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Byki O-30	1	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White B Division
Levski	5	Oak Brook Sports Core 8 July 2018

Levski prove too tough for Byki

Levski Chicago 2014 continued their trampling of the PSLC's Over 30 Division with a decisive victory over the Byki last Sunday at Oak Brook. The match was hotly contested for more than an hour, but Levski showed their quality with three late goals to break the game open. Levski have maximum points from their nine matches and hold a commanding 11-point lead over FC Oasus and Celtics. Everyone else is playing for second place at this point; the teams positioned second through seventh in the table are separated by just six points. The Byki are fully in the mix with this bunch, with 12 points from 8 matches.

With the First Team on a break from league matches, the Over 30s brought in midfielder Mark Zeman and striker Quavas Kirk to improve the squad's capabilities. In the end, it simply was not enough to contain a team with Levski's firepower.

In the opening moments of the game, the Byki looked bright and active. A few final passes were a bit loose and prevented the Byki from generating decisive opportunities. With a strong start to the contest, the Byki played with confidence and looked every bit as good as the league leaders.

Levski broke through in the 35th minute, when a shot from long range sneaked into the near post past a diving Ray Najera.

The score remained 1:0 for Levski at halftime, but the match had become increasingly physical. Some of the clashes between opponents bordered on violent and a different referee might have brandished his red card. "There were cheap shots off the ball and a couple of late studs-up challenges," said Alan Stevens afterwards. One of the worst of these challenges was a harsh tackle that came in high on Volkan Akbas' ankle, forcing him out of the match. Robbie McClure went home sporting a black eye for his trouble.

The Byki worked hard to craft an equalizer right out of the gate in the second half, but failed to convert dangerous

situations into goals. Matt Klosterman made the keeper go full stretch on a chance created from a corner kick. A few minutes later, Kirk set up Klosterman for a breakaway opportunity. Klosterman shot early and the Levski keeper made the grab.

Levski shook off the early pressure and then quickly took advantage of a poor Byki back pass to go up 2:0.

The energized Byki got a goal back when high team pressure forced Levski into a mistake in their back third. Richard Sodeinde took the finishing touch, sending the ball coolly into the corner for his fifth marker of the campaign.

The Byki came close to an equalizer from a corner kick, but Greg Jehs was denied by the post on a shot hit squarely from from close range.

Levski went 3:1 up in decisive fashion, thanks to miscommunication between the Byki. A quickly taken free kick caught the Byki off guard and a nonchalant pass went directly to a Levski player to spring a 3 v 1 counterattack that they readily converted. Things really unraveled at that point and Levski bagged two more for the final margin.

Alan Stevens contributed to this story.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): R. Najera – R. McClure, Boeckeler, Stevens, Gibbs – Zeman, Adogwa – Akbas, Sodeinde, Jehs – Q. Kirk. **Bench:** Chudyba, Klosterman, Soaga.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY
1:2 – Sodeinde 5; 55th.

Byki Man of the Match: Greg Jehs.

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NSL FIRST DIVISION
PSLC OVER 30 B DIVISION

CHAMPIONS

Byki O-40	3	Premier Soccer League Over 40 B1 Division
MANA Utd	4	Oak Brook Sports Core 8 July 2018

Comeback falls short for Byki

The Over 40 Team is still searching for their first win of the season following a seesaw match versus MANA United last Sunday at Oak Brook. The visitors ran out to a 3:0 lead, which prompted a furious turnaround by the Byki, who leveled the affair at 3:3. MANA, however, had just a bit more gas left in the tank and secured the game-winner late in the contest for a 4:3 victory. The Byki have just two points from their six matches this season.

The match started out in rocky fashion for the Byki. MANA have a lot of very fast players and they like to attack. At times, it appeared that they had as many as five players who were playing in an advanced role. Their game plan seemed quite simple: speed, speed, and more speed. They seldom even tried to work the ball through midfield. The Byki were hit early and often with quick counterattacks. At the other end, the Byki struggled to move the ball out of their own half.

