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RED

Rep. Srpska 2 : 3 Byki

NSL Major Division - Homer Glen - 26 June 2011

Big finish propels Byki to 2nd place

The Red Team ignited their holiday fireworks a week early, when a last-gasp goal by Ammin Mehreioskouei secured a 3:2 win over FK Republika Srpska at Homer Glen on June 26. The Byki now have 10 points from their six matches and have moved into second place in the Major Division's Blue Section. They trail leaders Hellenic United by eight points.

The late goal gave the Byki their first lead in the match and it sent the Srpska players and fans into a frenzy at the final whistle. At issue was a decision by one of the referee's assistants, who raised his flag on a Srpska throw-in late in the contest. The Srpska players complained that the official had mistakenly signaled for offside on the throw-in, when in fact, he had detected a handball violation. The post-game arguments and discussions lasted over 45 minutes. Srpska's manager, who is also the NSL's Secretary, allegedly tried to use her position to coerce the referee into not signing the official match report. Byki President George Gorecki observed some of the mayhem. "The fans' outrage was definitely fueled by alcohol," he said. "But it was much ado about nothing. The call that was being argued had no impact on the outcome of the match."

The game was closely contested throughout. Srpska threw the first salvo in the 11th minute. A Srpska player launched a free kick from 25 yards over the Byki defensive wall and keeper Marty Lupou leapt to make a magnificent save.

The Byki looked set to take the lead in the 23rd minute. Mike Stamatinos led a counter along the left flank and found Ivan Torossian making a run behind the defense with a terrific pass. The keeper came out to challenge and Torossian slid past him. Just before he could get a shot off, a defender raced in to knock the ball out for a corner.

Srpska grabbed the advantage just after the half hour. After a sloppy turnover in midfield, the Byki got caught with too many players moving forward and Srpska countered quickly. They converted an open shot in the Byki area past a helpless

Lupou.

The Byki needed just four minutes to level the affair. Gabi Dziekiewicz sent a long throw-in towards the Srpska goal and Marek Ciszewski took full advantage when a defender whiffed on his attempt to clear the ball. The gaffe led to a breakaway and the experienced Ciszewski coolly sidestepped the keeper to slip the ball into the empty net.

Srpska wasted little time after the break to regain the lead. In the 50th minute, they worked a counterattack along the left flank and Lupou did well to tip a high shot over the bar. Srpska got their reward in the 63rd minute when an open player on the right side of the box hammered a half-volley just under the crossbar for a 2:1 lead.

The response from the Byki once again came quickly. In the 68th minute, Stamatinos lofted a free kick into the mixer from the channel on the left side. The keeper came out hard to punch the ball clear, but mis-timed his jump. The ball fell to Torossian, whose shot was blocked by a defender. Ciszewski got closer on the second try off the rebound, but a defender on the goal line stuck a foot out to make the save. An unmarked Aaron Barsotti made the third time the charm, as he calmly knocked the ball home from close range to make it 2:2.

The match appeared to be headed for a dead-heat finish, but the Byki turned up their attack in the waning moments. The keeper saved Ciszewski's shot from the 18 in the 82nd minute and came out to smother Noam Perlmann's attempt two minutes later.

The Byki snatched all three points just moments from the death, and the same duo who combined for a late goal versus Khaboor the previous week hooked up again with deadly efficiency. Stopper Mike Lupou won the ball in the Byki defensive end and dribbled to the halfway line. He curled a pass into the space behind the back four for the sprinting Mehreioskouei, who looked up and had only the keeper to beat. He easily rounded the goalie and notched his team-leading fourth goal of the campaign.



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BLUE

Byki 1 : 0 Brusfa

NSL 1st Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 26 June 2011

Byki topple leaders off perch

Just to show that their previous win over Chicago Thunder was no fluke, the Blue Team repeated their success with a 1:0 win over Brusfa FC on June 25 at Oak Brook. The stakes were a bit higher in this match. Brusfa came in with a perfect 15 points from five matches and a gaudy goal difference of +20. The Byki overcame the absence of several players and played the last 20 minutes with only 10 men. They persevered despite those obstacles to improve their record to 2-0-3.

