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BLUE

Lamasso FC 1 : 2 Byki

NSL 1st Division - Conkey Forest Preserve - 10 June 2012

Byki wait until the last minute

The Blue Team pulled off an improbable victory last Sunday when Jordan Stopka, who played the first 83 minutes in goal, was switched into the attack for the stretch run and found the back of the net moments before the final whistle to beat Lamasso FC 2:1. The Byki improved their record to 2-0-4.

The Byki offense sputtered for most of the first half, as the players had trouble doing simple things like passing and trapping. Their lethargic display opened the door for Lamasso, whose hit-and-hope approach was good enough to maintain a 1:0 lead past the hour mark. The Byki regrouped at halftime and hard work in the midfield from Chris Koenig and Matt LaConte brought the Byki the three points they felt they deserved.

Stopka started the match between the sticks when starter Amit Khankari wound up on the injured list with a broken finger. In the team's previous match versus Gremio, Khankari tried catch a ball on the short hop and thought he had jammed his finger. The diagnosis at the emergency room was a dislocated finger, but a second opinion revealed a fracture. Khankari will be out until after the mid-season break in July.

Neither side was exactly presenting a clinic on ball possession in the first half. Byki sloppiness at midfield in the 24th minute became a Lamasso counterattack along the left side. A shot from the edge of the area found the far post for a 1:0 lead. Still in disarray, the Byki defense nearly conceded a second three minutes later when they scrambled to clear a corner kick out of danger.

The closest that the Byki came to scoring in the opening half came on 33 minutes, when Koenig swerved a corner kick towards the Lamasso goal. The startled goalie desperately tried to slap the ball away.

The match took on a comical side when Lamasso saw a player sent off for the most ridiculous of reasons when the referee booked him for having only one shin guard in place. Because the player had been cautioned previously for reckless play, his moronic error gave the referee no choice but to send

him off.

The Byki came out in the second half and started looking like a team almost immediately. Short, quick passes and changes in the direction of play became the norm and the Byki seized the momentum. Koenig nearly got the equalizer when he tried to sneak another corner in at the near post in the 65th minute.

Things went level four minutes later. LaConte dribbled free deep in the left corner and sent the ball into the box. Serg Gonchar turned his defender the wrong way and a simple flick put the ball home.

A slick combination two minutes later nearly gave the Byki the lead. Koenig sent the ball wide for Sam Onaissi, whose run took him to the byline. He crossed the ball in for LaConte, whose hard shot whizzed just wide of the post.

The Byki made their goalkeeper switch with seven minutes to go. Ohad Garnon had volunteered at halftime, in case a switch became necessary. Despite having no goalkeeper experience, Garnon came up with a crucial save in the 87th minute when Lamasso charged forward on a 3 v 3 counterattack.

The winning score looked like it came out of a movie script. Mike Kosinski played the ball in deep to LaConte, who floated a header to Stopka, who had been left unmarked. Stopka made no mistake from ten yards and the Byki wrapped up the victory.

BYKI LINEUP (3-5-2): Stopka – Jordan Jacobs, White, Kosinski – Koenig (c), Mendoza, Szczypka, Garnon, LaConte – Onaissi, Slate. **Bench:** Barcenas, Gonchar.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – Gonchar 2 (LaConte); 69th.

1:2 – Stopka 3 (LaConte); 90th.

Byki Man of the Match: Matt LaConte

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OVER 40

Byki 3 : 3 Torino FC

PSLC Over 40 Blue Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 10 June 2012

Late heroics save Byki

A back-and-forth affair last Sunday at Oak Brook left the Byki sharing the spoils with Torino FC in an exciting 3:3 draw. Torino had built a 3:1 lead and looked intent on trying to kill the game off with cynical timewasting tactics. The Byki, however, stormed back with two goals in the final minutes and salvaged a point. At 3-1-1, the Byki are in fifth place in the table, trailing Pampas by five points, with one fewer game played.

Mitch Posada opened the scoring 12 minutes into the match. Steven Pedlow galloped down the left wing and found Posada open in the middle. Posada headed past the keeper, who was out of position after focusing too much attention on Pedlow.

Torino responded to that early outburst by playing Route One football to get the ball into the Byki end as fast and as often as possible. They equalized when a sequence of long passes caught the Byki with some poor marking and a shot from short range gave goalie James Vlahakis no chance.

The contest became a bit ragged at that point and the Byki were clearly not on the same page with their attacking movements. Rather than relying on ball possession, which would have really simplified things against an opponent like Torino, the Byki started lumping the ball forward themselves. This resulted in vast amounts of open space in the middle third of the field, making Torino's kick-and-chase tactics all the more effective.

Torino took the lead when a botched offside trap burned the Byki. A long ball over the top sent a player making a run up the middle into open space. The Byki were shouting for an offside call, but the player in the offside position was not involved in the play. The Torino striker completed his breakaway to make it 2:1.

