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Stare Byki	4	National Soccer League 1st Division
Macedonia	1	Oak Brook Sports Core 4 June 2017

Undefeated Byki take top spot

The Byki continued their perfect start to the 2017 season with a 4:1 thumping of FC Macedonia. The third consecutive victory for the Byki boosts them into first place in the NSL's First Division. They are tied on points with Chicago Dynasty (nine points from four matches), but control the tiebreaker after having beaten Dynasty in Week 1.

It took the Byki a half to get their game organized. They spent the first 45 minutes trying to overcome simple errors, like making accurate passes and avoiding holding the ball too much. And after they gifted Macedonia the opener, the players got onto the same page and turned the game completely around, bagging all four goals in the span of 20 minutes. Better finishing would have made the final score downright gaudy.

The match saw the return of midfielder Phil Parker, whose box-to-box capability will be a big boost. He partnered well with Mark Zeman and Joe Sauerman, providing the Byki with a powerful central triangle.

The Macedonians took an unlikely lead after just seven minutes, following a bad giveaway in the Byki defensive third of the field. A Macedonian player came in alone on goalkeeper Aaron Menyes, who had no chance on a shot from 12 yards.

The Byki attack lurched along for most of the first half, bereft of continuity and cohesion. The game was being primarily played in the Macedonian end of the field, but the scoring chances were scarce. Tony Sabo hit a weak first-timer in the ninth minute, and Andy Sokolowski ran onto Sauerman's cheeky through ball in the 27th minute, but the Macedonian goalie slid in hard to clear the ball.

The Byki were a changed team right at the start of the second half. Two minutes in, Mike Stamatinos crossed the ball towards the far post from the left-wing channel. Zeman arrived just a bit late and steered his header wide of the post.

In the 48th minute, Sokolowski bent a corner kick into the mixer. The keeper palmed the ball away, but not out of danger. Dmytro Korinenko found Zeman with a pass in the

box and Zeman dropped it for Mo Elshafie, who fired from downtown to level things at 1:1. Afterwards, Elshafie expressed his excitement at scoring his first goal for the Byki First Team. "I picked my spot and waited for the pass from Mark and aimed at the far post," he said. "It was great to lift the team's spirit for the comeback! This goal is dedicated to Elizabeth R."

Moments later, the Byki grabbed the lead. Korinenko laid off a pass for Stamatinos, who blasted from long range, fooling the keeper, who was distracted by Sokolowski running in front of him just before the ball arrived.

In the 57th minute, Parker was sure he had scored the third goal on the day when he curled a free kick from 30 yards over the defensive wall. The ball appeared destined for the near post, but the goalie reacted just in time to deflect the ball to safety. Many Byki came away impressed with Macedonia's aging netminder, who looked as though his previous club must have been AARP United. He took over from the starting goalie, who departed the match at halftime.

Things went from bad to worse for Macedonia in the 59th minute, Kyler Mowry concluded a hard run to the byline with a strong, low cross into the six-yard box. A Macedonian defender haplessly redirected the ball into his own net for a 3:1 Byki lead.

In the 64th minute, Korinenko capped off a strong run on the left flank by cutting inside and driving a cross into the middle. The deflected ball caused mayhem in the Macedonian defense. The goalie weakly punched away a header at goal and the ball fell to Sokolowski, who turned right away, slamming the ball over the bar.

The score went to 4:1 four minutes later. Zeman won a loose ball at midfield and galloped through three Macedonians before finding himself on a breakaway to goal. The keeper came out to challenge once Zeman entered the penalty area, but Zeman dinked a pass into the space behind the

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goalie, where Sauerman had made the supporting run to tap home into an empty net.

The game became extremely stretched in the final ten minutes, as the Macedonians pushed forward. Their push was largely ineffective. Unlike the chaos in the endgame versus FC Guadalajara, the Byki finished this game off properly, choking off Macedonia's attack before they even got close to the Byki penalty area. The Macedonians wound up leaving a massive gap in the middle of the field and had no energy to retreat when they lost possession. Sokolowski and Sabo both had chances to pad the lead, but could not convert.

Confidence is growing within the squad. "When we're playing the right way, we're a very good team," said coach George Gorecki. "We have to do this for 90 minutes. When that happens, look out."

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Menyés – Elshafie, Stevens, C. Kirk, Stamatinos – Sauerman, Parker – Korinenko, Verbych, Sabo (c) – Mowry. **Bench:** Bickel, Sokolowski, Zeman.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

- 1:1 – Elshafie 1 (Zeman); 48th.
- 2:1 – Stamatinos 1 (Korinenko); 49th.
- 3:1 – FC Macedonia own goal.
- 4:1 – Sauerman 1 (Zeman); 68th.

Byki Men of the Match: Phil Parker, Joe Sauerman and Mark Zeman.