Defense was the key element in the Thunder match and things were no different versus Brusfa. The back four were rock-solid, as sweeper Tim Havlat and stopper Paul Mansur repelled most of what Brusfa could throw at them. Coupled with Declan Geraghty's tireless work as the holding midfielder, Brusfa found few opportunities to get behind the Byki defense.

The Byki jumped into the lead after only four minutes. A Brusfa pass in the midfield ricocheted off of a stationary Joe Gambino to Anthony del Priore. The industrious midfielder took off on a long, snaking run through the midfield along the right flank. Del Priore turned to the inside when he reached the penalty area and his near-post shot eluded the keeper, who had hopelessly mistimed his dive.

Brusfa turned a half-chance into a nervous moment in the 12th minute when a shot from a deep angle on the right skimmed off of the face of the crossbar. The Byki replied moments later, when Chris Koenig finished off a long run along the right wing with a cross to the far post. An unmarked Kazim Mirza sent a header narrowly wide.

Del Priore caused more mayhem in the 34th minute. He received a flick pass from Pedro Simas that sent him into the open. Del Priore dribbled into the box past nervous fullbacks, but the goalie made a fine save on a shot from close range.

Although the Byki took the lead into the break, Brusfa had enjoyed the majority of the ball possession. The Byki would have to find a way to hang on to the ball and get another goal, because trying to cling to a one-goal lead against a top opponent hungry for goals would be a very tall task.

Brusfa had a golden opportunity in the 47th minute when a striker broke into the area solo and slid a shot underneath the onrushing Martin Bertels. Alan Stevens saved the day when he hustled to clear the ball off the line, as Brusfa's coach screamed to the referee that the ball had gone in.

Moments later, the Byki thought the second goal of the contest was theirs. Mirza sent a cross from the right for Simas, who headed home cleanly. But the assistant raised his flag for offside, nullifying the goal.

In the 54th minute, Geraghty rattled the bar with a

half-volley following a corner kick that had been knocked down into his path. Simas was inches away from scoring in the 68th minute when he latched onto Stevens' long throw from the left touchline. The goalkeeper rushed off of his line and made a frantic kick save to deny Simas.

Things became uneasy for the Byki in the 70th minute when fullback Ohad Garnon was sent off following his second bookable offense of the match. Garnon plays every challenge with vigor and the referee thought he had crossed the line one time too many.

Brusfa, however, failed to take advantage. The Byki became even more resolute in their defensive discipline and Brusfa never came close to scoring in the final 20 minutes. The tables turned 11 minutes from the end, when Mirza, streaking on a breakaway, played a ball into the space behind the goalkeeper, who had come out of his area to challenge. When he dragged Mirza to the ground, the referee had a red card waiting for the netminder when he got to his feet. The Byki saw out the remaining minutes to secure the win.

OVER 30

**Byki 3 : 0 Hellenic Utd
(Forfeit)**

PSLC Over 30 Division - 25 June 2011

More easy points for Over 30s

The Over 30 Team appear to be taking the "win by forfeit" strategy seriously, as their June 25 opponent, Hellenic United, were unable to find enough players to make a squad. The Byki improve to 3-0-4 for the season and will wind up having gone nearly a month between games as they patiently wait for their rival teams to get their act together.

Hellenic's manager contacted the Byki earlier in the week and asked for the match to be postponed because his team had only nine available players. The Byki sought to get the match rescheduled for August 28, which is an open date in the PSLC schedule for make-up games. Hellenic initially agreed to play on that date, but later had to back out when they realized that they had previously scheduled another make-up game that day. At that point, they offered to play the game on Labor Day weekend, but the Byki did not expect to be able to field a team on a holiday. With no other opportunity to play the match, Hellenic elected to forfeit the points.

