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BLUE

Thunder 1 : 3 Byki

NSL 1st Division - Conkey Forest Preserve - 19 June 2011

First victory a sweet one

The Blue Team finally demonstrated the teamwork and cohesion that has eluded the squad all season when they took apart Chicago Thunder last Sunday 3:1 at Conkey Forest Preserve in Crestwood. Jeremy Slate scored a pair of goals to pace the Byki offense, as the team earned a much-needed victory.

Coach George Gorecki made some adjustments to his lineup, inserting Kristian Buur to play the sweeper position. It was Buur's idea to make the move from midfield and the change was the perfect tonic to settle a defense that had been leaking goals of poor quality all too often. "I asked the players to come into halftime with no goals allowed," said Gorecki. "I had hoped that we could build a strong foundation starting from the back." The players responded with a compact and cohesive performance that established the Byki as the dominant side.

The Byki wasted no time testing the Thunder goalkeeper. In the second minute, Chris Koenig sent a low free kick from the left side into the goal area. The goalie had to dive out from his goal to grab the ball before any Byki could pounce on it.

Thunder had their one moment of first-half glory in the 14th minute when a shot from long range that looked like it was going high caromed off of the crossbar.

Five minutes later, Koenig launched a corner kick into the mixer, where Pedro Simas trapped the ball and kept two defenders at bay. He dropped the ball for Tim Havlat, who hit a wicked shot that forced the keeper to go full stretch to make the save.

The Byki grabbed the advantage in the 27th minute. Paul Mansur, back to regular duty after graduating from college, drove a ball towards the goal from 30 yards. What started out looking like a shot became a rather insightful pass to Slate in the middle of the penalty area. Slate turned on his marker quickly and rifled a shot past the goalie for a 1:0 lead.

The squad came into the break feeling confident about the first 45 minutes and then set out to take care of business. "I told the team that we had to be the one to score the next goal," said Gorecki. "That would force Thunder to chase us the rest of the way."

Gorecki only needed to wait ten minutes for the crucial second goal. Mansur won possession along the right wing in Byki territory and sent a ball up the line to Ohad Garnon. He kept the play going along the wing when he found Slate making a run. Slate made a terrific move to get inside the defender and sprinted towards the goal. He crushed a shot that beat the keeper high at his near post.

On a roll, the Byki went 3:0 up just six minutes later. A long ball along the left flank sprang Lukasz Karam on a breakaway. His blast was parried by the goalie, but the rebound remained loose in front of goal. Karam hustled to reach the ball first and found the back of the net from a sharp angle, as the goalie could only flap at the shot.

Thunder worked the counterattack in the 69th minute and the Byki were a bit slow responding on defense. Goalkeeper Martin Bertels was in the right spot to save the open shot from distance and then snuffed out the play by gathering in the rebound.

Thunder spoiled the Byki shutout six minutes from the end. A Thunder player danced along the Byki goal line to Bertels' right. The Byki could not contain him, leading to a scramble in front of the goal. The Byki were unable to clear and an easy tap-in saved Thunder's blushes.

Slate missed a golden opportunity for a hat trick in stoppage time. Havlat dribbled along the Thunder goal line, luring the keeper out of his goal. He played a diagonal pass back into the middle for the unmarked Slate, who shot first-time, but saw his attempt blocked by a defender.



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RED

Khaboor 0 : 3 Byki

NSL Major Division - Olympic Park - 19 June 2011

Byki breeze in dominant 2nd half

The Red Team improved their record to 2-1-2 for the season when they flattened Khaboor FC 3:0 last Sunday at Olympic Park. Striker Ammin Mehreioskouei scored twice to seal the victory and coach Joe Gambino was forced into action because of no-shows and scored his first Major Division goal. "We needed a win over a team like Khaboor," Gambino said afterwards.

Khaboor's presence in the Major Division this season was the result of vacancies in the top flight. As the second-place team in the 1st Division with the greater number of points in 2010, Khaboor accepted the league's invitation to fill the empty slot. Unfortunately, Khaboor's roster has not shown that they are ready for the rigors of the Major Division. They have just one point from seven matches and a -22 goal difference.

Gambino had his own roster concerns going into the contest. Between injured and unavailable players, the numbers were meager and he reluctantly suited up as kickoff approached. In total, the Byki could only muster 12 players for the game.