Another long ball over the top later in the first half sent Torino's speedy forward off to the races. Vlahakis came out to engage him and was whistled for a foul where none had occurred. The Torino player had taken an obvious dive and the referee took the bait. In a bit of soccer karma, the Torino player injured his shoulder after falling to the ground. Torino converted the ensuing free kick when one of their players bent the ball around the wall to give them a comfortable 3:1 advantage at the break.

The Byki made a commitment to keeping the ball in the second half and stuck with it. It was clear that many of the Torino players were out of gas and were content to bunker down in front of their penalty area. It would be up to the Byki to carve out the openings.

The Byki pulled to within 3:2 in the 65th minute. Posada

made a hard run towards the left post with defenders bearing down. He sent the ball across the face of goal, and just when it appeared that the ball was going to roll harmlessly over the end line, Gabriel Rodriguez came sliding in, knocking the ball home, and somehow slotting it between the right goalpost and the diving goalkeeper.

As the match wore on, Torino's timewasting was obvious to everyone and the referee began getting a little irritated as well. With 15 minutes left, the referee gave a Torino player his marching orders for an extended instance of dissent.

The Byki saved the best for last. With a minute left, the ball came to Posada, who had his back to goal near the penalty spot. He pushed the ball back out to Dave Fink at the top of the penalty arc. Fink hit a solid shot into the left upper corner for his first Byki tally.

The referee had promised five minutes of stoppage time to account for all of the time lost due to Torino's antics, but wound up blowing the final whistle right at the 90-minute mark. When player-coach Eric Tower inquired about the discrepancy, the referee gave a dumbfounding explanation when he said that time is not added on during amateur matches. This, despite the fact that he announced that he would add five more minutes.

Getting the point was the important thing for the Byki at the end of this day. They battled a frustratingly cynical opponent, hot conditions and some bizarre refereeing and maintained a good spot in the standings as they take aim on the league leaders.

Eric Tower, Brain Huck, James Vlahakis, Steven Pedlow, Mitch Posada and Eric Muehlbauer contributed to this story.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Vlahakis – Towsey, Safford, Fink, Follenweider – Tower, Weslar, Elmkinssi, Ekundayo – Pedlow, Posada. **Bench:** Cohen, Huck, Mazmanian, Muehlbauer, Rodriguez, Zygmunt.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Posada 2 (Pedlow); 12th.

2:3 – Rodriguez 3 (Posada); 65th.

3:3 – Fink 1 (Posada); 89th.

Byki Man of the Match: Dave Mazmanian

RED

Gazelle SC 6 : 1 Byki

NSL Major Division - Jackson Park - 10 June 2012

Unprepared Byki can't keep up

The struggles for the Red Team continued last Sunday when they failed to answer the bell, starting the game with just eight players. A full complement of 11 finally arrived by the 14-minute mark, but the die had been cast and Gazelle SC ran away with a 6:1 victory at Jackson Park.

It's as though fate is searching for ways to mess up the Byki. Coach George Gorecki expected a 15-man roster to take on undefeated Gazelle. Instead, the roster was slashed down to the bare minimum, with two players getting sick on Saturday and two others not able to show up. Add in the problems with late-arriving players, and it's little wonder that the Byki went down to defeat for the fifth time in as many matches.

Gazelle didn't appear to know how to handle their substantial numerical advantage at the start. To their credit, the Byki did nice job of staying compact and absorbing pressure. Gazelle eventually broke through when they sent a pass to split the defense. The unbalanced defense lost their marks and a simple finish from close range gave Martin Bertels no chance.

The score went to 2:0 in the 25th minute when a Gazelle player launched a shot from distance following a Byki turnover in their end of the field.

The sides traded good scoring chances for the remaining 20 minutes of the half. Mike Stamatinos boomed a free kick from 25 yards past the defensive wall, forcing the keeper to dive to parry the ball away. Moments later, Bertels anticipated well on an open shot inside the box.

The Byki gifted a goal to Gazelle in the 29th minute when a seemingly innocuous long ball turned into disaster. Bertels and sweeper Brett Suhayda had a communication mishap, leading to an empty-net score to make it 3:0.

In the 34th minute, Josh Pirahmadi deftly flicked a header into open space for newcomer Jordan Gyuricza,

who tore past his marker and fired from the top of the area. The Gazelle keeper jumped high to tip the ball over the bar. Three minutes later, Pirahmadi intercepted a weak pass in the Gazelle end and came in alone on the goalie. The goalkeeper engaged Pirahmadi and induced a weak shot. He could not corral the rebound, however, and Gyuricza's follow-up was blocked.

Byki perseverance finally paid off five minutes before the interval. Gyuricza chased down a poor backpass, muscled his way past the defender and drilled a shot that the keeper blocked. The rebound fell back to Gyuricza, who guided the ball home for the season's first goal for the Red Team.

