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**RED**

**Byki 7 : 1 HUAC White**

NSL Major Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 24 June 2012

## Goal explosion the perfect tonic

Last Sunday was a day of changes for the Red Team: a changed formation, new players and new positions. The biggest change was victory for the previously winless Byki, who thumped a poorly prepared Hellenic United White team 7:1. Marek Ciszewski led the goal parade with two goals and three assists, and Jordan Stopka and Todd Trowbridge each added a pair of goals. The result does not bring the Byki out of the Major Division's Blue Section cellar, but it's the first step to turning around a dismal start to the 2012 season.

Injuries and absences had as much to do with coach George Gorecki's lineup changes as any tinkering on his part. Alan Stevens is lost for the season with a partial tear of his patellar tendon and Alex Guzman is nursing a broken toe. With several players otherwise unavailable, Gorecki turned to the Blue Team for reinforcements. Stopka and Matt LaConte played significant roles on Sunday, as did newcomer Zack Young. "Our player pool has considerable depth and it's great to know we can bring players in from the Blues and have them contribute immediately," said Gorecki.

Gorecki changed the formation to a 4-2-3-1 and the results paid dividends. The Byki controlled the middle of the field, although their success was related to Hellenic only being able to field nine players at kickoff. Byki dominance, however, continued unabated in the second half, by which time Hellenic had a full complement of 11 on the field. "Formations don't win or lose games," Gorecki noted. "It's all about getting guys in the right spot and have them playing their best."

The Byki wasted no time taking advantage of a shorthanded opponent, needing just two minutes to grab the lead. Lazaro Uriza dribbled the ball to the end line and crossed the ball into the goal area, where Stopka was ready to tap the ball home.

Hellenic played a game of hit-and-hope, but it was only useful in the early going, when their forwards had some gas in the tank. They nearly equalized in the sixth minute, but a breakaway shot went over the bar.

The Byki patiently moved the ball around and got their reward in the 13th minute. Young played an insightful through pass for LaConte, who sprinted in alone on the keeper, slotting past him for a 2:0 lead.

Stopka had two great chances to add to his account three minutes apart. Young and Ciszewski carved up the Hellenic defense with quick ball movement and a diagonal ball into space sent Stopka into the clear. Only a desperate foot save from the goalie kept the ball out the net. Stopka nearly finished off LaConte's cross when he crashed a header off of the post in the 20th minute.

Stopka put things right seven minutes later, receiving a pass from Ciszewski and sprinting in alone on goal. Once the keeper was committed, Stopka slid the ball home for a 3:0 lead.

More patient play allowed the Byki to end the half on a strong note. Stefan Soegaard controlled the ball in the Hellenic penalty area and sent the ball to Ciszewski, who dribbled past a defender and fired home from ten yards.

Basking in the glory of a four-goal lead, the Byki got lazy tracking back during a Hellenic counter leaving Martin Bertels on his own to parry a blast over the bar on a wide-open shot from 18 yards.

During the break, the Byki talked about maintaining the same level of pressure on Hellenic, but the visitors had other ideas. Two more players showed up for the second half and the fresh legs caught the Byki napping. Hellenic broke through in the 47th minute and gave the Byki something to think about at 4:1.

The response from the Byki was to keep pressure on the Hellenic defense. Young played Soegaard into the open with a nifty pass. Soegaard kept the ball going to the right side, where Stopka tested the goalkeeper with a bomb from 15 yards.

The Byki went 5:1 up in the 59th minute. Ciszewski floated a free kick from 35 yards towards the far side. Trowbridge was unmarked in the area and made no mistake after having drawn the keeper out of position.

That goal made certain that a Hellenic comeback would be nothing more than a dream. In the 61st minute, Stopka looked sure to complete his hat trick, but a Hellenic defender cleared the ball before it crossed the goal line. Moments later, Declan Geraghty's powerful header required a full-stretch save from the goalie, who barely got the ball over the bar.