It took quite a long time for either team to establish an attacking rhythm. The narrow confines of the field at Olympic Park made for crowded conditions and no player could take more than two touches before defenders came in to challenge for the ball.

Just after the half hour mark, Ivan Torossian sent a diagonal pass for Mehreioskouei at the top of the penalty area. The striker found space, but his shot was blocked. Gambino got to the rebound first, but was knocked down before he could shoot. Moments later, it was Mehreioskouei again, running free on the left side and curling a shot that glanced off of the crossbar.

The Byki were close to grabbing the lead in first-half stoppage time. Mehreioskouei floated a corner kick into the goal area. Torossian shot immediately and saw the ball cleared away by a defender standing at the far post.

The positive momentum generated late in the first half spilled over into the second frame and the Byki needed only two minutes to break the ice. Martin Herholdt controlled the ball in the channel on the right side and threaded the needle between two defenders to find Gambino open in the box. Gambino had enough time to settle the ball and pick his spot, giving the Khaboor goalie no chance.

Khaboor had very little success penetrating the Byki defense, but a slick give-and-go play in the 53rd minute left keeper Marty Lupou on his own. Lupou blocked the striker's shot and then alertly covered the rebound.

In the 67th minute, Gambino won a high ball to send Mehreioskouei on a dribbling run. After shedding a defender, Mehreioskouei had the keeper at his mercy, but could not find the back of the net, as the netminder made a miracle save with his trailing leg.

Todd Trowbridge's volley in the 72nd minute was stopped by a fingertip save and things were about to really heat up in front of the Khaboor goal. Lupou drove a long punt downfield four minutes later for Josh Taylor, who crossed to the far post for an unmarked Mehreioskouei, who made no mistake from close range for a 2:0 lead.

The Khaboor defense unraveled rapidly at that point. In the last six minutes of normal time, Herholdt hit the bar and Mehreioskouei and Trowbridge put the goalkeeper under extreme pressure on separate occasions. In the second minute of stoppage time, Mike Lupou sent Mehreioskouei into open space as the defeated Khaboor fullbacks stood and watched. The keeper tried to intervene, but Mehreioskouei coolly slotted home to make it 3:0.

OVER 30

**Byki 3 : 0 Tarnovia
(Forfeit)**

PSLC Over 30 Division - 18 June 2011

Byki take points as Tarnovia muddle

The Over 30s earned their second victory of the season last Saturday by forfeit, when FC Tarnovia were unable to field a team. Earlier in the week, Tarnovia had reached out to the Byki to postpone and reschedule the match. As the Byki sought alternatives, Tarnovia appeared to execute an end-around when they contacted the PSLC to ask for cancellation of the match. The league listed the match as canceled on their website shortly thereafter, even though the Byki had never agreed to a cancellation, postponement or rescheduling. Mutual agreement between the competing teams is required before a match can be canceled.

"We had told Tarnovia at the outset that we would only agree to reschedule the match if we could get a field at Olympic Park for the league's make-up date of August 27," explained Byki President George Gorecki. "While we were working through that process, we got notification from the league that the match had been canceled. When Tarnovia admitted that they had contacted the league to get the game called off, we informed the league that we would not agree to cancel the match and we would just take the points. We tried to help Tarnovia here and they pulled the rug out from under us by going directly to the league."

Rogues 3 : 3 Byki

PSLC Over 40 Division - Woodland Park - 19 June 2011

Six fateful minutes doom Byki

One of soccer's truisms is that three goals should be enough to win any soccer match. The Byki Over 40 Team proved that to be false last Sunday when they squandered a 3:0 lead over the Park Ridge Rogues in the span of six minutes midway through the second half. The Rogues went from being a beaten team to one that stole a share of the points from the bewildered and frustrated Byki.

The collapse and result overshadowed an impressive attacking display, as the Byki demonstrated unity in the midfield not yet seen this season. Mitch Posada, Sven Dahlquist and Mark Weslar were on their games and it caused the Rogues no small amount of discomfort.

The Byki were in the lead after just five minutes. Robert Dec played a long ball from the Byki end to Joe Sambou at midfield. Sambou chested the ball down for Posada, who made a sweeping cross to the streaking Steven Pedlow on the left side of the area. Pedlow headed the ball into space and fired on the keeper, who made a tough save. Dahlquist followed up on the play and calmly side-footed the rebound to make it 1:0.

