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CHAMPIONS**

Stare Byki	2	National Soccer League 2nd Division
FC Moldova	1	Oak Brook Sports Core 19 June 2016

Byki topple league leaders

The Byki overcame a fundamental error early in their match versus FC Moldova to pull out a gutsy 2:1 victory last Sunday at Oak Brook. The Byki were poised to add to their total late in the match, but the Moldovans abandoned the field after a spat with the officials in the 85th minute. The NSL confirmed that the 2:1 score was official on Monday.

It was the first meeting in nearly two years between the sides. Moldova earned promotion to the Major Division following the 2014 season. After one year in the top flight, the Moldovans decided to drop back to the First Division after taking one lump too many from the NSL's elite teams. Not surprisingly, they registered nine points in their first four matches and looked set to be a contending team in the First Division.

But it was the Byki who took on the look of contenders following Sunday's match. They shook off some early uncertainty and saw their confidence grow as the match wore on. The hot conditions and the Moldovans playing with only 10 men had their effects, and the Byki were in full control by the hour mark.

Things began dubiously for the home team, however. Moldova came out of the gate with a snappy, short-passing style, the likes of which is not typically seen in the First Division. "They clearly had superior technical skills when compared to our previous opponents," said coach George Gorecki. "I like the way that we responded to that."

Goalkeeper Pete Chronowski mistakenly picked up a back-pass from a teammate with his hands in the third minute, and Moldova made the Byki pay when they buried the ensuing free kick into the low corner. It was the perfect start for a team playing shorthanded.

The Byki came back into the contest very quickly. In the 13th minute, Joe Sauerma stole the ball at midfield and played a give-and-go with newcomer Quavas Kirk. The return pass from Kirk sent Sauerma in alone on the goalie, but he sent his attempt wide of the target.

Three minutes later, Mike Stamatinos' corner kick found

the head of Alan Stevens. The Moldovan keeper palmed Stevens' header away, but needed the assistance of a teammate to clear the ball to safety.

In the 19th minute, Kirk beat his man on the right side of the area and centered for JD Joiner. The midfielder hit it first-time and saw his shot go high.

Moldova were clearly on the back foot and could only muster counterattacking situations. They came fast along the right flank in the 30th minute, as the Byki defense hustled to get back into position. Chronowski played his angles expertly and pushed a shot wide with a diving save.

Things began heating up in front of the Moldovan goal. The goalie showed smart reflexes when he tipped Marek Ciszewski's shot over the bar in the 38th minute. Moldova's defense could only manage a weak clearance of the ensuing corner kick. Alen Mehagic won the ball on the right side and centered for Kirk, who turned to the goal immediately. He had everyone beaten except for the goalpost.

Kirk, however, would not be denied. Devin Freitag beat two defenders in the box and carried the ball to the byline. His low cross through the six-yard box was cleared out for a corner. The Moldovan defenders were forced to concede a second corner kick after heading Freitag's corner to safety.

Stamatinos curled the second one into the mixer for Kirk, who outjumped everyone to slide a header just inside the far post to make it 1:1.

Byki momentum surged after the break. In the 53rd minute, Kyler Mowry sprinted into the clear along the left flank and sent a tantalizing shot for the right post. Only the goalkeeper lunging full stretch would deny Mowry.

Mowry was in the middle of things five minutes later, when he lifted a delicate pass over the Moldovan defense, finding Joiner running into open space. The goalie came out hard to challenge, but Joiner's sublime flick gave him no chance and the Byki held a deserved 2:1 advantage.

The situation became grim for Moldova in the 70th minute, when one of their players was unable to continue after getting the worst of a hard 50-50 collision with fullback Alan Bickel. It was a physical challenge for sure, but both players went into it fairly. The injury left the panting Moldovans with just nine players for the final 20 minutes.

The match went bizarro in the 85th minute. A Byki clearance went soaring near the touchline on the left side and looked sure to go out. The injured Moldovan player, who remained on that side of the field after leaving the game, reached out to grab the ball. The ball, however, never exited



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the field and the referee gave the Byki a free kick. The Moldovans argued that the ball had gone out, but the Byki were not waiting around for resolution. They quickly put the ball in play and streaked towards the Moldovan goal, with the Moldovans trying both to defend the play and to continue their dispute with the officials. Kirk accelerated his dribble into the penalty area, where he became the meat in a Moldovan sandwich. When the referee signalled for a penalty kick, the Moldovans blew their fuse.

A good bit of shouting and swearing ensued, and before long, the Moldovans were removing their shirts and abandoning the match. All that was left for the bewildered and bemused Byki was to celebrate a crucial victory. The win puts the Byki into a competitive cauldron in the First Division, where the difference between first place and seventh is just seven points. The table experienced an unexpected jolt midweek, when CKS Warta announced that they were pulling their B Team out of the competition, due to a lack of committed players. The effect on the standings was that all of Warta's results (four defeats in four matches) were nullified. Four teams who had already played Warta: Macedonia, Moldova, Kosova, and the Byki, had three points removed from their totals. The Byki, with six points from four official matches, are in a three-way tie for fifth place, and trail first-place Wisla B by seven points. Wisla have played two more matches than the Byki.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Chronowski – Stamatinos (c), Sabo, Stevens, Bickel – Sauerman, Mehagic – Mowry, Freitag, Joiner – Kirk. **Bench:** Champagne, Ciszewski,

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – Kirk 1 (Stamatinos); 43rd.
2:1 – Joiner 1 (Mowry); 58th.