Two late goals capped the scoring for the Byki, who never stopped competing against Hellenic's tired legs. Ciszewski

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dribbled the ball into the left corner in the 82nd minute and centered the ball for Trowbridge. The midfielder was unmarked and knocked the ball home with ease.

Geraghty set up Ciszewski just before the final whistle. After having previously played in several dangerous passes from the left wing, Geraghty finally found the scoresheet when he sent the ball to an unguarded Ciszewski, who converted to make it 7:1.

Afterwards, the Byki liked what they saw from their performance. "I've never seen this team play like this," said Uriza. "We needed these three points," added Mike Stamatinos. "We have to do this every week."

**BLUE**

**Byki 2 : 1 Lancer FC**

NSL 1st Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 24 June 2012

### **Byki discipline wins out**

The Blue Team fought the intense heat and an intense rival last Sunday and came away with a gritty, workmanlike 2:1 victory over Lancer FC at Oak Brook. It was the second triumph in a row for the Byki and toppling a foe in the top three in the Blue Section is quite a feather in the cap. The Byki are 3-0-4, good for seventh place in the table.

With only substitute available after the Red Team called

in mainstays Jordan Stopka and Matt LaConte, player-coach Kristian Buur emphasized ball possession and patient play for his squad. The energy-sapping conditions would necessitate a slower pace.

Naturally, both teams came out revving their engines at kickoff. The Lancers also only dressed 12 players and both sides paid the price. Tongues were hanging and feet were dragging by the 35-minute mark.

There was plenty of action during the opening half hour, producing two goals and a handful of scoring chances. In the opening seconds, Carlos Mendoza did his Tasmanian Devil impersonation and pressured the Lancer backline into a turnover. He gained possession and cranked a quick shot wide of the target.

The Lancers grabbed the lead after seven minutes. They came fast on the counter down the right side. When a Byki defender slipped, that opened the door for the Lancers. Goalie Ray Najera came out late to challenge and a shot from an acute angle found the back of the net.

The Byki engineered a response nine minutes later. The hard-working Jeremy Slate beat a defender off the dribble on the right side of the area and his low shot was grabbed by the diving keeper.

The equalizer came in the 29th minute. Peter Wood started the play in the middle third of the field, sending Ohad Garnon on a long run down the right flank. Garnon reached the corner and floated a cross towards the goal. The keeper misjudged the trajectory and the ball landed just inside the far post to knot the affair at 1:1.

Both teams played at a more reasonable pace after the break. Although the Lancers had a good bit of possession,

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little of it translated into dangerous scoring chances. The Byki defense tightened things up at just the right moments, coupled with off-target shooting by the Lancers.

The Byki made a bid to snatch the lead five minutes into the second frame. Wood sent a long pass for Garnon on the right. Garnon quickly played inside to Slate, who turned to find Mendoza open. Mendoza fired immediately, but saw his shot blocked.

The Byki scored the gamewinner in the 67th minute amid some controversy. Garnon crossed the ball into the mixer and the keeper came out, but was unable to catch the chest-high ball cleanly. With the ball loose in the goal area, mayhem ensued and Sam Onaissi did the rest by poking the loose ball into the empty net. The Lancers claimed that their keeper had been fouled and were livid when neither the referee nor his assistant agreed with them. Onaissi saw it differently. "The goalie dropped the ball and couldn't control it after he collided with a teammate," Onaissi said. "I just kicked the ball in."

The Lancers continued with their foul-mouthed tirades for several minutes and it was truly surprising that the patient referee did not send off two or three of them. That set the stage for a frustrating final 20 minutes for the Lancers, who disputed nearly every whistle that went against them.

The Byki nearly scored a third in the 75th minute when Jordan Jacobs boomed a long clearance out of the back to Onaissi on the right side. He laid the ball off for Chris Koenig, who sprinted straight at the goal. His run took him on a bad angle, yet he nearly snuck the ball in at the near post.

The Lancers tried to turn up the intensity for the endgame, but created nothing more than half chances. The Byki had shown an increasing level of discipline at both ends of the field and were able to withstand anything that the Lancers threw at them.

