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Stare Byki	6	National Soccer League Major Division
Wisloka	6	Oak Brook Sports Core 24 June 2018

Wisloka's last gasp ties Byki

The Byki, with a comfortable 6:3 lead and a one-man advantage after 67 minutes of play, figured that this game was in the bag. But Wisloka Chicago, undeterred by the deficit nor by the hot sun, stormed back to carve out a 6:6 result with two goals in the last three minutes. The draw tightens the NSL Major Division table, as the top six teams are separated by just two points. The Byki are in the thick of that pack of teams, with ten points from their six matches.

It was the first-ever meeting between the sides. Wisloka joined the league a few years ago and started directly in the Major Division. They brought a combination of skillful play and grit to Oak Brook for the June 24 encounter, but there was a little more grit on display than the Byki would have liked.

The day belonged to Francesco de Felice, who scored three goals and added two assists. De Felice constantly terrorized the Wisloka fullbacks, who had no answers for his speed and trickery with the ball. By the middle of the second half, it was clear that Wisloka's only successful tactic at containing de Felice would be to foul him. A vicious tackle from behind on de Felice just after the hour mark resulted in a brief fracas, resulting in red cards for two Wisloka players, in addition to a send-off for Phil Parker.

The match was a wide-open affair right from the start. In the sixth minute, de Felice danced past a defender on the left-side byline and went far post, where JD Joiner met the ball with a first-time sliding shot that was blocked. The resourceful Mark Zeman put the rebound into the back of the net.

Five minutes later, the Byki made it 2:0 when de Felice outpaced the Wisloka defense to win a ball played over the top. With the onrushing keeper at his mercy, de Felice deftly dinked a shot into the corner of the goal.

Wisloka were unfazed by the early outburst and got on the board in the 16th minute. A Wisloka player received a throw-in on the left flank and dribbled into the Byki penalty area before firing past Aaron Menyes. Lax marking allowed Wisloka to

turn a nothing play into a scoring chance.

Moments later, Zeman cranked a shot from 35 yards, forcing the Wisloka keeper to go full stretch.

Wisloka leveled the affair in the 25th minute, when their crafty midfielder lofted a perfectly weighted ball over the Byki defense for a teammate running into the space. With only Menyes to beat, the Wisloka striker knocked the ball home.

The Byki dusted themselves off and retook the lead after 32 minutes. Zeman played a quick pass along the right touchline for de Felice, who took off on a long and winding dribbling run and concluded it with a blast past the goalie to make it 3:2.

Wisloka's bid for a second equalizer in the 39th minute went awry after a Wisloka player intercepted Colin Quirk's headed pass back to Menyes. The Wisloka player went for the lob over Menyes, but sent the ball over the bar.

The Byki upped their advantage to 4:2 just before the break. De Felice darted past a defender on the endline and sent a diagonal pass back into the middle for Zeman, who ripped a first-time shot for his second tally of the match.

"We did a lot of good things in that first half," noted coach George Gorecki. "It was clear that Francesco was playing at a level that was truly uncomfortable for Wisloka's defenders. We wanted to keep that going, but be wary that they might resort to physical play to try to control him."

The Byki kept their foot on the gas to start the second half. De Felice carried the ball into the right-wing channel and crossed for Erik Yamane, whose attempt was denied by the crossbar.

Wisloka pulled to within 4:3 in the 51st minute, when a rolling shot in the box took a wicked deflection and settled just inside the far post.

The Byki needed just five minutes to deliver their response, coming on a lightning-quick counterattack. De Felice unbalanced the Wisloka defense with his long run and centered

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for Byron Perez, supporting in the middle. It was easy work for Perez to tap home his third goal of the season.

The pot boiled over in the 60th minute, when de Felice taken down from behind as he chased after a ball near the left-wing touchline. The tackle set off a confrontation between the players. When the referee finally restored order, he had sent off two Wisloka players, including their goalkeeper. Parker, who sought to back up a fallen teammate, also was given his marching orders. "This game was full of emotion and two teams going full tilt," said Gorecki afterwards. "The tackle on Francesc was dirty, plain and simple. I wish that we would have kept our heads better, but that's tough when stuff like that happens."

The Byki tacked on a sixth goal to their total in the 67th minute after another counterattacking opportunity. De Felice and Yamane led the charge past a beleaguered Wisloka defense. The substitute goalie came way out of his box to challenge for the ball, but had no chance of winning it. De Felice launched a shot into the empty net from 40 yards to complete the hat trick.

It was at that point that the Byki should have pressed their advantage and finished off a beaten team. They began playing sequences of short passes just to further wear out Wisloka's players and the visitors likely would have capitulated had the Byki continued down that path. The Byki took their foot off of Wisloka's throat and their players found a second wind just in time to create three unanswered goals.

They caught the Byki sleeping in the 73rd minute when they took a quick free kick on the right wing. A Wisloka player dribbled into the middle and fired past Menyess to make it 6:4.

The warning bell for the Byki sounded in the 84th minute, when Wisloka's playmaker drove a free kick from 25 yards around the Byki defensive wall. Menyess anticipated well and pushed the ball to safety.

