacobs, Muehlbauer.

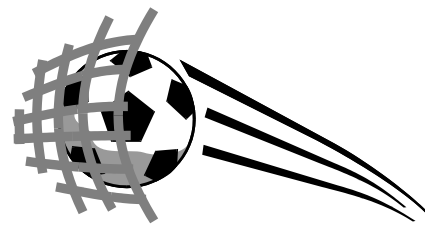
BYKI SCORING SUMMARY
1:1 – Pedlow 1 (Posada); 65th.

Byki Man of the Match: Doug Towsey



BYKI

bits & pieces



This is the first edition of "Did You Know," an occasional feature in *Byki Bouncings*, whose purpose is to provide fun facts about the club. Many players are new to the Byki and may not be aware of these details. And even Byki veterans may learn a thing or two.

Did You Know that the club is run by a Board of Directors? These five people have the responsibility of making the organization operate to the best of its ability. They are:

President – **George Gorecki** (joined in 1983)
Vice President – **Joe Gambino** (joined in 1999)
Treasurer – **Steven Pedlow** (joined in 2003)
Secretary – **Dan Jedrzejowski** (joined in 1992)
Board Member – **Gabi Dziekiewicz** (joined in 2002)

Did You Know that the Board meet every six weeks to discuss the club's business? They go over the club's finances, ideas for sponsorship and fundraising, and the status of the club's four teams.

Did You Know that the Byki operate an online store? You can access the store at: <http://www.cafepress.com/starebykifc>. We offer many items with the Byki logo, which are made

and distributed by Café Press. A portion of every purchase through Café Press results in money coming back to the club. The Byki also offer soccer scarves and logo beer glasses, which we sell directly to our club's members and supporters. Exclusive Byki items are found at: <http://www.starebykifc.org/pages/store.html>.

Did You Know that the Byki have an affiliate relationship with Eurosport? If you order your soccer gear through Eurosport at www.soccer.com, you can help the Byki receive a portion of what you spend there. All you have to do is go to the Byki website, click on the Eurosport logo and place your order as normal. If you are a Goal Club member, you can log in to your account after clicking through the Byki website and you will receive your normal Goal Club discount. But you must enter the Eurosport website using the Eurosport link on the Byki website in order for the Byki to get the commission.

Did You Know that the Byki are on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Stare-Byki-Football-Club/145395415501646>)? The page provides timely information on games, practices and other Byki activities. The Byki Facebook page is also the best place to see Byki photos.

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MAJOR DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Jahbat FC	4	2	1	1	10	5	7
Albanian Stars	2	2	0	0	6	0	6
RWB Adria	2	2	0	0	13	2	6
SAC Wisla	3	1	2	0	7	3	5
FC Steaua	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
Khaboor FC	5	0	1	4	3	21	1

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Brusfa FC	3	3	0	0	11	2	9
NK Prijedor	4	3	0	1	15	8	9
Independiente FC	3	2	0	1	12	2	6
Assyrian FC	2	0	0	2	5	10	0
Stare Byki FC Blue	2	0	0	2	1	6	0
Gremio FC	3	0	0	3	3	17	0

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Hellenic United Blue	4	3	0	1	12	7	9
CKS Warta A	4	1	2	1	4	4	5
Stare Byki FC Red	4	1	1	2	4	7	4
FK Republika Srpska	3	1	1	1	4	8	4
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	5	3	1	1	18	8	10
Das Magic	4	3	0	1	10	5	9
Winged Bull B	4	2	0	2	5	13	6
West Indies Jets SC	3	1	1	1	8	8	4
CKS Warta B	3	1	0	2	4	7	3
Chicago Thunder	2	0	0	2	3	9	0

SECOND DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Bosphorus FC	3	2	0	1	8	5	6
Chicago Dynasty FC	2	2	0	0	4	0	6
Lamaso FC	1	1	0	0	11	1	3
FC Moldova	3	0	0	3	4	8	0
FK Podrinje	2	0	0	2	2	12	0

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Kosova	3	3	0	0	18	6	9
Lemont FC	3	3	0	0	13	5	9
DePaul FC	2	2	0	0	9	3	6
Turkish FC	3	1	0	2	6	7	3
West Bosnia SC	2	0	0	2	4	6	0
Chicago Thunder B	4	0	0	4	6	32	0

OVER 30 DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Hellenic United AC	3	3	0	0	10	0	9
West Indies Jets SC	2	1	0	1	4	5	3
Jahbat FC	3	1	0	2	6	11	3
SAC Wisla	2	0	0	2	2	6	0

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OVER 30 RED DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
St Charles Celtics Red	4	3	0	1	15	3	9
Torino FC	3	3	0	0	9	2	9
Bulgaria FC	4	3	0	1	13	7	9
Chicago Celtic	5	2	1	2	8	8	7
Balkan	4	2	0	2	8	8	6
Stare Byki FC	4	1	0	3	6	15	3
FC Tarnovia	5	1	0	4	6	18	3
Hellenic United AC	3	0	1	2	3	7	1

OVER 40 GREEN DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
International SC	4	4	0	0	10	1	12
Hellenic United AC	4	3	1	0	13	5	10
Champions FC	4	3	0	1	22	7	9
Real Wilmette	5	3	0	2	9	5	9
St Charles Celtics Blue	4	2	0	2	7	5	6
Botev Chicago	4	2	0	2	8	7	6
Park Ridge Rogues	4	2	0	2	7	10	6
FC DePaul	3	1	0	2	8	20	3
Stare Byki FC	5	0	1	4	7	15	1
St Charles Celtics Green	5	0	0	5	1	17	0

OVER 40 BLUE DIVISION

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