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NSL

Jamstar **3 : 0** Byki

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## Byki outmuscled in bruising contest

A Byki squad eager to rebound from their disappointing defeat to Assyrian FC ran into a major roadblock last Sunday from Major Division newcomers Jamstar FC. The foul-riddled affair saw Jamstar come away 3:0 winners, underlining the importance of finishing chances. The Byki fall to 1-1-4 for the season.

The match did not feature a lot of scoring opportunities, as the teams were restricted by the cramped confines at Lawler Park. But a small field means that high pressure can decide the outcome, and Jamstar came out of the gates intending to overpower the Byki physically.

“We didn’t do a good enough job of finding a solution for their pressure,” said coach George Gorecki. “They used the ideal tactics for a field like this. I wanted our guys to think faster and move the ball faster, and make Jamstar regret opting for a physical style of play.”

The Byki nearly snatched the lead after five minutes. Sam Onaissi chased after a ball in the deep corner and lofted a high cross into the goal area. Mat Szymkowiak outjumped the keeper, but his header flew over the crossbar.

The pushing and grabbing was an ongoing theme of the match. Stopper Martin Herholdt did not budge off of Jamstar’s striker, despite giving away six inches of height and 20 pounds of mass. The striker’s incessant whining to the referee about the treatment he was receiving from Herholdt fell on deaf ears and the referee refused to be taken in by the striker’s antics, repeatedly whistling him for fouls committed on Herholdt.

The final minutes of the first half proved crucial in turning the momentum. Two occasions of lost concentration turned into goals for Jamstar, breaking open what had been an even match. In the 44th minute, Jamstar ran at the Byki on the counterattack and converted a shot from just inside the box. In stoppage time, Byki marking on a throw-in was faulty and a big blast gave goalie Justin Salazar no chance.

The Byki intended to reverse things after the break. In

the 50th minute, Chris Koenig stole the ball on the right wing and ignited a Byki incursion. His cross into the mixer found Patrick Bollinger, but a defender cleared the ball away.

Nine minutes later, Szymkowiak undressed a Jamstar defender on the left touchline with a tricky back-heel pass that sent Marek Ciszewski into space. Ciszewski cut inside and found Michael N’Guettia at the far post. The keeper reacted well and blocked N’Guettia’s shot.

Jamstar solidified their lead just after the hour when they beat the Byki on the counter. A long pass set up a 1 v 1 and substitute keeper Mike Casson was left high and dry.

The best scoring chance for the Byki came seven minutes from the end. Mike Stamatinos drove a free kick from the left channel to the far post for Bouba Diallo, who headed the ball across the face of goal for N’Guettia, whose header went over the target.

The match provided a valuable learning experience for the Byki. Many players in the team are experiencing high-level soccer for the first time and must recognize how to respond to an opponent who wants to play in a physical fashion.

**BYKI LINEUP (3-5-2):** Salazar – Suhayda, Herholdt, Mansur – Wood, Ortiz, Onaissi, Stamatinos (c), Szymkowiak – Ciszewski, Bollinger.  
**Bench:** Casson, Diallo, Koenig, Llamas, Mendoza, N’Guettia, Stopka.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**  
None.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Mathieu Szymkowiak

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria	5	5	0	0	18	5	15
Gazelle SC	5	4	1	0	9	1	13
Assyrian FC	5	4	0	1	17	14	12
SAC Wisla	6	3	2	1	24	8	11
FC Uta Chicago	4	3	1	0	9	2	10
Jamstar FC	7	2	2	3	20	17	8
CKS Warta	6	1	2	3	12	17	5
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>
Brusfa FC	6	0	1	5	8	26	1
Khaboor FC	6	0	0	6	3	24	0

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Byki 0-30 **0 : 3** Celtic

06-26-13

## Byki lose their way on Route 1

The woes continued for the struggling Over 30 Team on Wednesday night, when they were blanked 3:0 in systematic fashion by Chicago Celtic. The Byki attack mostly stammered its way through the match, despite the presence of some players from the First Team. The hard-working Celtic side parlayed their chances into goals and the Byki were on an uphill climb.

The defeat comes on the heels of a 5:1 defeat at the hands of SC Wisla last weekend. In that match, the Byki showed good ball possession in short stretches, but were susceptible to Wisla's counterattack. The inability to get numbers back on defense proved decisive, as Wisla made the most of their chances.

Celtic found the back of the net three times and there were no surprises about how they got the job done. They consistently launched the ball deep into the Byki end of the field and the Byki had few answers. Only some goalkeeping acrobatics kept the Byki in the game. A change in formation and personnel in the second half brought the Byki back into the match, but the damage was done and no comeback was imminent.