But the tide had turned. What had been a free and easy path to the goal for the Byki disappeared and they found themselves on the back foot, despite being up a man. A long bomb in the 87th minute made it 6:5 and the final opportunity came right at 90 minutes, when a Wisloka player headed home from inside the goal area.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Menyess – Stamatinos (c), C. Kirk, O'Bryan, Lauderback – Sauerman, Parker – Joiner, B. Perez, Zeman – De Felice.
Bench: De Rama, Talac, Yamane.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Zeman 1; 6th.
2:0 – De Felice 3; 11th.
3:2 – De Felice 4 (Zeman); 32nd.
4:2 – Zeman 2 (De Felice); 43rd.
5:3 – B. Perez 3 (De Felice); 56th.
6:3 – De Felice 5 (Yamane); 67th.

Byki Men of the Match: Francesco de Felice and Mark Zeman.

Byki 0-40

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Premier Soccer League
Over 40 B1 Division

FK Danubia

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Oak Brook Sports Core
24 June 2018

Slumping Byki search for offense

The winless streak continued for the Over 40 Team on June 24, when they were humbled by FK Danubia 5:1 at Oak Brook. Danubia roared out to a 3:0 lead by halftime and that proved to be too deep a hole from which the Byki might escape. After two draws to open the season, the Byki have dropped their last three matches by a combined score of 13:1. For a team accustomed to finishing in the top three every year, the results have the players shaking their heads in disbelief.

Roman Kramarz, felled by an Achilles injury last fall, has yet to return, and the significance of his attacking contributions are now being realized. The Byki attack has produced just five goals in five matches so far.

Their approach probably could have used some improvement also, as the Byki appeared to have problems with fundamental ball possession. Excessive touches and unnecessary dribbles made it easy for Danubia to defend the Byki. And this style of play will quickly sap players of their energy on a warm, sunny day.

Danubia executed all the right moves, making numerous runs through midfield and on overlaps. Seeing holding midfielder Andy Lane withdraw after only a few minutes due to injury severed the important connection between defense and attack.

Goalkeeper James Vlahakis was kept busy as a result, and he made several solid saves to keep the Byki competitive.

Danubia added to their commanding lead with a fourth goal just minutes into the second half.

The hustling Diego Penafiel was a bright spot for the Byki, making plays all over the field. He and Carlin Metzger combined for the lone goal for the Byki, coming in the 75th minute. It was Metzger's first tally since joining the Byki this spring.

The start-and-stop nature of the PSLC schedule has done the Byki no favors either. Now that the team will see a more regular rhythm of weekly games, they must quickly find new ways to create scoring chances.

Dave Fink contributed to this story.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Vlahakis – Safford, Fink, J. Park, Zarate – Lane, Penafiel – Banbor, G. Rodriguez, Ekundayo (c) – BK Park. **Bench:** Brough, Fukar, King, Marquez, Metzger, .

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:4 – Metzger 1 (Penafiel); 75th.

Byki Man of the Match: James Vlahakis.

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PR Rogues	4	Premier Soccer League Over 48 Division Wheeling HS 27 June 2018
Byki O-48	0	

Byki falter in endgame

The Over 48 Team entered their June 27 match versus the Park Ridge Rogues with a squad short of substitutes and a combination of players that needed some tweaking to get the pieces to fit together properly. After a scoreless first half, a well-organized Byki team conceded twice early in the second half and the Rogues took advantage of tired legs to add two more in the final eight minutes to salt away a 4:0 victory.

“The guys displayed tremendous teamwork and really held together well defensively,” said interim player-coach George Gorecki. “Some players were asked to take on new roles and they adapted nicely. It was not the best day to have just one out-of-shape sub like me on the bench.”

The Rogues were 2017 co-champions in the Over 48 Division and throttled the Byki in three meetings between the sides: 0:4, 0:7, and 1:7. Everyone knew that the task at hand would be a difficult one.

The Byki conceded quite a bit of ball possession to the Rogues in the first half, but none of that translated into dangerous situations in front of goalkeeper Ray Najera.

The Byki had two good scoring chances and failed to convert. In the 23rd minute, the Byki moved the ball sharply in a period of sustained pressure. When the Rogues cleared the ball short, it wound up with John Kosmas, who fired from 35 yards, only to see his shot clang off the crossbar. Kosmas, moved from the striker position into midfield, made significant

contributions at both ends of the field.

In the 30th minute, the Park Ridge goalie handled the ball outside of his box, earning the Byki a free kick in a dangerous position. Jose Arno restarted play before the Rogues were ready, sending the ball to the right side of the box for Eric Muehlbauer. Admitting later that he too was not ready for the restart, Muehlbauer did his best to take advantage and shot wide.

The Byki needed more of the same to start the second half, but a turnover in their back third led to a Park Ridge goal. The Rogues player carried the ball deep and sent a diagonal pass that was redirected past Najera just two minutes in.

Park Ridge made it 2:0 at the hour mark when they earned a free kick in the left-wing channel. A Rogues player curled a swerving free kick over the Byki defensive wall and into the uppermost part of that side of the goal, giving Najera no chance.