The Byki created more mayhem in the Park Ridge penalty area in the 16th minute. Pedlow made a deep run on the left side and crossed the ball through the goal area. The keeper got a touch to the ball, which reached Dec on the right side. Dec tried to play the ball back into the middle, but no one was home.

The Rogues outnumbered the Byki on a 23rd-minute counter. Goalie James Vlahakis deflected the ball away from the striker and Dahlquist cleared away the shot attempt.

A penalty kick looked imminent for the Byki in the 25th minute, when Sambou rumbled into the penalty area alone. When the keeper came out to challenge, Sambou tried to muscle his way into the clear. The goalie dove at Sambou's feet to grab the ball, knocking the striker to the ground. The referee, however, saw no foul, much to the consternation of Sambou.

The score went to 2:0 in the 34th minute when Posada made a snaking run through the heart of the Park Ridge defense. He carried the ball into the box and then laid off for Dean Fukar, who shed his defender with a spin move and deposited the ball just inside the goalpost.

Dec went for an audacious attempt in the 42nd minute, sending a lob from distance. The keeper misjudged the trajectory of the ball and desperately tipped it over the bar.

The Byki began the second half the same way they ended the first and they got their reward in the 56th minute. Sambou received a pass at the left touchline near midfield. With two defenders coming for the ball from behind, Sambou deftly

split them with a pass for Posada, who sprinted into space on a breakout. The keeper came out to challenge Posada, who waltzed right past him and slipped the ball into the unguarded net.

Just when the Byki thought that they had the contest firmly in their control, the bottom fell out. A combination of poor marking, lack of communication and absence of hustle allowed the Rogues to take advantage and slam home a trio of goals in the span of six minutes. The Byki still may not have figured out what hit them.

Byki Stats

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
Team goals	3	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Najera	180	8	4.00
Bertels	180	9	4.50
Fukar	90	5	5.00

Current record: 2-0-4

O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Huck	3	0	3
Posada	1	2	3
Dec	1	1	2
Jacobs	1	1	2
Pedlow	1	1	2
Cruickshank	1	0	1
Dahlquist	1	0	1
Fukar	1	0	1
Gorski	1	0	1
Zygmunt	1	0	1
Sambou	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Vlahakis	450	10	2.00
Muehlbauer	90	3	3.00
Fukar	90	6	6.00

Current record: 1-2-4

BYKI SCOREBOARD

RED

Khaboor 0 : 3 Byki

NSL Major Division - Olympic Park - 19 June 2011

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Marty Lupou – Black (c), Suhayda, Mike Lupou, Taylor – Herholdt, Dziekiewicz, Stamatinos, Trowbridge – Gambino, Torossian. **Bench:** Mehreioskouei.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

0:1 – Gambino 1 (Herholdt); 47th.

0:2 – Mehreioskouei 2 (Taylor); 76th.

0:3 – Mehreioskouei 3 (Mike Lupou); 92nd+.

Byki Men of the Match: Kvar Black, Gabi Dziekiewicz, Martin Herholdt, Mike Lupou, Ammin Mehreioskouei, Ivan Torossian.

BLUE

Thunder 1 : 3 Byki

NSL 1st Division - Conkey Forest Preserve - 19 June 2011

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Bertels – Buur, L Karam, J Karam, Stevens (c) – Havlat, Mansur, Garnon, Koenig – Slate, Simas. **Bench:** Geraghty.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

0:1 – Slate 1 (Mansur); 27th.

0:2 – Slate 2 (Garnon); 55th.

0:3 – L Karam 1; 61st.

Byki Man of the Match: Kristian Buur

OVER 30

Byki 3 : 0 Tarnovia (Forfeit)

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OVER 40

Rogues 3 : 3 Byki

PSLC Over 40 Division - Woodland Park - 19 June 2011

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Vlahakis – Towsey, Geng, Tower, Safford – Weslar, Dahlquist, Dec, Posada – Sambou, Pedlow. **Bench:** Fukar (c), Muehlbauer, Passi.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

0:1 – Dahlquist 1; 5th.

0:2 – Fukar 1 (Posada); 34th.

0:3 – Posada 1 (Sambou); 56th.

Byki Men of the Match: Julian Posada, Mark Weslar.