**OVER 40**

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

PSLC Over 40 Blue Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 24 June 2012

## Pampas lineup error proves costly

Sunday's clash at the top of the table of the PSLC's Over 40 Blue Division between the Byki and Chicago Pampas turned out to be anticlimactic after the Byki filed a protest to the league. Pampas won a tightly-contested battle on the field 1:0, yet that result was undone because of their use of an ineligible player. League rules allow a maximum of 18 players to be listed on the gameday roster and the eagle-eyed Byki noticed that Pampas listed 19. On Tuesday, the PSLC made it official and the Byki took a 3:0 forfeit victory.

A retooled Pampas squad looked like they wanted to claim one of the two promotion spots into the Over 40 Green Division, as they entered the match with 15 points from six games. They brought over 20 players to Oak Brook last Sunday and that immediately aroused the suspicions of the Byki. "We've had a couple of occasions of roster irregularities when we played Pampas when they still competed in the NSL," said George Gorecki. "When I saw this huge mass of players on their sideline, I smelled a rat. We asked the referee to examine their lineup sheet at halftime, and sure enough, they submitted 19 players on their roster for the game." Player-coach Eric Tower discussed the situation with league officials later in the day and the Byki protest was upheld after the league received the lineup sheet from the referee.

The result pushes the Byki into a first-place tie with Torino

# Byki Stats

### RED TEAM, NSL MAJOR DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Ciszewski	2	3	5
Stopka	2	0	2
Trowbridge	2	0	2
Gyuricza	1	0	1
LaConte	1	0	1
Geraghty	0	1	1
Soegaard	0	1	1
Uriza	0	1	1
Young	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Bertels	540	23	3.83

Current record: 1-0-5

### BLUE TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
LaConte	2	3	5
Stopka	3	0	3
Gonchar	2	0	2
Garnon	1	1	2
Onaissi	1	1	2
Buur	1	0	1
Slate	1	0	1
Koenig	0	1	1
Wood	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Garnon	7	0	0.00
Najera	90	1	1.00
Stopka	83	1	1.08
Khankari	360	14	3.50

Current record: 3-0-4

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

Player	G	A	Pts
No goals yet!			
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Najera	270	19	6.33

Current record: 0-0-3

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

Player	G	A	Pts
Rodriguez	4	2	6
Posada	3	3	6
Pedlow	2	3	5
Cohen	2	1	3
Elmkinssi	2	1	3
Fink	1	1	2
Weslar	1	1	2
Zygmunt	1	0	1
Ekundayo	0	1	1
Team goals	4	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Vlahakis	540	10	1.67
Muehlbauer	90	2	2.00

Current record: 5-1-1

FC, both teams with 16 points from seven matches. The sides tied 3:3 earlier in the season and Torino currently claim the top spot by virtue of superior goal difference.

On the field, the Byki and Pampas fought bitterly to find that one goal that would change the game. Pampas were the ones to break through with 12 minutes left, as the Byki looked ragged at just the time they needed to make a final push. When games are this tight, taking advantage of scoring opportunities is crucial, and in this aspect, Pampas were better than the Byki.

The Byki created their first good scoring chance from a corner kick midway through the first half. Brian Huck put a dangerous ball into the mixer and Gabriel Rodriguez's shot attempt was blocked. The rebound fell to Eric Muehlbauer, whose volley went high.

Muehlbauer had another good opportunity in the 29th minute. Steven Pedlow challenged the Pampas goalie for a ball played in from the wing. With the ball loose on the doorstep, Huck knocked it back for Muehlbauer, who sent the ball over the bar.

The Byki came tantalizingly close to grabbing the lead two minutes before the break. The Pampas keeper tried to intercept a long ball in the box, but Huck got there first. The keeper, however, forced Huck wide enough that his shot at the open goal could only hit the side netting.

Good ball possession in the 56th minute led to a strong run to the byline by Ade Ekundayo. He dropped a pass back for Tower, who shot high.

