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**2015 PSLC
Over 40
CHAMPIONS**

Stare Byki	2	National Soccer League 2nd Division
Wisla B	3	Oak Brook Sports Core 26 June 2016

Wisla squeezes in late winner

The Byki took on their toughest opponent so far when they clashed with SAC Wisla B on June 26 at Oak Brook. The Byki crafted two equalizers, but fell just short of claiming a share of the points when a defensive miscue in the 81st minute allowed the visitors to escape with a 3:2 victory.

The Byki showed the depth of their quality by going toe to toe with a top opponent. With several players missing due to injuries and absences, the Byki had to improvise at a couple of positions. The team played with a high level of coherence, despite the roster disruptions.

Wisla grabbed the lead after just five minutes. The sent a booming long ball into space on the right wing. Backup goalkeeper Amit Khankari, forced to start at left back because of late-arriving teammates, could not catch Wisla's winger, whose shot from the right side of the penalty area gave Sohel Mansuri no chance.

Mansuri was called into action eight minutes later, intervening Wisla's quick pass over the top of the Byki defense with a sliding clearance.

The Byki knotted the affair in the 20th minute. Mike Stamatinos stepped into the path of an errant Wisla pass and found Marek Ciszewski in the left-side channel. Ciszewski quickly turned his defender and blasted the ball inside the near post.

The equalizer was a big turnaround and it sent Wisla a message that the Byki were not going to be a trivial opponent. The flow of the match went from one end to the other for the remainder of the first half.

Wisla regained the lead four minutes after the break. A Wisla player chased the ball down on the deep right wing and managed to get a cross to the far post, where an unmarked teammate nodded the ball home for a 2:1 lead.

The Byki made their reply just minutes later. Quavas Kirk concluded a jaunt along the right wing with a cross into the mixer. The ball was deflected twice before finding Kyler Mowry on the left side of the box. Mowry turned quickly and drilled his attempt narrowly over the bar.

Moments later, Ciszewski stole the ball at midfield and galloped all the way into the Wisla penalty area, where he was chopped down by an anxious defender. The referee did not hesitate to give the penalty, and Ciszewski did the rest when he buried the spot kick to make it 2:2.

Controversy marred the contest in the 69th minute. Devin Freitag led a Byki counterattack along the right flank and gave the ball to Kirk, who found himself one on one with Wisla's last defender. He accelerated into the space behind his marker and was set on breaking in alone on the keeper. The defender ended the threat when he bundled Kirk to the ground with a cynical slide tackle. The referee whistled the foul, but failed to send off the Wisla player for denying an obvious goalscoring opportunity. The Byki were understandably livid.

"There could not be a more obvious example of a defender denying a goalscoring chance," said coach George Gorecki afterwards. "The Referee Assignor was at the field and he told me it should have been a send-off. He said that the referee might not have been in the best position to see it. If that's the case, he's the only one at the park in the wrong position."

Wisla avoided playing a man down for the last 20 minutes and held their own as time wound down. They bagged an unlikely winner in the 81st minute, when the Byki made an embarrassing mistake on a long throw-in from the right corner. The ball bounced three times in front of the Byki goal and the Byki could not clear. A Wisla player sneaked in through the crowd to poke the ball home.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Mansuri – Khankari, Stamatinos (c), Stevens, Bickel – Parker, Joiner – Mowry, De Rama, Ciszewski – Kirk. **Bench:** Freitag.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – Ciszewski 1 (Stamatinos); 20th.
2:2 – Ciszewski 2 (pk); 55th.

Byki Men of the Match: Marek Ciszewski and Mike Stamatinos



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FC Oasu	4	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White Division
Byki O-30	1	Olympic Park 26 June 2016

Byki struggling for goals

The Over 30 Team took another one on the chin on June 26 when they were beaten by ten-man FC Oasu 4:1 at Olympic Park. The Byki are 1-0-5 on the season and have scored 11 goals, while conceding 24. It should be noted that 8 of those 11 goals came in an 8:2 shellacking of the St Charles Celtics.

Despite being down a man for the entire 90 minutes, Oasu showed that their players were very skilled and played well together. Their strength was in the midfield, with some very strong and quick players, who played a very good short-passing game.