Eventually, the Byki thought that they had weathered the storm, and then disaster struck when a missed clearance just outside the Byki penalty area allowed a MANA striker to come in alone on goal. He easily slotted home, leaving goalkeeper Dean Fukar stranded.

The Byki probed for an equalizer, but a turnover at the halfway line led to a quick through ball by MANA to their

speedy striker, who put the chance away for a 2:0 advantage.

For the remainder of the first half, the Byki improved their ball possession and it appeared that MANA were back on their heels.

MANA fully utilized the halftime break to recharge, and they readily resumed their attacking ways. They got their reward when an unmarked MANA player volleyed home a tremendous strike after receiving a corner kick. John Park, who had replaced Fukar in goal at the break, had no chance of stopping the powerful shot.

Incredibly, that goal only seemed to revitalize the Byki. The hardworking Diego Penafiel pressed a MANA defender and stole the ball. He went straight to goal all alone, and handily beat the keeper to make it 3:1.

The game started getting a bit chippy, and the referee showed much-deserved yellow cards to a couple of MANA players, who complained bitterly of the referee's bias against them.

The Byki pulled to within 3:2 shortly thereafter, but not without controversy. Penafiel crossed a corner kick into the mixer, finding Fukar's head. The ball rattled around a bit and fell to Gabriel Rodriguez's feet. Rodriguez shot immediately, but right at the keeper. In making the save, the MANA goalie fell backwards, carrying the ball over the goal line. Both the referee and his assistant signaled for a goal, igniting an angry reaction from a scrum of MANA players, some of whom ridiculously accused the referee of religious discrimination.

The Byki didn't let this freak show distract them, and shortly thereafter, Ade Ekundayo fed Fukar, who was in alone on the left side. Fukar tore up the field towards the MANA goal, and at the edge of the area, attempted a cross with the outside of his right foot. A MANA defender, running full

Byki Stats

FIRST TEAM, NSL MAJOR DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
De Felice	5	3	8
Perez, B	3	1	4
Zeman	2	1	3
Yamane	1	2	3
Kirk, Q	0	3	3
Sauerman	2	0	2
Tutich	2	0	2
Korinenko	1	1	2
Joiner	1	0	1
Parker	1	0	1
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Menyes	270	8	2.67
Perez, A	270	10	3.33

Current record: 3-1-2

O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Sodeinde	5	2	7
Akbas	5	1	6
Klosterman	4	0	4
McClure, R	3	1	4
Gibbs	1	2	3
Jaworski	1	2	3
Adogwa	1	1	2
Jaramillo	0	2	2
Sauerman	0	2	2
Campos	1	0	1
Hernandez	1	0	1
Patz	1	0	1
Durojaiye	0	1	1
Espinoza	0	1	1
Jehs	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
De Rama	90	2	2.00
Najera	540	14	2.33
McClure, J	90	7	7.00

Current record: 4-0-4

O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Penafiel	3	2	5
Ekundayo	1	0	1
Metzger	1	0	1
Rodriguez, G	1	0	1
Towsey	0	1	1
Team goals	1	x	x
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Vlahakis	315	9	2.57
Park, J	90	3	3.00
Fukar	135	8	5.33

Current record: 0-2-4

O-48 TEAM, PSLC O-48 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Huck	3	2	5
Pedlow	2	1	3
Retterer	2	1	3
Arno	2	0	2
Jacobs	0	2	2
Carrillo	1	0	1
Kosmas	1	0	1
Safford	0	1	1
Zadlo	0	1	1
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Park, J	45	1	2.00
Najera, R	492	21	3.84
Muehlbauer	3	1	30.00

Current record: 1-1-5

bore to catch Fukar, deflected the ball into his own goal to tie the score.

The Byki had little left in the tank, however, and MANA were able to take advantage. They launched an attack right down the middle of the field. For some reason, there were no Byki midfielders to slow them, and a succession of four quick passes resulted in a wide-open player slamming the ball into the Byki goal. The referee blew the final whistle just seconds later.

Despite having won the match, the MANA manager launched into a tirade towards the officiating crew about their bias against Muslims and how dirty the Byki were. He followed up that performance with a phone call to the PSLC to continue his unwarranted complaints.