The muggy conditions began to take their effect and Pampas, with a huge bench of substitutes, might have been better positioned to deal with the heat than the Byki. At the hour mark, the Byki were slow to get behind the ball as Pampas counterattacked. A shot from the right side of the box clanged off of the outside of the goalpost.

Ten minutes later, Pampas led the charge along the right flank and James Vlahakis made an incredible kick save at his near post.

Another Pampas counterattack in the 78th minute led to the critical breakthrough. Stopper Dave Fink tried to shepherd the Pampas forward as wide as possible, but he still managed to center the ball to a teammate for a simple tap-in. Fink tried to hustle over and clear the ball before it crossed the line, but arrived too late.

Vlahakis bailed out his defense again in the 86th minute in spectacular fashion. After the Byki gave up possession deep in their end, Vlahakis was in the right spot on a point-blank shot. The Byki failed to clear the loose ball and Vlahakis made a diving save on a shot from distance.

The desperate Byki struggled to find an equalizer in the final minute. Dave Safford made a long run down the left wing and boomed a cross into the middle. The keeper came out for the ball, but spilled it ten yards from goal. A defender got in the way as Rodriguez took a swipe at the ball.

**OVER 30**

**Byki 0 : 4 Tarnovia**

PSLC Over 30 Division - Olympic Park - 23 June 2012

## **Patchwork Byki try to hold it together**

The Over 30s continued to struggle to field a credible lineup last Saturday when they faced FC Tarnovia at Olympic Park. The Byki started the match with nine players and finished with ten, as they dropped a 4:0 decision to leave them at 0-0-3 for the season.

The Byki looked relatively organized for most of the match, despite being shorthanded and despite not having played a game in more than a month. They conceded possession to Tarnovia, tried to stay compact in defense, and looked for opportunities off the counter. The strategy frustrated Tarnovia, whose shots flew all over Olympic Park, until the Byki finally ran out of gas. Tarnovia scored twice in the final nine minutes to break the game open.

The Byki were able to hold Tarnovia at bay until the 38th minute, when a pass sneaked through the Byki defense, leaving a Tarnovia player with a clear path to goal. The Byki defense was bolstered by the presence of newcomers Paul King and Ohad Garnon, who did what they could to break up Tarnovia attacks.

Garnon isn't exactly a newcomer, but he was making his Over 30 debut. The Over 30s have called upon several Red and Blue players to join them during the NSL's month-long break in July. As the recruitment process continues, the Byki are hoping to be able to field a normal squad every week.

Goalkeeper Ray Najera made several glittering stops to back up his teammates, although he estimated that he expended more energy chasing errant balls for goal kicks than he did making any saves.

Tarnovia increased their lead to 2:0 at the hour mark when a rocket shot from 20 yards gave Najera no chance. As the Byki grew more weary, their ability to try to string passes together faded and the traffic was decidedly one-way from that point forward.

Both of Tarnovia's final goals came on the break, as the beleaguered Byki were too exhausted to maintain the chase.

# BYKI SCOREBOARD

## RED

Byki 7 : 1 HUAC White

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**BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1):** Bertels – Stamatinos (c), Suhayda, Mansur, Uriza – Soegaard, Trowbridge – Geraghty, Young, Stopka – LaConte.  
**Bench:** Ciszewski

### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Stopka 1 (Uriza); 2nd.  
2:0 – LaConte 1 (Young); 13th.  
3:0 – Stopka 2 (Ciszewski); 27th.  
4:0 – Ciszewski 1 (Soegaard); 41st.  
5:1 – Trowbridge 1 (Ciszewski); 59th.  
6:1 – Trowbridge 2 (Ciszewski); 82nd.  
7:1 – Ciszewski 2 (Geraghty); 90th.

**Byki Men of the Match:** Marek Ciszewski and Jordan Stopka

## BLUE

Byki 2 : 1 Lancer FC

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**BYKI LINEUP (3-5-2):** Najera – Jordan Jacobs, White, Kosinski – Wood, Onaissi, Garnon, Koenig (c), Buur – Mendoza, Slate. **Bench:** Szczypka.

### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – Garnon 1 (Wood); 29th.  
2:1 – Onaissi 1 (Garnon); 67th.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Ohad Garnon

## OVER 30

Byki 0 : 4 Tarnovia

PSLC Over 30 Division - Olympic Park - 23 June 2012

**BYKI LINEUP:** Najera – Garnon, Hodge, Inalsingh, Jedrzejowski (c), Kamalinia, Kim, King, Maruska, Pirillis.

### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Ohad Garnon

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**BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2):** Vlahakis – Towsey, Safford, Fink, Mazmanian – Tower, Follenweider, Rodriguez, Ekundayo – Pedlow (c), Elmkinssi.  
**Bench:** Cohen, Huck, Muehlbauer, Zygmunt.

### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

**Byki Man of the Match:** James Vlahakis

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**MAJOR DIVISION**

<b>Red Section</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Gazelle SC	6	6	0	0	23	7	18
Albanian Stars	6	4	0	2	18	9	12
RWB Adria	4	3	1	0	17	5	10
Brusfa FC	6	2	1	3	11	10	7
Jahbat FC	7	2	0	5	8	18	6
CKS Warta	7	1	1	5	10	27	4

<b>Blue Section</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Hellenic United Blue	5	5	0	0	23	3	15
Deportivo Colomex	8	4	0	4	18	11	12
SAC Wisla	6	4	0	2	12	11	12
FC Steaua	8	2	2	4	13	18	8
Hellenic United White	7	1	1	5	10	29	4
Stare Byki FC Red	6	1	0	5	8	23	3

**FIRST DIVISION**

<b>Red Section</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Bosphorus FC	7	5	2	0	26	10	17
West Indies Jets SC	6	4	2	0	16	8	14
Das Magic	7	3	2	2	19	14	11
Jamstar FC	6	3	2	1	13	9	11
Khaboor FC	6	2	2	2	6	7	8
FC Moldova	7	2	1	4	14	22	7
NK Prijedor	5	0	2	3	12	18	2
Independiente FC	6	0	2	4	7	19	2
Shlama FC	4	0	1	3	5	11	1

<b>Blue Section</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Assyrian FC	8	6	0	2	29	11	18
Lancer FC	7	4	1	2	15	12	13
Raiders FC	7	4	1	2	16	11	13
Gremio FC	7	4	1	2	17	11	13
FC Kosova	7	3	1	3	18	17	10
FK Republika Srpska	5	3	0	2	15	19	9
Stare Byki FC Blue	7	3	0	4	11	24	9
Lamaso FC	5	2	0	3	13	13	6
Winged Bull	5	1	0	4	4	9	3
Chicago Dynasty FC	8	0	2	6	13	24	2

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**OVER 30 RED DIVISION**

	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Romania SC	7	7	0	0	42	9	21
Bulgaria FC	6	6	0	0	30	10	18
Pampas	6	5	0	1	26	11	15
Hellenic United AC	6	5	0	1	17	7	15
FC Tarnovia	6	4	0	2	14	10	12
Chicago Celtic	7	3	0	4	16	19	9
St Charles Celtics Red	7	2	0	5	17	23	6
SAC Wisla	7	2	0	5	20	29	6
Balkan	4	1	1	2	5	8	4
Jahbat FC	7	1	1	5	9	20	4
La Granate	6	1	1	4	12	25	4
Black Eagle	6	0	1	5	13	31	1
Stare Byki FC	3	0	0	3	0	19	0

**OVER 40 BLUE DIVISION**

	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Torino FC	7	5	1	1	26	11	16
Stare Byki FC	7	5	1	1	20	12	16
Pampas OT	7	5	0	2	23	14	15
Real FC	7	4	1	2	24	11	13
MOFG	6	4	0	2	11	8	12
Villains SC	7	3	0	4	11	21	9
Windy City United	7	2	1	4	21	17	7
Naperville Strikers FC	7	2	0	5	21	16	6
St Charles Celtics Green	7	2	0	5	13	24	6
St Charles Celtics Orange	6	0	0	6	3	39	0