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**2015 PSLC
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CHAMPIONS**

Warta B	0	National Soccer League 2nd Division Riis Park 5 June 2016
Stare Byki	2	

Another day, another shutout

The Byki played 90 minutes of solid soccer last Sunday and the result was a 2:0 whitewash of CSK Warta B at Riis Park. There were too many giveaways in the first half and several chances did not find the back of the net, but the Byki found a comfortable groove after the break and displayed increasingly cohesive play as the match wore on. With two consecutive victories, the Byki are in a three-way tie for fourth place in the First Division.

Warta, now pointless in their four matches this season, hardly presented the Byki with any significant challenge. They featured several players whose weight exceeded their technical skills. It quickly became clear that Warta's B Team was not up to the task of playing at this level of competitive soccer.

The Warta goal was under pressure early on. Alen Mehagic heaved a throw-in from the right wing deep into the penalty area. Kyler Mowry headed the ball along for JD Joiner, who arrived a split second after the Warta goalie jumped into the fray and desperately punched the ball away.

The Byki went into the lead after 16 minutes. Tony Sabo controlled the ball in tight quarters in midfield and found Cristian Rodriguez on the left flank. Rodriguez spotted Mowry making the run and played a long ball up the wing. Mowry sprinted to the goal, cut inside and fired a hard, low shot inside the right post.

Good fortune smiled on Warta three minutes later. A corner kick that sailed into the swirling wind was clumsily handled by Marek Ciszewski, leading to a penalty kick. Warta, however, failed to capitalize on this good fortune when their main clanged the spot kick off of Sohel Mansuri's right-hand post.

The Byki created several outstanding scoring chances in the final 20 minutes of the half, but nothing could find the back of the net. In the 27th minute, Joiner's dangerous cross to the back post had the defense beaten, but neither Mowry nor Cristian Rodriguez could convert past the goalkeeper, who was flapping his arms wildly. In the end, the goalpost

came out the big winner.

The Warta netminder came up big a few minutes later. The Byki had an extended stretch of ball possession in the Warta end of the field and were poised to double the lead. Mowry took the ball inside the box and slid the ball to the onrushing Joe Sauerman, whose blast from the left side of the area was blocked by a brilliant reflex save from the goalie.

In the 37th minute, Sabo stole the ball and led a 3 v 2 counterattack. Sauerman carried to the byline and centered for Joiner, who dropped the ball back for Mowry. The winger went diagonal to the far post and Joiner was a half-step too late for the tap-in.

Warta were fortunate not to concede after another breakout just before halftime. Cristian Rodriguez chased down a long pass and streaked to goal. The ball deflected to Joiner, who had no chance when the goalkeeper slid in to block the shot.

Although the Byki were clearly the better side, any silly slip-up could turn a 1:0 match completely on its head. The Byki sought to improve their ball possession, and by doing so, reduced Warta's already feeble attack into a succession of aimless long balls. The Byki back four wouldn't be beaten by an approach this simplistic and their superb teamwork and communication broke down every Warta attack, and they were also the catalysts to initiate the Byki offense.

Mowry played an outstanding through ball for Marek Ciszewski in the 62nd minute, which sent Ciszewski in alone on the goalkeeper. Ciszewski should have kept it simple and driven past the sprawling goalie, but he took too many touches and eventually dribbled right into him.

Ciszewski did manage to put things right five minutes later. Alan Stevens won a 50/50 ball in midfield and laid off a simple pass upfield for Ciszewski. The midfielder accelerated into the left side of the box and nailed a low shot that nestled just inside the right post for a 2:0 lead that Warta would find difficult to overcome.

Confidence grew for the Byki in the latter stages. They

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moved the ball swiftly to open players and did not care which direction the ball was moving, only that they were making Warta's players chase after the ball. Sauerman and Sabo were the midfield generals and everyone on both sides was marching to their tune.