Although the Byki felt a surge of confidence at halftime, sustaining this kind of effort was always going to be difficult on a hot day with a barren bench. The youthful and speedy Gazelle team turned on the jets in the second half, and after about ten minutes, it was clear that the Byki were going to spend the rest of the contest in chase mode.

Gazelle found the back of the net three more times and it took all the effort that the Byki had to just limit the damage at that point.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Bertels – Suhayda, Stevens, Mansur, Uriza – Gibbs, Stamatinos (c), Bouzoukis, Ciszewski – Pirahmadi, Gyuricza.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY
3:1 – Gyuricza 1; 40th.

Byki Man of the Match: Jordan Gyuricza

Byki Stats

RED TEAM, NSL MAJOR DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Gyuricza	1	0	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Bertels	420	22	4.71

Current record: 0-0-5

BLUE TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
LaConte	2	3	5
Stopka	3	0	3
Gonchar	2	0	2
Buur	1	0	1
Slate	1	0	1
Koenig	0	1	1
Onaissi	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Garnon	7	0	0.00
Stopka	83	1	1.08
Khankari	360	14	3.50

Current record: 2-0-4

O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
No goals yet!			

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Najera	180	15	7.50

Current record: 0-0-2

O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Rodriguez	3	1	4
Posada	2	2	4
Pedlow	1	2	3
Elmkinssi	2	0	2
Weslar	1	1	2
Fink	1	0	1
Zygmunt	1	0	1
Cohen	0	1	1
Ekundayo	0	1	1
Team goals	1	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Vlahakis	360	8	2.00
Muehlbauer	90	2	2.00

Current record: 3-1-1

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

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MAJOR DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Gazelle SC	5	5	0	0	17	6	15
Albanian Stars	5	3	0	2	15	7	9
RWB Adria	3	2	1	0	12	3	7
Jahbat FC	6	2	0	4	7	14	6
Brusfa FC	4	1	1	2	5	6	4
CKS Warta	5	1	1	3	7	16	4

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Hellenic United Blue	4	4	0	0	21	3	12
Deportivo Colomex	6	4	0	2	16	6	12
SAC Wisla	5	3	0	2	9	10	9
FC Steaua	6	1	2	3	9	13	5
Hellenic United White	6	1	1	4	9	22	4
Stare Byki FC Red	5	0	0	5	1	22	0

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Bosphorus FC	5	4	1	0	20	8	13
West Indies Jets SC	4	3	1	0	12	5	10
Das Magic	6	3	1	2	19	14	10
Khaboor FC	6	2	2	2	6	7	8
Jamstar FC	4	2	1	1	10	8	7
FC Moldova	5	2	0	3	8	15	6
Independiente FC	4	0	2	2	6	12	2
NK Prijedor	4	0	1	3	7	13	1
Shlama FC	4	0	1	3	5	11	1

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Assyrian FC	6	4	0	2	22	10	12
Lancer FC	5	3	1	1	12	10	10
Gremio FC	5	3	1	1	14	8	10
Raiders FC	6	3	1	2	15	11	10
FK Republika Srpska	4	3	0	1	11	12	9
FC Kosova	5	2	1	2	9	10	7
Stare Byki FC Blue	6	2	0	4	9	23	6
Lamaso FC	3	1	0	2	8	9	3
Winged Bull	4	1	0	3	4	6	3
Chicago Dynasty FC	6	0	2	4	13	18	2

PREMIER SOCCER LEAGUE of CHICAGOLAND

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OVER 30 RED DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Romania SC	5	5	0	0	33	6	15
Bulgaria FC	4	4	0	0	23	7	12
Pampas	5	4	0	1	21	9	12
Hellenic United AC	5	4	0	1	13	5	12
Chicago Celtic	6	3	0	3	15	15	9
FC Tarnovia	5	3	0	2	10	10	9
SAC Wisla	6	2	0	4	17	23	6
Balkan	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
St Charles Celtics Red	5	1	0	4	10	17	3
Jahbat FC	5	1	0	4	8	16	3
La Granate	5	1	0	4	11	24	3
Black Eagle	5	0	1	4	11	26	1
Stare Byki FC	2	0	0	2	0	15	0

OVER 40 BLUE DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Pampas OT	6	5	0	1	23	11	15
Torino FC	6	4	1	1	24	10	13
MOFG	6	4	0	2	11	8	12
Real FC	6	3	1	2	20	10	10
Stare Byki FC	5	3	1	1	12	10	10
Villains SC	6	3	0	3	10	17	9
Naperville Strikers FC	5	2	0	3	18	9	6
St Charles Celtics Green	6	2	0	4	12	19	6
Windy City United	6	1	1	4	16	16	4
St Charles Celtics Orange	6	0	0	6	3	39	0