Oasu seemed unconcerned about the hot conditions and were not afraid to put the Byki under high pressure right from the outset. Oasu scored after 10 minutes, when their left winger got behind the Byki defense and hammered a shot from a tight angle into the top corner of the net.

For the next 30 minutes, goalkeeper Pete Chronowski kept the Byki in the game with a several big saves. He also did not hesitate to come off his line quickly to force Oasu into early and errant shots.

The Byki generally played good soccer, stringing passes together and not overextending themselves. The scoring chances were few, however, and mostly were attempts from long range. Oasu played with an emergency goalkeeper who tended to play well off his line, tempting the Byki to try to beat him over the top. The Byki took the bait, and then promptly fired shots wide of the target.

The Byki were still chasing that one-goal deficit in the second half, as they were able to put more pressure on Oasu and generate a few more scoring chances. Oasu also continued

to put the pressure on the Byki and were able to convert two opportunities created by quick counterattacks. The Byki were unable to close down 3 v 2 situations, and Oasu cut them up with precision passes that were perfectly timed. Chronowski was kept busy and came up with several saves to prevent the match from getting out of hand.

The Byki finally pulled one back with 15 minutes to go. Their sustained pressure earned them a corner kick. Oasu players had major trouble trying to clear the ball and the Byki worked hard to keep the ball in the danger zone. The ball popped free to the penalty spot, where Paul Pinkham settled it, cut hard to the right to avoid a defender, and slammed home his first goal of the season.

In the 85th minute, Oasu completed the scoring, capitalizing on a Byki turnover in midfield. Two quick passes later, they created a 1 v 1 situation, and slipped the ball past a diving Chronowski

Chris Hurley contributed to this report.

BYKI LINEUP (4-5-1): Chronowski – Jedrzejowski, Elshafie, Hurley, Marquez – Najera, Buur, Kotsy, Gibbs, Banbor – Pinkham. **Bench:** Chudyba, King..

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

3:1 – Pinkham 1; 75th.

Byki Man of the Match: None given.

Byki Stats

FIRST TEAM, NSL 1ST 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
Ciszewski	2	0	2	Gibbs	3	1	4	Kramarz	5	2	7	Pedlow	5	0	5
Mowry	1	1	2	Herholdt	2	2	4	Penafiel	0	2	2	Huck	1	1	2
Stamatinos	0	2	2	Baekgaard	3	0	3	Pedlow	1	0	1	Nelson	0	2	2
Freitag	1	0	1	Boeckeler	1	1	2	Rodriguez, G.	1	0	1	Carrillo	0	1	1
Joiner	1	0	1	Kekus	1	1	2	Zarate	1	0	1	Cohen	0	1	1
Kirk	1	0	1	Pinkham	1	0	1	Ekundayo	0	1	1				
Calleros	0	1	1	Buur	0	1	1	Lane	0	1	1				
Stevens	0	1	1	Najera	0	1	1								
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Chronowski	180	2	1.00	Chronowski	180	5	2.50	Vlahakis	270	3	1.00	Muehlbauer	3	0	0.00
Mansuri	270	4	1.33	Khankari	360	19	4.75	Fukar	90	2	2.00	Calbay	87	1	1.03
Current record: 2-0-3			Current record: 1-0-5			Current record: 1-1-2			Current record: 1-0-2			Current record: 1-0-2			

International	2	Premier Soccer League Over 48 Division
Byki O-48	0	Burden Field 29 June 2016

Fundamentals escape Byki

The Over 48 Team were blanked for the second consecutive match on June 29 when International SC came away 2:0 winners at Burden Field. A large portion of the match was played in the Byki end of the field, as the Byki failed miserably at holding possession. Several standout saves from goalie James Vlahakis kept the score close and gave the Byki hope that they might find their way into the contest.

After running roughshod over Sofia BG in the opener, the Byki seem to have forgotten how successful soccer is played. The Byki attack was a messy combination of aimless passes to no one and unforced errors, and they only rarely challenged the Inter goal. Doug Towsey, who attended the match as a spectator, and George Gorecki spent the second half casually charting how many times the Byki could complete three consecutive passes. Needless to say, the total was not an impressive number.

"Our guys looked really frustrated," said Gorecki. "Everybody talked about making simple passes before, during and after the game. The thing is, we moved the ball into the Inter penalty area pretty easily on the occasions when we made five or six passes. I don't know why we didn't do more of that."

