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Byki 0-30	6	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White Division
Shogun	0	Oak Brook Sports Core 22 June 2014

Double hat trick does the trick

Sergio Benavides and Ryan Russ led an Over 30 scoring barrage last Sunday, as the Byki flattened Shogun 6:0 at Oak Brook. The Byki pounded home four goals by the half hour and were on cruise control the rest of the way. The Byki remain in second place, with 13 points from six matches, trailing leaders Levski by two points. Levski have played one fewer match than the Byki.

“The Shogun team were clearly not at our level of skill and fitness, but I admired their style of play,” noted player-coach Chris Hurley after the match. “They played absolutely no long balls and tried their best to play ball control as much as they could. The Byki had more skill, speed, and stamina, but Shogun never gave up.”

The Byki needed only 10 minutes to take the lead. Benavides, a target man if there ever was one, scored his fifth goal of the season. Reggie Champagne found Benavides with a pass at the top of the area. Benavides turned immediately into the space and tried to squeeze into the space between two defenders. He fended off their challenge, as they pulled his shirt to slow him down, and deposited the ball just inside the post as he tumbled to the ground.

Five minutes later, the Byki doubled their pleasure. Hurley played a give-and-go with Benavides, leaving Hurley with an open shot. The keeper saved well, but left a rebound, and

Hurley clipped a cross into the box for a rising Russ to head home.

The score went to 3:0 in the 25th minute when midfielder Champagne pushed the ball into a path for Benavides inside the box. Benavides turned his defender and finished low at the near post past the Shogun keeper.

The Byki beat the Shogun defense for pace to make it 4:0 at 30 minutes. Hurley ran down a ball on the left flank and raced towards the end line and played a hard square pass on the ground for a streaking Russ. He was able to outpace the defender and got his boot to the ball, which glanced off the right post and trickled over the line by only inches. The linesman was in good position and raised his flag to alert to the referee that the ball had cleared the line before the Shogun keeper nabbed it.

The final tally of the first half represented the Byki at their best. After the Byki patiently controlled the ball with several passes among the backline, Champagne received the ball in midfield and played one-touch to Hurley, who was moving forward from his stopper position. Hurley took a touch forward and played the ball into space down the right flank where Maciek Kekus had beat his defender. Kekus crossed the ball first-time into the path of Benavides for a header from about six yards, giving the keeper no chance whatsoever. “This goal was the result of great ball control, patience, and excellent passing execution,” gushed Hurley.

The Byki added one more to their total, allowing Russ to complete his hat trick. Kekus struck an inswinging corner kick to a wide-open Russ to head home from close range.

Clean sheets are never really easy and keeper Alan Stevens and his defense put up another one. Stevens was rarely challenged, but made a couple of saves and, as usual, came off his line when necessary to thwart of few half chances.

S. Benavides, C. Hurley and A. Stevens contributed to this report.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Stevens – Jedrzejowski, King, Hurley, Marquez – Champagne, Pinkham, Russ, Gibbs – Benavides Kekus (c). **Bench:** Kramarz.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

- 1:0 – Benavides 5 (Champagne); 10th.
- 2:0 – Russ 2 (Hurley); 15th.
- 3:0 – Benavides 6 (Champagne); 25th.
- 4:0 – Russ 3 (Hurley); 30th.
- 5:0 – Benavides 7 (Kekus); 40th.
- 6:0 – Russ 4 (Kekus); 65th.

Byki Men of the Match: Sergio Benavides and Ryan Russ

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Stare Byki	2	National Soccer League 1st Division
WI Jets	0	Oak Brook Sports Core 22 June 2014

Byki winning streak continues

Another week, another shutout. The Byki won their fourth match in a row last Sunday, 2:0 over the West Indies Jets, in sultry conditions at Oak Brook. Stout defending and exceptional discipline led to a straightforward victory. The Byki have 13 points from their seven matches, good for third place in the table.

The Jets, a longtime member of the NSL, have been dormant since 2011. They were plagued by squad problems at the time and were forced to utilize many of their veteran players. Looking at the team that they fielded on Sunday, they still appear to be reliant on older players.

The Byki had squad problems of their own, dressing only 11 healthy players. Centerback Juan Rodriguez was questionable, after straining his hamstring in the win over FC Kosova. Coach George Gorecki utilized Rodriguez in limited fashion, and it did the trick, allowing certain players to get a breather at key moments in the contest.

Defense has been a big story for the Byki, who have put up a clean sheet in three of their last four outings. During their five-game unbeaten run, they have conceded four goals, three of them coming in the bizarre 3:3 draw with Das Magic. Even though Gorecki had to tinker with that defense on Sunday, the adaptability of his players to shift gears and take on new responsibilities has become a huge asset.