Eric Tower contributed to this story.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Fukar – Towsey, King, Fink, Zarate – Tower, Penafiel – Banbor, Marquez, Ekundayo (c) – Pedlow. **Bench:** Huck, Metzger, J. Park, G. Rodriguez.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:3 – Penafiel 3; 65th.
2:3 – G. Rodriguez 1; 75th.
3:3 – MANA own goal; 80th.

Byki Man of the Match: Diego Penafiel.

Byki 0-48	0	Premier Soccer League Over 48 Division
PR Rogues	5	Olympic Park 12 July 2018

Byki can't keep up with Rogues

After getting blanked by the Park Ridge Rogues two weeks earlier, the Over 48 Team learned some lessons. Or at least they should have. In the rematch last Thursday, the Rogues prevailed 5:0 and exposed the Byki at crucial moments.

“We started the game badly and you can't gift goals to a good team,” noted interim player-coach George Gorecki. “Our response in the second half was quite positive, so we all may wonder why we didn't start the game that way.”

The lack of focus from the Byki was evident and they found themselves 2:0 down before the mosquitoes started biting at Olympic Park. The Rogues don't do a lot of spectacular things, but they execute the fundamentals flaw-

lessly.

The superior speed of the Rogues played a role in both of the early strikes. In the third minute, they played a long ball over the top of the Byki defense, looking for a striker who had sprinted into the space. Emergency goalkeeper Eric Muehlbauer came off his line to intervene, but arrived too late and the Rogues striker slotted into the empty net.

Regular goalie Ray Najera (who came on late due a traffic jam) took over and was greeted with a Rouges counterattack two minutes later. The play came down the left flank and the Rogues squared the ball to an unmarked player in the middle of the box, who easily redirected his shot past Najera.

Things settled down at that point, but the momentum stayed with Park Ridge for most of the first half. The Byki offense could hardly get anything going, primarily due to a lack of patience. Rather than building their attack with quick, short passes to open teammates, the Byki often lumped the ball forward, looking for the quick strike. Instead, all they did was set up their forwards to try to break past the Rogues defense while outnumbered. Little wonder that such an approach was doomed to fail.

Park Ridge went 3:0 up in the 34th minute when the Byki presented them with an outright gift after a poor mix-up in the back third.

The Byki regrouped at the break and increased their commitment to keeping things simple. The turnabout was impressive, as they had the Rogues pinned back in their own end for the first ten minutes of the second half. No goals resulted from these attacking sequences, but the Byki showed that they could stay even with one of the best teams in the league if they put their mind to it.

The match was played on fairly level terms for much of the second half. The Byki defense stayed well organized and their attack looked like it was capable of some good ideas.

Park Ridge added to their lead with two late tallies. They converted a Byki turnover on the left side into a counterattack. A Park Ridge player raced into the box on an angle and picked his spot well, shooting past the sprawled Najera in the 75th minute. The Rogues capped things off with a terrific goal seven minutes from the end, when a curling shot from 25 yards found the upper corner of the net to make it 5:0.

BYKI LINEUP (5-3-2): Muehlbauer – Jacobs, Higginbotham, Tower, J. Park, Javaras – Pedlow (c), Huck, Rodriguez – Sisson, Gorecki. **Bench:** Arno, Kosmas, R. Najera.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

Byki Man of the Match: None given.

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NSL MAJOR DIVISION**24 June 2018****www.nslchicago.org**

	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**8 July 2018****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Levski Chicago 2014	9	9	0	0	50	12	27
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	8	4	0	4	23	23	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**8 July 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	7	4	1	2	15	11	13
Park Ridge Rogues	5	2	2	1	14	12	8
MANA United SC	5	2	0	3	13	12	6
Atletico Torino FC	4	1	0	3	3	18	3
Stare Byki FC	6	0	2	4	7	20	2
International SC	3	0	1	2	2	5	1
Real FC Blues	5	0	0	5	5	25	0

PSLC OVER 48 DIVISION**12 July 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