OVER 30

Hellenic Utd 3 : 3 Byki

PSLC Over 30 Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 9 July 2011

Byki keep plugging away

The Over 30 Team snagged a point last Saturday versus Hellenic United AC thanks to a hat trick from striker Maciek Kekus. The match was a seesaw battle in the second half, as the Byki came back twice from deficits to tie. The Byki are now 3-1-4 for the season.

“Hellenic were the better side,” admitted Kekus afterwards. “They had more of the ball and created more shots. We lost possession far too much and our passing was not very accurate. But we can be happy that we had nearly 100% efficiency with the chances we created.”

After Hellenic had gone out to a 1:0 lead, the Byki made their move early in the second half. Andy Lane dribbled up the middle past a couple of defenders, taking him inside the Hellenic penalty area. He sent a square pass to Kekus, who made the finishing touch a mere formality.

The Byki added to their advantage several minutes later when they launched a counterattack from the right flank. Newcomer Tomasz Worek sent a 40-yd pass for Kekus, who did the rest. He sprinted towards the goal, feinted his way past a defender and beat the Hellenic keeper at his far post for a 2:1 lead.

The tide swung back towards Hellenic, who answered with two goals of their own to go back up at 3:2. The Byki, however, saved their best for last. Kieron Inalsingh probed deep into the Hellenic penalty area and was fouled by a defender, prompting the referee to whistle for a penalty kick. Inalsingh appeared to be ready to convert the spot kick, but in the end, it was Kekus who took care of the business and took care of his hat trick when he powered the ball into the upper corner to level the affair at 3:3.

Kekus has put up 47 goals in 50 outdoor matches in three-plus seasons with the Byki and this performance put him on track to the type of form his teammates have become accustomed to seeing.

The Byki were only inches away from snagging all three points right at the end. Kekus found strike partner Kuba Banbor with a slick pass that left Banbor alone with the goalie. Banbor picked his spot with the intention of giving the Byki the lead again, but the crossbar got in the way and the Byki had to settle for a split of the points.

Maciek Kekus contributed to this story.

OVER 40

Wilmette 0 : 0 Byki

PSLC Over 40 Division - Avoca Park - 26 June 2011

Solid defense rules the day

The Over 40s put up a stout defensive performance against attack-minded Real Wilmette in a June 26 clash that ended in a scoreless draw at Avoca Park. The Byki had only one substitute on the bench, but their teamwork and discipline were enough to earn the point. The Byki have a win and two draws in their last three contests as they approach the halfway point of the 2011 season.

Wilmette came with an aggressive game plan, arranging their squad in a 4-3-3 formation. “They move a lot on offense, said Eric Tower. “At first, it caused us some problems because their forwards move and switch positions a lot.” But Wilmette’s scoring chances were few, as the Byki kept things together in impressive fashion.

It took the Byki several minutes to organize their backline and figure out defensive assignments. The task was complicated by Wilmette using their bench almost exclusively to switch attacking players. The Byki defense had to adjust to new players coming at them all the time. Wilmette had one good opportunity in the early going through a corner kick, but Tower cleared the ball off the goal line to safety.

After the Byki got through the first 10 minutes, the game settled into somewhat of a midfield battle. Midfielder Mike Cruickshank forced a great save from the Wilmette keeper when he sent a free kick on frame. Moments later, Tony Passi blasted a missile free kick and the keeper did well to deflect over the bar.

Striker Steven Pedlow perhaps had the best chance of the first half. He chased down a long ball from the back and his hustle scared the keeper into bobbling the ball. Pedlow took the ball around the keeper and shot at the open net, but his attempt was cleared away by an alert Wilmette defender who hustled back in the nick of time.

In the second half, the Byki continued to play well, and the midfield foursome began to control the flow of the game versus the three in midfield for Wilmette. As time wore on, the Wilmette forwards began to feel the effects of the heat, despite all of their substitutes, and their offense began to sputter.