Concordia	2	Premier Soccer League Over 48 Division
Byki 0-48	1	Hawthorne 7 June 2017

Not enough bite in Byki attack

The Over 48 Team were presented with a golden opportunity when they faced HNK Concordia on Wednesday when the reigning champions had to play all but ten minutes of the match shorthanded after an early red card. The Byki, however, failed to capitalize, and were then victimized by substandard defending on two Concordia counterattacks. It all added up to a disappointing 2:1 defeat at Hawthorne Sports Complex.

Concordia, who had won every game that they had played in the first two years of the PSLC's Over 48 Division, are working through a rough start to the 2017 season, with just one point from their first two matches: a 1:1 draw with International, and a shocking 4:1 defeat to the St Charles Celtics. Several Byki remarked how slow some of Concordia's players looked, despite the fact that this was pretty much the same squad that thumped the Byki 8:0 last October in the tournament final.

A slow pace became necessary for the home team after one of their players was dismissed in the tenth minute. Jim Kuch was fouled just outside the Concordia penalty area, which caused a vulgar reaction from some Concordia players as they surrounded the referee. When one such player was cautioned for dissent, he refused to back down, even when the referee gave him a bit of leniency. That ended when the player said, "I'm going to f— kill you." At that point, a red card was the only answer.

Byki Stats

FIRST TEAM, NSL 1ST DIVISION				O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION				O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION				O-48 TEAM, PSLC O-48 DIVISION			
Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts
Korninenko	3	1	4	Anderson	3	1	4	Penafiel	2	2	4	Huck	1	0	1
Sokolowski	2	0	2	Espinoza	3	1	4	Ekundayo	3	0	3	Nelson	1	0	1
Kirk, Q	0	2	2	Sodeinde	3	1	4	Fukar	2	0	2	Demarets	0	1	1
Zeman	0	2	2	Jaramillo	2	2	4	Pedlow	1	0	1	Jimenez	0	1	1
Elshafie	1	0	1	Gibbs	2	1	3	Huck	0	1	1				
Freitag	1	0	1	Guzman	0	2	2	Kramarz	0	1	1	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Sabo	1	0	1	Boeckeler	1	0	1	Kuch	0	1	1	Muehlbauer	57	1	1.58
Sauerman	1	0	1	Chudyba	0	1	1	Rodriguez, G	0	1	1	Pac	90	2	2.00
Stamatinos	1	0	1	Marquez	0	1	1					Fukar	33	3	8.18
Alfaro	0	1	1					Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Current record: 0-0-2			
Verbych	0	1	1	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Vlahakis	180	1	0.50				
Team goals	1	x	x	Najera	270	1	0.33	Muehlbauer	90	2	2.00				
				Current record: 3-0-0				Current record: 2-1-0							
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA												
Stevens	90	0	0.00												
Menyés	180	4	2.00												
Current record: 3-0-0															

For their part, the Byki flubbed their opportunity. Similar to their floundering first half versus the Rogues in Week 1, the Byki struggled to string passes together in the first half hour of the match. There were hardly any excuses available; Concordia put no pressure on the Byki and the expansive field at Hawthorne was begging the Byki to exploit the wide areas.

Instead, the Byki made it easy for Concordia to repel their attacking efforts. And Concordia actually created three great scoring chances in the first half, all thwarted by the interventions of new goalkeeper Jarek Pac. When Concordia players burst into the open on breakaways, Pac came out forcefully to block shots from close range, or forced shots to go wide of the target. It was precisely the boost that the Byki needed.

The Byki eventually started using their heads and problems began for the Concordia defense. In the 33rd minute, John Park sent a cross in from the right flank to Jimenez at the top of the area. He turned on the ball immediately and fired a half-volley narrowly over the bar.

Moments later, Juan Carlos Carrillo threaded a nifty through ball for Dominic Demarets on the left side of the box. Demarets took the ball to the byline and dribbled towards the goal. The keeper showed good reflexes on a kick save. The ball was then deflected off of the post before being cleared away.

In the 40th minute, Park and Jimenez were at it again when Park's pass sent Jimenez behind the Concordia defense. Jimenez dribbled deep into the penalty area, luring an opponent out of the middle. He squared a simple pass for Dan Nelson for the easy tap-in.

Concordia equalized three minutes later on a counterattack, with the right wing chasing down a long pass. He sent a terrific diagonal pass into the middle, threading the needle for a striker who slammed the ball past Pac.

The Byki continued to look promising for the first ten minutes of the second half. Park's free kick from the corner of the penalty area just missed the upper corner at the far post in the 52nd minute.

Just three minutes later, an excellent combination play set

the stage for what appeared to be the go-ahead goal for the Byki. Demarets found Carrillo on the right wing. After beating his man, Carrillo sent a square ball for Nelson, who was unmarked eight yards from goal. Nelson's first-time shot whizzed just outside the post.

