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**2014 PSLC
Over 40
CHAMPIONS**

Byki O-40	1	Premier Soccer League Over 40 B1 Division
Itasca	2	Oak Brook 14 June 2015

Luckless Byki concede late winner

The Over 40 Team dropped their second decision of the season last Sunday at soggy Oak Brook when Itasca scored late to pull off a 2:1 victory. The Byki dominated possession for long periods in this match, but the finishing touch was lacking in key moments. The Byki have nine points from their five matches and sit in second place in the B1 Division, one point adrift of Windy City United.

Heavy rains late Saturday and early Sunday resulted in a significant amount of standing water on the Oak Brook fields, which made the ball behave unpredictably at times. Both teams faced many tricky situations in trying to navigate in the swampy conditions.

The Itasca team present an interesting dilemma for the Over 40 Division. They are a new team in Over 40, but had been playing in the Over 30 Division for quite some time. They encountered a lot of difficulty at that level and have presumably aged to the point where Over 40 makes more sense for them. They clearly played with a level of pace not seen with many Over 40 teams.

Both teams started conservatively. The Byki, for their part, tended to stay back defensively, relying on their back four to stifle the few offensive thrusts from Itasca. Unfortunately, the Byki were unable to link forward offensively, and the end result was that much of the play in the first half was in the Byki end.

Although the field was sloppy, the Byki had a hard time getting their striker into scoring situations. There were often large gaps in the center of the field, and when the Byki striker got the ball, he was often surrounded by Itasca defenders. As a consequence, the Byki managed only a couple of feeble shots in the first half, nothing more.

At the same time, Itasca were not much better. They had a physical, skilled striker who generated most of their attack, but the Byki generally held him in check. Itasca broke into the lead thanks to sloppiness by the Byki in their back third. A poor pass into the middle wound up at the feet of an Itasca player, whom the Byki failed to close down. The play quickly

developed into a breakaway and the Itasca player made no mistake, rolling the ball cleanly into the back of the net.

The Byki had a couple other scares in the first half. An Itasca attempt appeared goal-bound, but the ball stopped in a puddle in front of goal and Dave Safford cleared it off the line. The Byki were also victimized by a puddle, as Rob Thompson's head ball from close range hit the ground and immediately splashed to a halt just short of the goal line.

The Byki tried introducing various new players and shifting players around to generate some offensive spark, but for whatever reason, they were unable to generate a sustained attack in the first half.

The Byki knotted things at 1:1 early in the second, thanks to an assist from an Itasca defender. Diego Penafiel curled a tantalizing corner kick across the face of goal and an Itasca player side-footed his clearance into the back of his own net. Penafiel's corner kicks have been dangerous all season and would prove crucial in the endgame against Itasca.

That score should have been the catalyst to jump-start the Byki offense. Although the Byki did enjoy the lion's share of possession after the break, they rarely challenged the Itasca goalkeeper. That one moment of magic that could split open the defense appeared to be missing.

The lack of incisive finishing proved to be fatal to the Byki, as Itasca seemed to flip a switch in the final 10 minutes and made a big push forward to seek the winning goal. They nabbed the winner four minutes from the end. The Byki were unable to corral a goal kick and the ball rebounded into the middle of the field and onto the foot of an Itasca player. The Byki were caught flat because everyone was surging forward, and when the ball rolled right to an Itasca player, he simply raced in on goal for a quick strike.

But the Byki were not going down without a fight. The Byki earned a corner during stoppage time and Penafiel sent the ball into the mixer, at which point mayhem ensued. The ball fell into the crowded goal area and was poked home by Eric Tower. The goal did not stand, however, when the assistant nearest to Penafiel indicated that the cross left the field and swerved back into play. Both Penafiel and Tower were left stunned and speechless following that bizarre decision.

The Byki nearly equalized right at the death, the ball once again coming from a Penafiel corner kick. He sent the ball towards the far post, where an unmarked Tower headed the ball wide of the target.

The Byki were not good enough at keeping the ball.