The Byki came closest to scoring, as an unmarked Jing Geng was set to head home a corner kick, only to be denied by the crossbar. The Byki continued to turn the screws, but couldn't find the back of the net.

Eric Tower contributed to this report.

BYKI SCOREBOARD

RED

Rep. Srpska 2 : 3 Byki

NSL Major Division - Homer Glen - 26 June 2011

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Marty Lupou – Suhayda (c), Dziekiewicz, Mike Lupou, Taylor – Herholdt, Perlmann, Stamatinos, Trowbridge – Mehreioskouei, Torossian. **Bench:** Barsotti, Ciszewski

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – Ciszewski 1 (Dziekiewicz); 35th.
2:2 – Barsotti 1; 68th.
2:3 – Mehreioskouei 4 (Mike Lupou); 90th.

Byki Man of the Match: Brett Suhayda

BLUE

Byki 1 : 0 Brusfa

NSL 1st Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 26 June 2011

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Bertels – Havlat, Garnon, Mansur, Stevens (c) – Koenig, Mirza, Slate, Del Priore – Gambino, Simas. **Bench:** Geraghty.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Del Priore 1 (Gambino); 4th.

Byki Man of the Match: Anthony del Priore

OVER 30

Hellenic Utd 3 : 3 Byki

PSLC Over 30 Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 9 July 2011

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Bertels – McGrath, Brough, Lane (c), Casey – Zaskowski, Dec, Worek, Fleming – Banbor, Kekus. **Bench:** Inalsingh, Jedrzejowski.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – Kekus 4 (Lane); 55th.
1:2 – Kekus 5 (Worek); 65th.
3:3 – Kekus 6 (pk); 75th.

Byki Man of the Match: Maciek Kekus

OVER 40

Wilmette 0 : 0 Byki

PSLC Over 40 Division - Avoca Park - 26 June 2011

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Vlahakis – Towsey, Geng, Tower, Fukar (c) – Dahlquist, Dec, Zygmunt, Cruickshank – Chial, Pedlow. **Bench:** Passi.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

Byki Men of the Match: Jing Geng and Doug Towsey

Byki Stats

RED TEAM, NSL MAJOR DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Mehreioskouei	4	0	4
Taubman	2	0	2
Lupou, Mike	0	2	2
Stamatinos	0	2	2
Barsotti	1	0	1
Ciszewski	1	0	1
Gambino	1	0	1
Geraghty	1	0	1
Dziekiewicz	0	1	1
Herholdt	0	1	1
Taylor	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Lupou, Marty	540	9	1.50

Current record: 3-1-2

BLUE TEAM, NSL 1ST DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Simas	2	0	2
Slate	2	0	2
Del Priore	1	1	2
Karam, L	1	0	1
Gambino	0	1	1
Garnon	0	1	1
Mansur	0	1	1
Stevens	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Bertels	360	7	1.75
Barsotti	45	3	6.00
Gambino	45	3	6.00

Current record: 2-0-3

O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Kekus	6	1	7
Torossian	2	1	3
Kramarz	0	2	2
Banbor	1	0	1
Fleming	0	1	1
Lane	0	1	1
Worek	0	1	1
Team goals	6	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Najera	180	8	4.00
Bertels	270	12	4.00
Fukar	90	5	5.00

Current record: 3-1-4

O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Huck	3	0	3
Posada	1	2	3
Dec	1	1	2
Jacobs	1	1	2
Pedlow	1	1	2
Cruickshank	1	0	1
Dahlquist	1	0	1
Fukar	1	0	1
Gorski	1	0	1
Zygmunt	1	0	1
Sambou	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Vlahakis	450	10	2.00
Muehlbauer	90	3	3.00
Fukar	90	6	6.00