Concordia took the lead in the 65th minute, when a clever give-and-go at midfield led to a 2 v 1 breakout. The Byki failed to recover, as a Concordia player knocked the ball home from close range.

The Byki kept pushing players forward the last 20 minutes and put pressure on Concordia's goal. The decisive final touch, however, was lacking, and a couple of free kicks were struck accurately, but without enough pace to beat the keeper.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Pac – Safford, Tower (c), Park, Kuch – Huck, Jacobs – Muehlbauer, Nelson, Jimenez – Demarets. **Bench:** Carrillo, Dec, Gorecki.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

0:1 – Nelson 1 (Jimenez); 40th.

Byki Man of the Match: Rodolfo Jimenez

Shogun	2	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White B Division
Byki 0-30	3	Connelly Park 4 June 2017

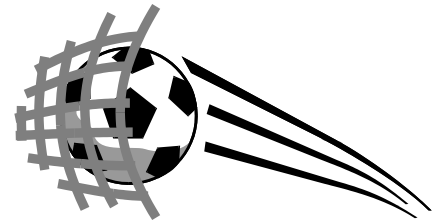
Byki remain perfect in 2017

The Over 30 Team topped Shogun 3:2 last Sunday at Connelly Park to maintain their 100% record. They are the runaway leaders of the B Division so far, with four victories in as many matches. Their closest pursuer is Real FC, who have five points from three matches. In fact, no other team in the B Division has more than one win so far.

The Byki did well defensively, as Segun Durojaiye and Chris Hurley dominated in the air. The team displayed great hustle overall.



BYKI bits & pieces



First Team captain Mike Stamatinos

has been with the Byki since 2009, but only recently submitted his first Byki Scarf Picture. Amazing that someone could be with the club for so long and still not have become a part of Byki history. Mike was down in Captiva Island in Florida on vacation. "Been seeing all these SBFC scarf photos coming through all of these years and realized that I have never submitted one,; he said. "Figured I'd send one in,. Better late than never! Who knows, maybe next one will be in Russia at the World Cup."

Are you traveling or going somewhere interesting? Take your Byki scarf and snap a photo. You can also become part of the club's legacy. Don't have a Byki scarf? You're kidding, right? You *have to have* a Byki scarf. They're just \$15, see **George Gorecki** and he will set you up.

To see all scarf pictures, find the Byki on Facebook and go to the Photos page.



NSL FIRST DIVISION**June 4, 2017****www.nslchicago.org**

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Stare Byki FC	3	3	0	0	11	4	9
Chicago Dynasty FC	4	3	0	1	10	7	9
FC Macedonia	4	2	0	2	11	9	6
Das Magic	3	1	0	2	7	9	3
United Stars FC	4	1	0	3	10	13	3
FC Guadalajara	4	1	0	3	5	12	3

PSLC OVER 30 WHITE DIVISION**June 4, 2017****www.pslchicagoland.com**

A DIVISION	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
AEK FC Chicago	4	3	0	1	19	5	9
FC DePaul	4	2	0	2	11	6	6
Levski Chicago 2014	3	2	0	1	8	9	6
Tricolorii FC	2	1	1	0	8	2	4
FC Oasu	3	1	1	1	5	6	4
Celtics	4	0	0	4	5	28	0

PSLC OVER 40 B DIVISION**June 4, 2017****www.pslchicagoland.com**

B1 DIVISION	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Gato Verde	3	3	0	0	12	2	9
International SC	3	2	1	0	9	5	7
Stare Byki FC	3	2	0	1	8	3	6
Olympiacos Chicago	3	1	1	1	5	7	4
Naperville Strikers FC	2	0	1	1	3	6	1
Windy City United	4	0	1	3	6	15	1
Pampas OT	2	0	0	2	2	9	0

B2 DIVISION	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FK Danubia	5	4	0	1	27	10	12
United-Dynamo	3	2	1	0	10	5	7
St Charles Celtics Green	3	2	0	1	9	5	6
MOFG	5	1	1	3	7	17	4
Itasca	3	1	0	2	5	7	3
Real FC	3	1	0	2	8	15	3
St Charles Celtics Orange	2	0	0	2	2	7	0

B DIVISION	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Stare Byki FC	4	4	0	0	17	3	12
Real FC	3	1	2	0	12	3	5
Chicago Rangers FC	3	1	1	1	14	5	4
Shogun	3	1	1	1	12	5	4
FC National	3	0	2	1	4	5	2
Adventists United FC	4	0	0	4	0	38	0

PSLC OVER 48 DIVISION**June 7, 2017****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Park Ridge Rogues	3	3	0	0	13	3	9
Sofia BG	3	2	0	1	10	5	6
Concordia	3	1	1	1	4	6	4
St Charles Celtics	2	1	0	1	5	5	3
Torino FC	2	1	0	1	4	8	3
International SC	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Stare Byki FC	2	0	0	2	2	6	0
Villains SC	2	0	0	2	2	7	0