The heavy downpours that swept through the area on Saturday left the field a bit soggy in places and it took the Byki a while to adjust to the conditions. "The first 10 minutes were pretty chaotic," said Gorecki. "We had serious difficulties maintaining any kind of possession."

The Jets got into their rhythm more quickly, but failed to capitalize. Instead, the first coherent passing sequence from the Byki resulted in an early score. Midfielder Jordan Stopka, who was in control of things in front of the back four, intercepted a pass and took off on a weaving dribbling run that the Jets could not contain. At just the right moment, he slipped a pass to Cyril Zachariah on the right side of the area. The Jets goalie came out to intervene, but had no means of stopping Zachariah from sliding the ball past him for a 1:0 lead.

The Byki tried to gift the Jets an equalizer in the 14th minute. A poorly directed clearance went straight to a Jets player, unmarked and 10 yards from an empty net. The player clanged his shot off the post and the Byki were off the hook.

Rodriguez nearly sneaked a shot between the goalie's legs in the 33rd minute, shooting from a difficult angle. "In order to prevent Juan from injuring himself further, we made him a target man for short intervals, and it worked to perfection," said Gorecki.

Five minutes before the break, Marek Ciszewski was the

grateful recipient of a weak clearance by the Jets. Spotting the goalkeeper well off his line, Ciszewski went for the lob from 30 yards, and only a desperate, lunging punch kept the ball out of the net.

The Byki committed themselves to better ball possession in the second half and they overran the Jets as a result. The Jets had tried to disrupt the Byki by applying high pressure early in the game. Once the Byki started moving the ball around, the Jets gave up the chase pretty quickly.

The clinching goal came in the 53rd minute. Tony Sabo executed a superb through pass for Zachariah, who sprinted behind the defenders. The Jets keeper slid in and blocked the shot with his legs. The ball ricocheted to Ciszewski, who gently headed the ball into the empty net.

The Jets, who had no real plan of breaking down the Byki defense, resorted to a frequent barrage of long balls, hoping to catch a quirky bounce or a Byki error. They got neither and the Byki continued to spread the ball around to both wings. Chase Castle, Bryan de Rama and Ryan Kaeseberg wore out the Jets' flank players. The Byki extinguished any hope for the Jets, putting the three points in their back pocket.

The five-game unbeaten streak is the longest since 2009, the last time the club's First Team competed in the NSL's First Division. That squad boasted some of the best talent in the club's history and they reeled off 14 games without a defeat. The current squad could be on the way to building the same kind of consistency and excellence.

BYKI LINEUP (4-1-4-1): J. Salazar – Stamatinos (c), Sabo, Calleros, Volant – Stopka – Castle, Ciszewski, Kaeseberg, De Rama – Zachariah.
Bench: J. Rodriguez.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Zachariah 3 (Stopka); 12th.
2:0 – Ciszewski 2; 53rd.

Byki Man of the Match: Jordan Stopka

MOFG	1	Premier Soccer League Over 40 Blue Division
Byki 0-40	0	Countryside Park 22 June 2014

MOFG get the best of Byki

Every team has a bogey team and the Over 40s have frustratingly come to find that that team is MOFG. The sides met at Countryside Park in Lake Zurich last Sunday and the home team were industrious enough to find a way to squeeze one goal past the Byki defense. That goal was the difference in the match, dropping the Byki to 2-2-2 for the season.

MOFG don't bring style and pizzazz to the soccer field and their utilitarian approach is one that has exasperated the Byki. In four visits to Lake Zurich, the Byki have just one victory and three defeats. Last Sunday only added to the string of weak performances.

Even though the field was in horrible shape with lots of standing water following the heavy storms overnight, the Byki showed up to play and had the lion's share of possession right from the start. Byki wingers and forwards were running circles around the creaky MOFG defenders, with Steven Pedlow and Mitch Posada both making promising forays forward.

MOFG's gameplan was clear: counterattack by smashing the ball upfield and chasing it as fast as they could. Speedy Byki defenders and goalkeeper James Vlahakis were well equipped to quickly stifle these attacks.

The Byki showed a decent amount of patience at the beginning, punctuated by a series of passes ending in a Gabi Rodriguez shot going over the goal. Byki domination was evident, as MOFG were incapable of mounting a serious threat during the first 25 minutes of the contest.

After a half hour, Ade Ekundayo was taken out by a vicious slide tackle from behind. The referee whistled for a foul, but kept his cards in his pocket. The ensuing free kick went into the wall and was cleared away by the defense.

Brian Huck was dangerous as a target forward and got off several shots that the keeper did well to parry away.