The Byki have beat up on some weak opponents the last two games. As the schedule gets a little more meaty, the Byki can get an idea what they're really made of.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Mansuri – Stamatinos (c), J. Rodriguez, Stevens, Mehagic – Joiner, Sauerman – Mowry, C. Rodriguez, Sabo – Ciszewski.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

0:1 – Mowry 2 (C. Rodriguez); 16th.
0:2 – Ciszewski 1 (Stevens); 67th.

Byki Men of the Match: Juan Rodriguez and Joe Sauerman.

St C Celtics	2	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White Division
Byki O-30	8	East Side Sports Complex 8 June 2016

Undermanned Byki explode scoreboard

A Byki side that struggled to find 11 able bodies last Sunday racked up eight goals and pummeled the hapless St Charles Celtics 8:2. Paul Gibbs led the scoring parade with a hat trick, while Nicolai Baekkegaard chipped in with a pair. Brian Boeckeler, Maciek Kekus and Martin Herholdt each had single tallies in the rout. It was the first win for the Over 30s, and quite satisfying that they got the job done under less than optimal conditions.

It turned out that the Celtics had worse squad problems than the Byki. They started the match with nine players, eventually got to 11, but an injury forced them to play with 10 in the second half. The expansive fields at the East Side Sports Complex didn't make the task any easier.

The Byki 11 didn't stay at 11 either, after Sean Marquez up injured in the second half. But it hardly mattered, as the Byki had built a comfortable 4:0 lead by halftime. Boeckeler set up Gibbs with a nifty play in the first half, spotting Gibbs open in the middle of the field, just outside the penalty area. Gibbs did the rest, dribbling past the defender and ripping a shot past the keeper.

Besides the goal he bagged, Kekus played provider early in the second half. Kekus was near the end line on the left side and quickly slid a pass in for Boeckeler. The winger didn't have much time to react, but still one-touched it on goal from about five yards out. It caught both the defender and keeper off guard and squeezed its way into the left corner of the net.

Baekkegaard showed great fight on his first score, jumping on a loose ball spilled by the goalkeeper after having made a save. He headed home a second when he won the ball

crossed him by Herholdt. The keeper got a hand to the cross, but Baekkegaard won the aerial duel.

Baekkegaard was shoved in the back, leading to a penalty kick. Gibbs put a wrap on things shortly thereafter when he banged it home to make it 6:0.

Given the manpower shortage, the Byki would have done well to slow the game down and knock the ball around. Player-coach Chris Hurley expected more brains from his team. “[We] seemed to move forward too quickly most of the time,” he said. “Some players just refuse to look backwards and play the ball around if/when they are pressured and instead give up the ball trying to dribble or pass forward all the time. But I think we did improve a bit on this throughout the game.”

Brian Boeckeler, Martin Herholdt, Chris Hurley and Dan Jedrzejowski contributed to this report.

BYKI LINEUP (4-5-1): Khankari – King, Hurley, Jedrzejowski, Marquez – Pinkham, Gibbs, Herholdt, Boeckeler, Kekus (c) – Baekkegaard.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

Gibbs: 3 goals, 1 assist
Herholdt: 1 goal, 2 assists
Baekkegaard: 2 goals
Boeckeler: 1 goal, 1 assist
Kekus: 1 goal, 1 assist

Byki Man of the Match: Paul Gibbs

Grosse Point	2	Premier Soccer League Over 40 B1 Division
Byki O-40	0	Techny Prairie Park 5 June 2016

Grosse Point double up on Byki

It's June already, and the defending champs from the Over 40 B Division have yet to score a goal. Maybe they have to find a new opponent. The Byki dropped to 0-0-2 on the season when they fell to Grosse Point SC 2:0 last Sunday at Techny Prairie Park. Grosse Point beat the Byki 1:0 earlier this season.

Scheduling quirks and flooded fields have seen the Byki compete just twice in the season's first five weeks. Grosse Point have proven to be a very tough opponent as well; they have racked up four wins in four matches, and have yet to concede a goal.