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Itasca's pressing style is not usually seen at the Over 40 level, and the Byki could not move the ball quickly enough. The field conditions played a role, but the Byki were not up to their usual standard at making quicker decisions with the ball.

Eric Tower contributed to this report.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Vlahakis – Towsey, Safford, Fink, Cohen – Lane, Penafiel – Arcos, Zarate, Ekundayo (c) – Fukar. **Bench:** Huck, Jacobs, Karafili, Thompson, Tower.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – Itasca own goal; 52nd.

Byki Man of the Match: Ade Ekundayo.

International	2	Premier Soccer League Over 48 Division
Byki O-48	0	Burden Field 11 June 2015

Byki left in the dark

The Over 48 Team were blanked for the second time this season, dropping a narrow 2:0 decision to International SC on June 11. The Byki played competitively throughout and Inter's timely finishing proved decisive. The Byki fall to 1-0-2 on the season.

A 15-strong roster suited up for the match at Burden Field, although some late arrivals forced player-coach Jim Jacobs to consider creative alternatives to his lineup. With no obvious choice at goalkeeper available, the netminding duties were shared by Eric Muehlbauer and Serhat Calbay. Muehlbauer is quite accustomed to stepping between the pipes at the last minute, having done so on several occasions for the Over 40 Team.

The Byki needed a period of adjustment to adapt to the conditions at Burden, whose grass field played much slower than the pristine pitches at Oak Brook. Once the Byki figured out how much weight to put on their passes, crisp balls were played to feet at a much higher frequency.

Inter went into the lead after 18 minutes. They drove the attack down the left wing and the Byki were unable to contain the play. The ball was played inside to a forward, who ripped a shot from 24 yards that went into the upper corner of the net, giving Muehlbauer no chance. The Byki were too slow to react once Inter got into the final third and they took full advantage of the opening.

The best chance for the Byki in the first half came from a buildup on the left flank, sending Dominic Demarets surging towards the goal. Several Byki made runs in the box to support Demarets, but the striker picked shooting as his best option. His shot went wide and the Byki continued to search for the equalizer.

The Byki created a few other opportunities, but solid play from Inter's goalkeeper made a big difference for the home team, who would not be beaten easily.

A sense of urgency was present in the second half. With darkness approaching on a rainy night on an unlighted field, the Byki knew that it was important to craft a tying goal as early as possible, in case the referee would be forced the end the match prematurely.

Inter were reduced to 10 men at the hour mark when one of their players sustained an injury and could not continue. With only 11 players at the start, shorthanded Inter would have to do their best to maintain the lead. The Byki smelled blood and were convinced that they could get at least a point out of the match.

Rob Thompson sent a nice through ball to release Jacobs on the right wing. Jacobs moved in diagonally toward the goal. Assessing his options, Jacobs went for it from close range, but goalie cut off all of the angles and made a good save.

The Byki continued to apply pressure to Inter's backline. Thompson sent a through ball that split the defense and rolled just outside the area, allowing Muehlbauer, relieved by Calbay in goal, to get past Inter's fullback with plenty of space. Muehlbauer took a touch and sent a beautiful cross to the top of the box for Nick Elmkinssi. The midfielder struck an excellent volley with plenty of pace, but the goalie was in good position to make the grab.

Brian Huck came closest to getting the Byki on the board when his free kick from 28 yards out was tipped off of the crossbar, thanks to superior reflexes from Inter's goalkeeper.

Inter scored the crucial second goal in the 71st minute. With the Byki pushing more players forward, Inter were able to build an attack that got them inside the Byki penalty area. Byki defenders held their ground and the ball was deflected back to the top of the box. An Inter player dribbled from right to left, looking for space to release a shot. He let loose with a blind shot that sailed past Calbay's outstretched hand, just inches underneath the crossbar.

With darkness approaching, time was running out quickly on a Byki comeback. The referee terminated the contest seven minutes later, when conditions were too dark to continue.