The Byki continued to generally control the flow of the game, although at times, the game devolved into a bit of kickball on the soaked field. Shortly before halftime, disaster struck. Sweeper Doug Towsey stifled a MOFG foray down the flank, clearing the ball off of an attacker. The referee gave MOFG the throw-in deep in Byki territory, however. The quick throw-in went to a striker just outside the Byki penalty area and he lofted a cross from a sharp angle towards goal. The ball twisted its way into the back of the net for what became a crucial lead for MOFG.

The second half was more of the same. The Byki started

strongly and largely dictated play, but couldn't find the net. The only real excitement for MOFG came from a long, aimless kick over everyone's head. The knuckling ball wound up at the feet of a startled MOFG striker, who bumbled the ball away after the ever-alert Jim Kuch was able to cover an immense swath of turf and hoof the ball away to safety.

The Byki continued to dominate on the ball, although they did occasionally revert to kick-and-chase tactics that precluded any sort of extended buildup.

In one particularly frustrating sequence, Ekundayo beat his man down the wing and rolled the ball across the mouth of the goal to Rodriguez, who attempted to blast it into the net. His shot, taken from the doorstep of the goal, somehow instead screamed over the crossbar.

Minutes before full time, Jim Jacobs almost knotted the game with a miracle overhead kick that flew just over the bar.

To their credit, MOFG played good defense within their box. "We had a number of crosses that they handled very well," noted Towsey afterwards. "Our through balls were terrible; almost all were grounders easily intercepted. We had a lot of play down the wings, but we had very little happening inside their box."

S. Pedlow, E. Tower and D. Towsey contributed to this report.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Vlahakis – Towsey, Kuch, Fink, Safford – Cohen, Tower, G. Rodriguez, Ekundayo, Pedlow (c) – Posada. **Bench:** Dahlquist, Guild, Huck, Jacobs, Muehlbauer.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY
None.

Byki Man of the Match: Doug Towsey

Byki Stats

FIRST TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Ciszewski	2	2	4
Zachariah	3	0	3
Banbor	1	1	2
Gronke	1	1	2
Sabo	1	1	2
Stopka	0	2	2
De Rama	1	0	1
Herholdt	1	0	1
Zielinski	1	0	1
Stamatinos	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Avalos	18	0	0.00
Salazar	540	11	1.83
Khankari	75	6	7.20

Current record: 4-1-2

O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Benavides	7	0	7
Hurley	1	6	7
Kekus	3	3	6
Russ	4	0	4
Siervo	3	1	4
Kramarz	1	1	2
Boeckeler	0	2	2
Champagne	0	2	2
Gibbs	0	2	2
Banbor	1	0	1
Vullo	1	0	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Stevens	540	12	2.00

Current record: 4-1-1

O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Ekundayo	4	4	8
Pedlow	5	2	7
Posada	3	0	3
Rodriguez, G	2	1	3
Jacobs	1	2	3
Huck	1	1	2
Nelson	1	1	2
Dahlquist	0	1	1
Fink	0	1	1
Kuch	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Vlahakis	540	11	1.83

Current record: 2-2-2

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White Pines Golf Club — 500 W. Jefferson St., Bensenville, IL 60106
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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Moldova	7	7	0	0	35	10	21
Lancer SC	7	5	0	2	32	14	15
Stare Byki FC	7	4	1	2	11	17	13
Chicago Dynasty FC	6	3	0	3	13	16	9
CKS Warta B	7	3	0	4	22	30	9
FC Kosova	6	3	0	3	21	17	9
Das Magic	6	2	1	3	19	25	7
FC Macedonia	7	2	0	5	25	27	6
West Indies Jets	6	2	0	4	12	23	6
Assyrian B	5	0	0	5	12	23	0

PSLC OVER 30 WHITE DIVISION**June 22, 2014****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Levski Chicago 2014	5	5	0	0	32	3	15
Stare Byki FC	6	4	1	1	21	12	13
Chicago Rangers FC	6	3	1	2	12	5	10
FC DePaul	5	3	0	2	26	12	9
Olympiacos Chicago	4	3	0	1	12	11	9
AEK FC Chicago	5	2	0	3	11	25	6
St Charles Celtics White	5	1	1	3	13	17	4
Shogun	3	0	1	2	3	11	1
Itasca	7	0	0	7	6	40	0

PSLC OVER 40 BLUE DIVISION**June 22, 2014****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Villains SC	7	4	2	1	12	10	14
St Charles Celtics Green	6	4	1	1	14	5	13
MOFG	6	4	0	2	10	8	12
Pampas OT	7	3	1	3	20	16	10
Naperville Strikers FC	6	3	0	3	17	12	9
Stare Byki FC	6	2	2	2	17	11	8
MANA Futbol Club	6	2	2	2	11	14	8
Real FC	5	2	1	2	18	11	7
Sporting Cristal	4	2	0	2	10	10	6
Windy City United	5	1	1	3	6	7	4
St Charles Celtics Orange	6	0	0	6	3	34	0