They dominated Sunday's match thoroughly, as the fast conditions on Techny Park's synthetic turf played right into Grosse Point's strengths. They moved the ball quickly and fluidly and the Byki always appeared to be second best. “They had a lot of short interplay, while we were too far apart to make such short passes,” noted Steven Pedlow. “They ran into space very effectively and the ball arrived immediately.”

Another factor might have been Byki rustiness. The Byki had been idle for three weeks, while Grosse Point were already playing their fourth match of the season. Byki passes were off mark, and simply lacked sharpness. The Byki had

trouble stringing together three passes, and after the first 20 minutes, it seemed that they were content to just clear the ball much of the time, rather than try to work the ball up the field. The Byki midfield struggled to find their rhythm. Diego Penafiel and Eric Tower, both missing for this match, would have been a big help controlling the play in the middle of the park.

Grosse Point bagged their first goal at the half hour. Their right wing dribbled the ball to the corner and sent in a nice cross to the left side, where a teammate beat a Byki defender to create good shooting position. Goalkeeper James Vlahakis was powerless to stop the shot. For their part, the Byki could not get even one shot on target in the first half.

Ball possession improved for the Byki in the second half, but they still generated few credible threats on the Grosse Point goal. Grosse Point were just too quick all over the field and hustled to every ball.

Vlahakis did his part to keep the Byki in the hunt, notching a couple of very nice saves in the second half. He stopped a breakaway (with his face) and then lay on the ground for a couple seconds. As a scramble for the loose ball ensued, Vlahakis shook off the impact of the shot and got back up and made another two-handed save on a blast from the top of the box.

Grosse Point put the result beyond any doubt ten minutes from the end. They parlayed a turnover in midfield into a quick counterattack. An open forward delivered a rocket shot from 25 yards to make it 2:0.

Eric Muehlbauer, Steven Pedlow and Doug Towsey contributed to this report.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Vlahakis – Towsey, Fukar, Fink, Cohen – Lane, Banbor – Pedlow, Huck, Ekundayo (c) – Kotsy. **Bench:** Dahlquist, Muehlbauer.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

Byki Men of the Match: Doug Towsey and James Vlahakis..

St C Celtics	1	Premier Soccer League Over 48 Division
Byki O-48	0	East Side Sports Complex 8 June 2016

Goals dry up in St Charles

An attack bereft of ideas in the first half came alive after the break, but the Byki were unable to dent the back of the net in Wednesday's encounter with the St Charles Celtics. The home side won 1:0, thanks largely to their aggressive start to the game. Once the Byki righted the ship, they played some good football, but only created a handful of chances.

The Celtics came hard at the Byki, which forced them to spray the ball all over the field. Very few passes found their target, and many of the attempts were described derisively by

Eric Tower as "kickey chasey." It was not an effective approach, nor was it pleasurable to look at. Aside from an early opportunity, where Tower sent a cross in from the deep left corner for Dan Nelson, the Byki were on the back foot. Nelson drilled an impressive volley, forcing the keeper to go full stretch to push the ball wide.

The Celtics were inches away from grabbing the lead on 13 minutes. They drove a long ball over the Byki on the right side and the forward raced in alone on goal. His arcing shot glanced off the far post, as the Byki stood frozen.

All of the Celtics pressure gave them their reward in the 40th minute. A cross from the left wing found a striker at the top of the box. He turned quickly and fired past a diving Serhat Calbay for a deserved 1:0 advantage.

The Byki made a bigger commitment to keeping the ball on the ground in the second half and it turned the tide. The Celtics had to start playing some defense and the Byki began the push for an equalizer.

The Byki dodged a bullet in the 53rd minute, when the Celtics exploited open space on the right flank. A Celtics player dribbled to the byline and delivered a delicious cross that caused the Byki to go into scramble mode at the doorstep of their goal. Dean Fukar took control and cleared the ball to safety.

Moments later, Dominic Demarets streaked in on a breakaway on the left side. He immediately brought the ball inside, and with the goalkeeper at his mercy, Demarets' shot to the far post ticked the upright before going out.