Celtic caused the Byki all kinds of problems with their aggressive marking. The resulting turnovers put the Byki in tough positions and the traffic was pretty much going only one way in the early portions of the contest. Celtic finally made their hard work pay off in the 19th minute. A Celtic free kick that floated into the Byki penalty area found an open Celtic player, whose bouncing header flew past the sprawling Ray Najera.

Najera was at his best just four minutes later when a Celtic counterattack resulted in a player sprinting in alone on the Byki goal. Najera came out strong and blocked the attempt.

Celtic doubled their lead in the 28th minute. A weak turnover 30 yards from goal turned into a disaster. A shot from 15 yards clanged off of the crossbar and the Byki stood still as a Celtic player headed home the rebound.

Najera registered two sparkling saves shortly thereafter, as the ball got behind the Byki defense time and time again.

The Byki came out after halftime with three strikers and an ambition to get back into the contest. Coach George Gorecki wasn't happy with his team's performance to that point. "There was hardly anything that we did right in that first half," lamented Gorecki. "I figured we might as well get more guys forward in a 3-4-3, because what we were doing to that point wasn't working at all."

The Byki were the aggressors from the outset and nearly found their first goal of the night in the 47th minute. Marek Ciszewski won a loose ball on the left flank and immediately

cut to the inside. The keeper did well to parry his shot away.

Celtic absorbed the early pressure from the Byki and the match settled into a fairly even back-and-forth exchange. Celtic continued their long-ball tactics, but did not find the same success that they had realized earlier. What had been dangerous situations became easy balls for the Byki to collect and begin their own counterattacks.

Unfortunately, the penetrating pass eluded the Byki and they hardly bothered Celtic's netminder.

Celtic added a clinching goal in the 72nd minute, when a simple clearance downfield turned into a 2 v 1. The final pass appeared to be offside, but the goal was superfluous anyway.

**BYKI LINEUP (4-1-4-1):** Najera – Jedrzejowski, Kuch, Hodge, Fleming (c) – Buur – Pirillis, Barcenas, Inalsingh, Siervo – Maruska. **Bench:** Ciszewski, Guild, Guzman.

### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

**Byki Men of the Match:** Jim Kuch and Ray Najera

### PSLC OVER 30 RED DIVISION

June 22, 2013

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Group A	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Tarnovia	8	7	0	1	30	14	21
St Charles Celtics Red	6	3	1	2	20	14	10
Balkan	5	3	0	2	19	4	9
Chicago Celtic	6	2	0	4	11	15	6
Romania SC	4	1	1	2	8	10	4
SAC Wisla	8	1	1	6	17	28	4
Group B	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
La Granate	6	5	1	0	18	9	16
Chicago United	6	4	1	1	23	17	13
Bulgaria FC	4	4	0	0	18	7	12
Jahbat FC	7	2	2	3	20	25	8
Igloopol	7	1	1	5	12	25	4
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>

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MOFG **1 : 0** Byki O-40

06-23-13

## Sputtering attack leads to 0 goals

The Over 40 Team dropped their consecutive match last Sunday in frustrating fashion. MOFG parlayed a turnover in the sixth minute into a goal and that single strike was enough to earn the three points. The Byki once again won the possession battle, but had little to show for it in the final third. The Byki have five points from their six matches.

Some players thought that the conditions played a role in the match. It was the first truly hot day of the season, but it was certainly hot for both teams. The MOFG back line featured their slowest players, yet the Byki had a tough time finding gaps to create and finish off scoring chances.

The play that led to the MOFG score was a result of a little extra effort by MOFG and a lack of effort by the Byki to defend. After a turnover on the MOFG side of midfield, they made two passes to transform what looked like an innocuous situation into a 2 v 1. Although the MOFG players did nothing extraordinary, they suddenly had the Byki on the ropes. A shot from 15 yards rolled just inside the post, giving keeper Dean Fukar little chance to make the save.

The Byki shook off that disappointment and got right back to work. They kept the ball moving towards the MOFG goal, but did little more than generate several half chances. The goal that everyone expected to open the scoring floodgates never materialized.

The closest that the Byki would come to scoring was a solo effort by Mitch Posada in the 53rd minute. He dribbled to the right side of the area and cranked a shot destined for the near post. The keeper could only punch the ball away for a corner.

Frustration mounted as the game wore on. After expecting that one goal would pave the way for more scoring, it became increasingly evident that even scratching out an equalizer was going to be wishful thinking.