Current record: 1-3-4

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

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MAJOR DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
SAC Wisla	6	4	2	0	24	9	14
RWB Adria	4	4	0	0	19	3	12
Albanian Stars	4	2	1	1	9	5	7
Jahbat FC	7	2	1	4	13	15	7
FC Steaua	4	1	1	2	5	10	4
Khaboor FC	8	0	1	7	6	34	1

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Hellenic United Blue	7	6	0	1	26	10	18
Stare Byki FC Red	6	3	1	2	10	9	10
CKS Warta A	6	2	2	2	7	11	8
FK Republika Srpska	5	1	1	3	8	15	4
Gazelle SC	3	1	0	2	8	10	3
Hellenic United White	4	1	0	3	2	6	3

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
NK Prijedor	7	5	0	2	23	11	15
Brusfa FC	6	5	0	1	24	5	15
Independiente FC	5	3	0	2	18	8	9
Assyrian FC	5	3	0	2	25	17	9
Stare Byki FC Blue	5	2	0	3	6	13	6
Gremio FC	6	0	0	6	9	34	0

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Deportivo Colomex	8	6	1	1	27	10	19
Das Magic	7	4	1	2	21	12	13
Winged Bull B	7	3	0	4	10	21	9
West Indies Jets SC	5	1	2	2	10	13	5
CKS Warta B	6	1	1	4	5	19	4
Chicago Thunder	5	0	1	4	8	23	1

SECOND DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Bosphorus FC	5	4	0	1	14	5	12
Chicago Dynasty FC	5	2	1	2	5	6	7
Lamaso FC	2	2	0	0	15	2	6
FC Moldova	5	1	0	4	7	12	3
FK Podrinje	4	0	1	3	3	16	1

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Kosova	6	6	0	0	34	14	18
Lemont FC	6	5	0	1	28	12	15
DePaul FC	4	3	0	1	22	8	9
Turkish FC	5	1	0	4	10	14	3
Chicago Thunder B	6	1	0	5	12	44	3
West Bosnia SC	4	0	0	4	5	22	0

OVER 30 DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Hellenic United AC	5	5	0	0	17	1	15
SAC Wisla	4	2	0	2	12	9	6
West Indies Jets SC	4	1	0	3	7	12	3
Jahbat FC	5	1	0	4	7	21	3

PREMIER SOCCER LEAGUE of CHICAGOLAND

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OVER 30 RED DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Bulgaria FC	7	6	0	1	21	10	18
St Charles Celtics Red	7	5	0	2	26	9	15
Torino FC	7	5	0	2	24	8	15
Balkan	8	5	0	3	18	14	15
Stare Byki FC	8	3	1	4	15	25	10
Chicago Celtic	8	2	1	5	11	22	7
FC Tarnovia	8	2	0	6	8	23	6
Hellenic United AC	7	0	2	5	7	19	2

OVER 40 GREEN DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
International SC	7	7	0	0	20	6	21
Champions FC	8	6	0	2	41	14	18
Real Wilmette	9	4	2	3	16	10	14
Park Ridge Rogues	8	4	1	3	20	21	13
Hellenic United AC	7	3	3	1	19	12	12
FC DePaul	7	4	0	3	17	29	12
St Charles Celtics Blue	7	2	1	4	13	18	7
Botev Chicago	6	2	0	4	10	13	6
Stare Byki FC	8	1	3	4	12	19	6
St Charles Celtics Green	9	0	0	9	4	30	0

OVER 40 BLUE DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Gato Verde	8	7	0	1	38	7	21
Pampas OT	7	5	1	1	14	7	16
Villains SC	8	4	2	2	23	11	14
Real FC	8	3	3	2	10	14	12
MOFG	7	3	2	2	12	6	11
Windy City United	7	3	1	3	12	9	10
Naperville Strikers FC	7	2	0	5	10	19	6
St Charles Celtics Orange	7	0	1	6	5	33	1
Torino FC	5	0	0	5	4	22	0