Byki Man of the Match: Alan Bickel.

Byki	0-40	0	Premier Soccer League Over 40 B1 Division
MOFG		0	Oak Brook Sports Core 19 June 2016

Byki stifled again by MOFG

Every team has their bogey opponent, the opponent who always seems to play the role of monkey wrench, who always seems to be the gum that sticks to your shoe. For the Byki Over 40 Team, that team is MOFG, and they proved why yet again last Sunday during a listless 0:0 draw in Oak Brook.

The Over 40s are very proud of their trophy collection, but no matter how successful a season has been, MOFG have always found a way to spoil the fun. In their last seven meetings with MOFG, the Byki are 1-1-5, with nine goals scored and eleven conceded. The MOFG magic, if you can call it that, continued on Sunday.

The Byki were clearly the dominant team, except in the most important category of scoring goals. MOFG parked the

bus early and it was up to the Byki to find their way through a packed defense. MOFG dressed 17 players for the match and engaged in frequent, platoon substitutions. The tactic is one way to keep old legs fresh for the duration, but it also is disruptive to the flow and rhythm of a soccer match. This second aspect is one way for an inferior to blunt the attack of a superior opponent. MOFG executed their gameplan quite well, and by the middle of the second half, were content to sit back with all 11 players in their defensive third.

MOFG failed to generate any significant offense, perhaps registering one shot for the entire match. Their approach was geared to kicking the ball over the top and trying to outrun the Byki. That did not work well for them and they frequently gave the ball right back.

The Byki moved the ball easily but had a hard time finding space in front of the crowded goalmouth. A nice cross placed Andy Lane alone in front of goal and his volley went over the bar. Agron Karafili came in 1 v 1 versus the MOFG keeper and volleyed the ball into the goalie's face. Attila Kotsy stroked a nice volley and forced the goalkeeper to make a difficult save. Doug Towsey cranked a long shot from 30 yards and was denied by a full-stretch save from the MOFG netminder, who had to fight through a screen on the play. Ade Ekundayo came close on a couple of opportunities. It was that kind of a day for the Byki.

Player-coach Eric Tower was not happy with the referee. "The referee did not call three clear penalties," groused Tower afterwards. "In the first half, Diego [Penafiel] was tackled in the box. In the second half, Andy Lane rose to meet the ball for an open header on a corner kick and was shoved to the ground from behind. Shortly thereafter there was a handball that went uncalled as well."

Eric Muehlbauer and Eric Tower contributed to this report.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Vlahakis – Towsey, Cohen, Fink, Zarate – Lane, Penafiel – G. Rodriguez, Huck, Ekundayo (c) – Kramarz. **Bench:** Karafili, Kotsy, Muehlbauer, Tower.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

Byki Man of the Match: Charlie Cohen

Byki	0-30	0	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White Division
FC DePaul		8	Oak Brook Sports Core 19 June 2016

Byki can't keep up with DePaul

The Over 30 Team suffered their second consecutive heavy defeat after getting clobbered by FC DePaul 8:0 last Sunday at Oak Brook. DePaul dominated in all phases of the game in building up a commanding 5:0 lead at the break. The Byki are 1-0-4 on the season, sitting in eighth place in the eleven-team Over 30 White Division.

The match was always going to be a struggle, as the Byki

NSL FIRST DIVISION**June 19, 2016****www.nslchicago.org**

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
SAC Wisla B	6	4	1	1	25	11	13
FC Macedonia	6	4	1	1	10	6	13
FC Moldova	6	4	0	2	20	13	12
AAC Winged Bull	5	4	0	1	11	4	12
FC Kosova	5	3	0	2	16	10	9
Stare Byki FC	5	3	0	2	6	3	9
Das Magic	5	2	0	3	10	11	6
CKS Warta B	5	0	0	5	4	21	0
Chicago Dynasty FC B	7	0	0	7	6	29	0

PSLC OVER 30 WHITE DIVISION**June 19, 2016****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Tricolorii	5	4	0	1	22	8	12
FC DePaul	3	3	0	0	19	0	9
St Charles Celtics	5	3	0	2	13	15	9
Olympiacos Chicago	5	2	2	1	15	11	8
A.E.K F.C CHICAGO	4	2	1	1	13	7	7
Levski Chicago 2014	4	2	1	1	12	10	7
FC Oasu	2	2	0	0	11	2	6
Stare Byki FC	5	1	0	4	10	20	3
Chicago Rangers FC	4	1	0	3	4	11	3
Shogun	2	0	0	2	3	12	0
Real FC	5	0	0	5	3	29	0

PSLC OVER 40 B1 DIVISION**June 19, 2016****www.pslchicagoland.com**

B1 DIVISION	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Grosse Point Social Club	5	5	0	0	10	0	15
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
Stare Byki FC	4	1	1	2	8	5	4
Pampas OT	5	1	1	3	7	14	4
MOFG	5	0	1	4	6	16	1

PSLC OVER 48 DIVISION**June 19, 2016****www.pslchicagoland.com**

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