The Byki caught Inter a bit flat-footed in the sixth minute when Eric Tower won a 50/50 ball in midfield and slid a pass to Dominic Demarets on the left side. Demarets dropped a cheeky ball over the Inter defense for Steven Pedlow in the box. Pedlow turned his defender and fired a shot over the bar.

Inter quickly turned the momentum in their favor. They dominated possession and it seemed that a breakthrough was inevitable. In the 22nd minute, a through pass to an offside player beat the Byki defense. The assistant's flag stayed down and Vlahakis saved the day by blocking the shot and then

snaring the rebound. Three minutes later, an Inter shot from the arc clanged off of the crossbar.

Inter unlocked the Byki defense in the 35th minute with a series of quick passes, leaving a man open on the right side of the area. Vlahakis came up big and blocked the shot attempt.

The opening goal came just three minutes before the break. A sloppy Byki turnover quickly became an Inter counter. The Byki were slow to react and Vlahakis had no miracle up his sleeve this time.

The Byki talked about changing the game to incorporate more short passes, but the second half was more one-way traffic to the Byki goal. The Byki defense was well organized and repelled Inter's incursions, but the situation had the feeling of a dam about to break.

Demarets finished off a smart sequence in the 63rd minute when he forced the keeper to execute a kick save on his near-post attempt from a very tough angle.

Four minutes later, the Byki coughed up possession 25 yards from their goal and Inter capitalized by finding the open man quickly. A shot from ten yards gave the lunging Vlahakis no chance and Inter had to feel good about their 2:0 lead.

Vlahakis registered another spectacular save in the 78th minute, after the Byki committed yet another unforced turnover in midfield. Inter countered rapidly and Vlahakis read the play well, coming out hard to take away the shooter's angle.

The Byki had a terrific opportunity ten minutes from the end, thanks to a seven-pass sequence that left Inter's defenders standing in place. Juan-Carlos Carrillo hustled to save a ball near the left-wing touchline and found Pedlow making the run. Pedlow carried to the byline and centered for Tower, who sent his first-time attempt from close range over the bar.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Vlahakis – Kerbis, Fukar, Fink, Zadlo – Park, Tower – Pedlow (c), Gorski, Carrillo – Demarets. **Bench:** Bolesta, Dahlquist, Gorecki, Huck, Muehlbauer, Smith, Soldato, .

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

Byki Man of the Match: James Vlahakis

NSL FIRST DIVISION

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Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
AAC Winged Bull	6	4	1	1	12	5	13
SAC Wisla B	6	4	1	1	23	10	13
FC Macedonia	6	4	1	1	12	8	13
FC Moldova	6	3	1	2	16	13	10
Das Magic	5	2	0	3	10	11	6
Stare Byki FC	5	2	0	3	6	6	6
FC Kosova	5	2	0	3	10	13	6
Chicago Dynasty FC B	7	0	0	7	6	29	0
CKS Warta B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

PSLC OVER 40 B1 DIVISION

June 26, 2016

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B1 DIVISION	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Grosse Point Social Club	6	6	0	0	14	2	18
Naperville Strikers FC	5	3	0	2	13	16	9
MANA Soccer Club	4	2	1	1	15	8	7
Windy City United	5	2	0	3	9	11	6
Stare Byki FC	4	1	1	2	8	5	4
Pampas	5	1	1	3	7	14	4
MOFG	5	0	1	4	6	16	1

PSLC OVER 30 WHITE DIVISION

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Tricolorii	7	5	1	1	32	10	16
St Charles Celtics O30	7	5	0	2	23	18	15
FC DePaul	4	4	0	0	21	1	12
FC Oasus	4	4	0	0	21	5	12
A.E.K F.C CHICAGO	6	2	2	2	16	11	8
Olympiacos Chicago	6	2	2	2	15	14	8
Levski Chicago 2014	4	2	1	1	12	10	7
Chicago Rangers FC	6	2	0	4	10	19	6
Stare Byki FC	6	1	0	5	11	24	3
Shogun	4	0	0	4	6	27	0
Real FC	6	0	0	6	5	33	0

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Concordia	1	1	0	0	6	2	3
International SC	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
St Charles Celtics	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Stare Byki FC	3	1	0	2	6	5	3
Sofia BG	2	0	0	2	4	12	0