The solid, organized play that the Byki displayed earlier began to fray at the edges and the Rogues eventually launched one counterattack after another. The Byki managed to survive most of this onslaught, but fatigue caught up to them. The Byki became more and more stretched deeper into the contest and Park Ridge capitalized with two late scores to punctuate their second-half dominance.

The sides will square off in the rematch when play resumes following the holiday break. With a deeper squad, the Byki expect to deliver a smart performance that lasts the full 90 minutes.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): R. Najera – Jacobs, King, J. Park, Javaras – Huck, Muehlbauer, Retterer, Kosmas – Sisson, Arno . **Bench:** Gorecki.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

Byki Man of the Match: John Kosmas.

Byki Stats

FIRST TEAM, NSL MAJOR DIVISION				O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION				O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION				O-48 TEAM, PSLC O-48 DIVISION			
Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts
De Felice	5	3	8	Akbas	5	1	6	Penafiel	2	2	4	Huck	3	2	5
Perez, B	3	1	4	Sodeinde	4	2	6	Ekundayo	1	0	1	Pedlow	2	1	3
Zeman	2	1	3	Klosterman	4	0	4	Metzger	1	0	1	Retterer	2	1	3
Yamane	1	2	3	McClure, R	3	1	4	Towsey	0	1	1	Arno	2	0	2
Kirk, Q	0	3	3	Gibbs	1	2	3	Goalie				Jacobs	0	2	2
Sauerman	2	0	2	Jaworski	1	2	3	Min	GA	GAA	Carrillo	1	0	1	
Tutich	2	0	2	Adogwa	1	1	2	Park, J	45	1	2.00	Kosmas	1	0	1
Korinenko	1	1	2	Jaramillo	0	2	2	Vlahakis	315	9	2.57	Safford	0	1	1
Joiner	1	0	1	Sauerman	0	2	2	Fukar	90	6	6.00	Zadlo	0	1	1
Parker	1	0	1	Campos	1	0	1	Current record: 0-2-3				Goalie			
Goalie				Hernandez	1	0	1	Min	GA	GAA	Park, J	45	1	2.00	
Menyes	270	8	2.67	Patz	1	0	1	Najera, R	405	17	3.78	Current record: 1-1-4			
Perez, A	270	10	3.33	Durojaiye	0	1	1								
Current record: 3-1-2				Espinoza	0	1	1								
				Jehs	0	1	1								
				Goalie											
				Min	GA	GAA									
				Najera	450	9	1.80								
				De Rama	90	2	2.00								
				McClure, J	90	7	7.00								
				Current record: 4-0-3											

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Vikings AA	5	3	2	0	24	8	11
Wisloka Chicago	4	3	1	0	18	8	10
RWB Adria	4	3	1	0	11	3	10
Stare Byki FC	6	3	1	2	18	18	10
AAC Winged Bull	7	3	1	3	11	15	10
Gazelle SC	4	3	0	1	7	4	9
CKS Warta	5	2	0	3	14	14	6
SAC Wisla	3	2	0	1	7	4	6
FC Guadalajara	5	2	0	3	11	13	6
Dundalk FC	5	0	0	5	7	22	0
Das Magic	6	0	0	6	7	26	0

PSLC OVER 30 WHITE DIVISION**17 June 2018****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Levski Chicago 2014	8	8	0	0	45	11	24
FC Oasu	7	5	1	1	44	15	16
Celtics	8	5	1	2	27	22	16
AEK FC Chicago	5	4	0	1	28	6	12
Stare Byki FC	7	4	0	3	22	18	12
Tricolorii FC	7	3	1	3	28	13	10
International SC	6	3	1	2	25	20	10
FC Igloopol	7	2	1	4	17	20	7
Shogun	5	2	0	3	18	24	6
Chicago Rangers FC	7	1	1	5	19	27	4
FC National	7	1	0	6	21	30	3
Adventists United FC	8	0	0	8	2	90	0

PSLC OVER 40 B DIVISION**17 June 2018****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Olympiacos Chicago	8	6	2	0	37	9	20
FK Danubia	7	5	2	0	26	10	17
Deerfield	6	3	1	2	12	11	10
Park Ridge Rogues	5	2	2	1	14	12	8
MANA United SC	4	1	0	3	9	9	3
Atletico Torino FC	3	1	0	2	3	15	3
Stare Byki FC	5	0	2	3	4	16	2
International SC	3	0	1	2	2	5	1
Real FC Blues	5	0	0	5	5	25	0

PSLC OVER 48 DIVISION**20 June 2018****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Jakes Stars Villains	6	5	1	0	21	4	16
Park Ridge Rogues	7	4	1	2	24	8	13
HNK Concordia	4	4	0	0	19	1	12
St Charles Celtics	6	3	1	2	23	22	10
Sofia BG	6	2	3	1	18	9	9
Atletico Torino FC	7	1	3	3	13	20	6
Stare Byki FC	6	1	1	4	11	21	4
St. Charles Celtics Silverbacks	8	0	0	8	8	52	0