Byki Stats

RED TEAM, NSL MAJOR DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Mehreioskouei	3	0	3
Taubman	2	0	2
Stamatinos	0	2	2
Gambino	1	0	1
Geraghty	1	0	1
Herholdt	0	1	1
Lupou, Mike	0	1	1
Taylor	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Lupou, Marty	450	7	1.40

Current record: 2-1-2

BLUE TEAM, NSL 1ST DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Simas	2	0	2
Slate	2	0	2
Karam, L	1	0	1
Del Priore	0	1	1
Garnon	0	1	1
Mansur	0	1	1
Stevens	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Bertels	270	7	2.33
Barsotti	45	3	6.00
Gambino	45	3	6.00

Current record: 1-0-3

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

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MAJOR DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
SAC Wisla	5	3	2	0	17	8	11
Jahbat FC	6	2	1	3	12	13	7
RWB Adria	2	2	0	0	13	2	6
Albanian Stars	3	2	0	1	7	3	6
FC Steaua	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
Khaboor FC	7	0	1	6	5	27	1

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Hellenic United Blue	6	5	0	1	21	10	15
CKS Warta A	5	2	2	1	7	6	8
Stare Byki FC Red	5	2	1	2	7	7	7
FK Republika Srpska	4	1	1	2	6	12	4
Hellenic United White	3	1	0	2	2	3	3
Gazelle SC	2	0	0	2	5	10	0

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Brusfa FC	5	5	0	0	24	4	15
NK Prijedor	6	4	0	2	18	9	12
Independiente FC	4	3	0	1	16	3	9
Assyrian FC	4	2	0	2	18	15	6
Stare Byki FC Blue	4	1	0	3	5	13	3
Gremio FC	4	0	0	4	5	22	0

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Deportivo Colomex	6	4	1	1	19	8	13
Das Magic	6	4	0	2	19	10	12
Winged Bull B	6	3	0	3	10	18	9
West Indies Jets SC	4	1	1	2	10	13	4
CKS Warta B	5	1	0	4	5	19	3
Chicago Thunder	4	0	0	4	6	21	0

SECOND DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Bosphorus FC	4	3	0	1	11	5	9
Chicago Dynasty FC	4	2	1	1	5	4	7
Lamaso FC	2	2	0	0	15	2	6
FK Podrinje	3	0	1	2	3	13	1
FC Moldova	4	0	0	4	5	12	0

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Kosova	5	5	0	0	27	13	15
Lemont FC	5	4	0	1	25	11	12
DePaul FC	3	3	0	0	18	3	9
Turkish FC	4	1	0	3	9	11	3
West Bosnia SC	3	0	0	3	4	15	0
Chicago Thunder B	5	0	0	5	7	40	0

OVER 30 DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Hellenic United AC	4	4	0	0	14	0	12
SAC Wisla	3	1	0	2	6	8	3
West Indies Jets SC	3	1	0	2	6	9	3
Jahbat FC	4	1	0	3	6	15	3

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OVER 30 RED DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
St Charles Celtics Red	5	4	0	1	18	3	12
Torino FC	4	4	0	0	16	2	12
Bulgaria FC	5	4	0	1	15	7	12
Balkan	6	4	0	2	12	9	12
Chicago Celtic	6	2	1	3	8	10	7
Stare Byki FC	6	2	0	4	9	22	6
FC Tarnovia	7	1	0	6	6	22	3
Hellenic United AC	5	0	1	4	4	13	1

OVER 40 GREEN DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Champions FC	5	4	0	1	26	8	12
International SC	4	4	0	0	10	1	12
Hellenic United AC	6	3	3	0	17	9	12
Real Wilmette	7	3	1	3	11	10	10
St Charles Celtics Blue	5	2	1	2	10	8	7
Park Ridge Rogues	6	2	1	3	13	19	7
FC DePaul	4	2	0	2	14	23	6
Botev Chicago	4	2	0	2	8	7	6
Stare Byki FC	7	1	2	4	12	19	5
St Charles Celtics Green	6	0	0	6	2	19	0

OVER 40 BLUE DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Gato Verde	5	4	0	1	14	3	12
Pampas OT	5	4	0	1	9	3	12
Real FC	6	3	2	1	10	8	11
Windy City United	4	3	0	1	10	5	9
Villains SC	5	3	0	2	10	8	9
MOFG	4	1	1	2	5	5	4
Naperville Strikers FC	4	1	0	3	5	7	3
St Charles Celtics Orange	5	0	1	4	5	19	1
Torino FC	4	0	0	4	2	12	0