The play then rapidly carried back to the Byki goal. Fullback Charlie Cohen stepped in front of a St Charles player who had his eyes on increasing the lead. Calbay read the play well and managed to get a hand to the shot.

The Byki created an outstanding opportunity just after the hour mark. Brian Huck controlled the ball in traffic and executed a nifty change of direction by rolling a reverse pass with the sole of his foot for the sprinting Steven Pedlow. The winger tore past the last defender and went for the far post with a low shot, and missed by inches.

The Byki would get no closer. The Celtics circled the wagons effectively for the final 15 minutes and the Byki were unable to find the breakthrough that they needed.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Calbay – Kerbis, Park, Fukar, Cohen – Tower, Dahlquist – Pedlow (c), Smith, Nelson – Demarets. **Bench:** Gorecki, Gorski, King, Huck, Muehlbauer, Soldato, Zadlo.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

Byki Man of the Match: Charlie Cohen

NSL FIRST DIVISION

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Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Moldova	4	4	0	0	17	7	12
SAC Wisla B	4	3	1	0	20	6	10
FC Macedonia	4	2	1	1	7	5	7
AAC Winged Bull	3	2	0	1	7	3	6
Stare Byki FC	3	2	0	1	4	1	6
Das Magic	4	2	0	2	10	10	6
FC Kosova	3	1	0	2	5	8	3
CKS Warta B	4	0	0	4	4	13	0
Chicago Dynasty FC B	5	0	0	5	3	24	0

PSLC OVER 40 B1 DIVISION

June 5, 2016

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B1 DIVISION	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Grosse Point Social Club	4	4	0	0	8	0	12
MANA Soccer Club	4	2	1	1	15	8	7
Windy City United	4	2	0	2	7	7	6
Naperville Strikers FC	3	2	0	1	7	10	6
Pampas OT	4	1	1	2	5	6	4
Stare Byki FC	2	0	0	2	0	3	0
MOFG	3	0	0	3	6	14	0

PSLC OVER 30 WHITE DIVISION

June 5, 2016

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Tricolorii	4	3	0	1	17	8	9
A.E.K F.C CHICAGO	3	2	1	0	11	4	7
FC Oasu	2	2	0	0	11	2	6
St Charles Celtics	4	2	0	2	10	13	6
Olympiacos Chicago	4	1	2	1	10	9	5
Levski Chicago 2014	3	1	1	1	9	10	4
FC DePaul	1	1	0	0	7	0	3
Stare Byki FC	3	1	0	2	10	7	3
Chicago Rangers FC	3	1	0	2	4	7	3
Shogun	1	0	0	1	1	7	0
Real FC	4	0	0	4	3	26	0

PSLC OVER 40 DIVISION

June 8, 2016

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Concordia 048	1	1	0	0	6	2	3
Stare Byki FC 048	2	1	0	1	6	3	3
St Charles Celtics 048	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
International SC 048	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sofia BG	2	0	0	2	4	12	0

Byki Stats

FIRST TEAM, NSL 1ST DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Mowry	2	0	2
Stevens	0	2	2
Ciszewski	1	0	1
Freitag	1	0	1
Calleros	0	1	1
Rodriguez, C	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Mansuri	180	0	0.00
Chronowski	90	1	1.00

Current record: 2-0-1

O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Gibbs	3	1	4
Herholdt	2	2	4
Baekgaard	3	0	3
Boeckeler	1	1	2
kekus	1	1	2
Buur	0	1	1
Najera	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Chronowski	90	1	1.00
Khankari	180	6	3.00

Current record: 1-0-2

O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
No goals yet!			

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Vlahakis	180	3	1.50

Current record: 0-0-2

O-48 TEAM, PSLC O-48 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Pedlow	5	0	5
Huck	1	1	2
Nelson	0	2	2
Carrillo	0	1	1
Cohen	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Muehlbauer	3	0	0.00
Calbay	87	1	1.03
Vlahakis	90	2	2.00

Current record: 1-0-1