MOFG allowed no space behind their defense and

their rapid substitution pattern kept their players reasonably fresh. They actually came closer to scoring a second goal than the Byki did to netting their first. In the 62nd minute, a MOFG player sliced past two Byki defenders and rushed in towards the Byki goal. His angle was not the best, but a quickly taken shot clanged off of Fukar's near post.

**BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2):** Fukar – Towsey, Cohen, Fink, Safford – Tower, Kuch, G. Rodriguez, Nelson – Posada, Pedlow. **Bench:** Gorecki (c), Guild, Huck, Muehlbauer.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**  
None.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Steven Pedlow

### PSLC OVER 40 BLUE DIVISION

June 23, 2013

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
St Charles Celtics Green	5	5	0	0	21	6	15
Real FC	5	5	0	0	15	3	15
MOFG	7	3	2	2	12	11	11
Windy City United	6	3	1	2	13	8	10
Naperville Strikers FC	6	3	1	2	15	12	10
Pampas OT	5	2	1	2	15	10	7
Villains SC	6	2	0	4	10	15	6
Stare Byki FC	6	1	2	3	14	16	5
Sporting Cristal	6	1	1	4	9	18	4
St Charles Celtics Orange	6	0	0	6	2	27	0

## Byki Stats

### FIRST TEAM, NSL MAJOR DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Bollinger	3	3	6
Kone	3	0	3
N'Guettia	3	0	3
Szymkowiak	0	3	3
Ciszewski	1	0	1
Koenig	1	0	1
Zielinski	1	0	1
Llamas	0	1	1
Onaissi	0	1	1
Ortiz	0	1	1
Suhayda	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Casson	45	1	2.00
Salazar	405	9	2.00
Diallo	90	8	8.00

Current record: 1-1-4

### O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Gibbs	1	0	1
Hurley	1	0	1
St Clair	1	0	1
Uriza	0	1	1
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Gorecki	24	1	3.75
Najera	336	16	4.29
Bertels	9	90	6.00

Current record: 0-0-7

### O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Posada	4	1	5
Positano	4	0	4
Ekundayo	2	1	3
Nelson	2	1	3
Tower	1	1	2
Rodriguez, G.	0	2	2
Fukar	0	1	1
Pedlow	0	1	1
Safford	0	1	1
Team goals	1	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Fukar	90	1	1.00
Vlahakis	450	15	3.00

Current record: 1-2-3

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# MEET THE BYKI

# 2013



**JOE GAMBINO**

**Hometown:** Oswego, IL  
**Position:** Forward, played every position on the field  
**Joined the Byki in:** 1999  
**Current location:** Oswego, IL  
**Occupation:** Manager at Zeppe's Italian Market & Transportation Expert at Innovative Transport Solutions  
**Games played for the Byki:** 410  
**Byki accomplishments:** Captain; Club Vice President; Head Coach for several Byki teams in NSL; two-time NSL Coach of the Year,  
**Previous clubs:** Stars/Stripes, Arsenal, Maroons, Green-White

**How I joined the Byki:** I tried out for the 1998 indoor team and didn't make the team. Manou Chahmirzadi (Byki 1993-2005) kept urging me to come out the following spring and the rest is history.

**My favorite moment while playing for the Byki:** Seeing the Byki earn promotion in the NSL in 2006 and in 2009 was great. One of the more recent favorite playing moments was two seasons ago. The Blue Team was playing in the 1st Division and we came to the game very short-handed. We played 9 vs 11, I had to play in the goal. The guys played their hearts out. Ari Pirillis (Byki 2006- ) was playing with a dislocated shoulder. We held it together, played great defense and won the game with two late goals. A very close second was the 2009 playoff game against the West Indies Jets. We were down, came back and brought the game to overtime and just destroyed them in overtime.

**Clubs I like:** Juventus



**SERGIO BERTONCELLO**

**Hometown:** Quilmes, Argentina  
**Position:** Striker  
**Joined the Byki in:** 1986, played through 2004  
**Current location:** Bartlett, IL  
**Occupation:** General Manager  
**Games played for the Byki:** 457  
**Byki accomplishments:** 345 career goals, 214 career assists (outdoor and indoor combined)  
**Previous clubs:** Duo-Fast Blast

**How I joined the Byki:** Signed a contract as a free agent on a bar napkin at the Odeum

**My favorite moment while playing for the Byki:** I have many wonderful memories, but playing a game at the Odeum naked while people at the bar watched was probably tops. And by the way, I wasn't the only player naked.