Dean Fukar, Jim Jacobs and Rob Thompson contributed to this report.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Muehlbauer – Safford, Gorski, Fukar, Jacobs (c) – Dahlquist, Elmkinssi, Farhan, Thompson – Huck, Ochoa. **Bench:** Bolesta, Calbay, Demarets, Kerbis.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

Byki Man of the Match: None given

NSL FIRST DIVISION

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Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Kosova	5	4	0	1	12	5	12
Das Magic	4	2	1	1	10	7	7
Stare Byki FC	4	2	0	2	9	6	6
Chicago Dynasty FC	4	1	1	2	8	8	4
West Indies Jets	3	1	0	2	3	5	3
Olympiacos Chicago	4	0	0	4	3	13	0

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Guadalajara	4	3	0	1	12	10	9
Assyrian FC	3	3	0	0	13	5	9
FC Macedonia	5	2	0	3	13	13	6
Lancer SC	2	1	0	1	7	5	3
Gremio FC	4	1	0	3	6	19	3

PSLC OVER 40 B1/B2 DIVISION

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B1 DIVISION	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Windy City United	5	3	1	1	8	6	10
Stare Byki FC	5	3	0	2	10	6	9
Pampas OT	4	2	0	2	9	10	6
International SC	4	1	2	1	7	5	5
MOFG	4	1	1	2	5	6	4
Naperville Strikers FC	3	0	1	2	3	8	1

B2 DIVISION	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
MANA Soccer Club	5	4	0	1	29	7	12
Itasca	5	3	1	1	15	9	10
St Charles Celtics Green	5	2	2	1	14	7	8
Real FC O40	4	2	1	1	11	11	7
Chicago FC	6	1	1	4	8	21	4
St Charles Celtics Orange	4	0	0	4	1	24	0

PSLC OVER 30 WHITE DIVISION

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC DePaul	6	5	0	1	20	7	15
St Charles Celtics	5	4	1	0	15	5	13
A.E.K FC Chicago	4	3	0	1	12	9	9
Levski Chicago 2014	5	2	1	2	19	10	7
Olympiacos Chicago	5	2	0	3	12	7	6
Chicago Rangers FC	4	1	1	2	7	7	4
Stare Byki FC	3	1	1	1	6	9	4
Real FC	5	1	0	4	8	23	3
Shogun	5	0	0	5	6	28	0

Byki Stats

FIRST TEAM, NSL 1ST DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Kone	3	1	4
Marmo	2	1	3
Flynn	1	1	2
Keto	1	1	2
Stamatinos	1	0	1
Zachariah	1	0	1
Calleros	0	1	1
Roth	0	1	1
Sabo	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Stevens	180	0	0.00
Beard	180	6	3.00

Current record: 2-0-2

O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Kekus	2	2	4
Benavides	1	1	2
Boeckeler	1	0	1
Buur	1	0	1
Herholdt	1	0	1
Gibbs	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Najera	65	1	1.38
Marquez	115	2	1.57
King	30	1	3.00
Raidt	60	4	6.00

Current record: 1-1-1

O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Penafiel	3	1	4
Posada	2	0	2
Karafili	1	0	1
Lane	1	0	1
Pedlow	1	0	1
Tower	1	0	1
Huck	0	1	1
Rodriguez, G	0	1	1
Safford	0	1	1
Team goals	1	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Muehlbauer	23	0	0.00
Vlahakis	360	5	1.25
Calbay	67	1	1.34

Current record: 3-0-2

O-48 TEAM, PSLC O-48 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Elmkinssi	1	0	1
Ochoa	1	0	1
Demarets	0	1	1
Team goals	1	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Calbay	45	1	2.00
Muehlbauer	45	1	2.00
Bolesta	180	7	3.50

Current record: 1-0-2

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Concordia	3	3	0	0	11	2	9
Sofia BG	2	1	0	1	5	4	3
International SC	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Stare Byki FC	3	1	0	2	3	9	3
St Charles Celtics	2	0	0	2	2	7	0