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CHAMPIONS**

Stare Byki	5	National Soccer League 1st Division
Dynasty FC	0	Oak Brook Sports Core 12 July 2015

Byki deliver crushing blow

The Byki extended their unbeaten run to five matches last Sunday when they pummeled an overmatched Chicago Dynasty side into submission in impressive fashion, winning 5:0 at Oak Brook. Brendan Flynn bagged two goals and an assist, while Devin Freitag and Mclain Roth each contributed a goal and an assist. The Byki have 13 points from their seven matches and sit in third place in the tightly contested Red Section of the NSL's 1st Division.

At the midway point of the season, the race in the Red Section has boiled down to three teams, FC Kosova, Das Magic and the Byki, who have 15, 13, and 13 points respectively. Dynasty are closest to the leaders, with just 4 points, and West Indies Jets and Olympiacos bring up the rear. The Byki have lost just twice this season, and both defeats were against the teams ahead of them in the table. The last eight games of the season are shaping up to be must-see soccer.

The Byki were in control of this one from the start. They led only 1:0 at halftime, although not for a lack of scoring chances. They consistently found space behind the Dynasty defense, but consistently failed to put the ball in the back of the net.

That lone tally came after just nine minutes, when the crafty Roth was taken down in the box by a clumsy challenge from a Dynasty player. Striker Miles Marmo fired the spot kick low into the left corner.

Dynasty nearly got an equalizer two minutes later. They launched a cross from the right flank towards the far post. A Dynasty player pulled off an impressive volley, but Byki goalkeeper Alan Stevens was more impressive, blocking the shot as he went right and the ball went left. Mike Stamatinos cleared the loose ball to safety.

That represented Dynasty's best chance of the day. The Byki rebounded quickly and used superior pace and skill to put Dynasty's keeper under siege all day. Roth was a marauder throughout the 90 minutes, beating defenders all over the field. He easily could have notched a hat trick before halftime had his aim been sharper.

The Byki sought to achieve a higher level of patience in the second half and their ball movement made the Dynasty defense resemble dribbling cones. Just 22 seconds after the whistle, Roth picked the pocket of Dynasty's left back, fought through a shirt-pull, and cut inside, only to see his shot rebound off of the near post. Flynn, however, was in the right spot to slam the ball home for a 2:0 lead.

Roth was at it again three minutes later, when he carried the ball on a powerful run on the right flank. The goalie came up big to deny an excellent scoring chance.

Moments later, Nanmin Kone challenged the goalkeeper and slipped the ball to Stamatinos, whose shot was blocked. Flynn's follow-up was denied by a tremendous reflex save from the keeper.

The dam burst in the 52nd minutes. Kone controlled the ball at midfield and swung an astute pass behind the defense towards Freitag, who swooped in alone from the right wing. The Dynasty defenders gave up the chase and Freitag feinted his way past the goalie to slot home his first goal of the season.

The fourth tally for the Byki came three minutes later and it was a wonder goal for the highlight reel. Stamatinos lad off a pass to Flynn, who executed an impossible move past a defender and sent himself sprinting in on a breakaway. He easily deked his way past the goalkeeper and rolled the ball into the empty net.

Down by four goals, Dynasty were not going to find a way back. The Byki nearly opened a path for them, as they took their foot off the gas slightly in the middle 15-20 minutes of the second half. Three Dynasty shots hit the framework, but that was as close as they would come.

The Byki added a fifth goal in the 67th minute, as Roth finally hit pay dirt. Gil Calleros ignited a counterattack when he gained possession at midfield. He found Freitag on the right and the winger was off to the races. He timed a nifty

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pass to Roth, who came in with only the goalie to beat. The keeper blocked the first shot, but Roth made no mistake on the rebound.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Stevens – Mehagic, Stamatinos (c), Salazar, Zachariah – Selva, Champagne, Roth, Flynn – Kone, Marmo. **Bench:** Calleros, Ciszewski, Freitag, Stopka.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

- 1:0 – Marmo 3 (pk); 9th.
- 2:0 – Flynn 2 (Roth); 46th.
- 3:0 – Freitag 1 (Kone); 52nd.
- 4:0 – Flynn 3 (Stamatinos); 55th.
- 5:0 – Roth 1 (Freitag); 67th.

Byki Man of the Match: Brendan Flynn

St C Celtics	0	Premier Soccer League Over 40 B1 Division
Byki 0-40	4	East Side Sports Complex 12 July 2015

Byki back on track with clean sheet

The Byki came back from an extended break in the season last Sunday and took care of business in blanking St Charles Celtics Orange 4:0 at the East Side Sports Complex. The Byki were somewhat lethargic in this contest, as they knew they were better team going in, and only seemed motivated to do just enough to secure the points. The Byki improve to 4-0-2 and trail revitalized Windy City United by four points in the standings.

Player-coach Eric Tower was unimpressed by the effort put out by the Byki. “While the final score was 4:0, the game overall was listless and meandering, at best, and the Byki would certainly have struggled against better competition,” he said afterwards.

Kickoff was delayed because the PSLC sent the referees to Oak Brook instead of St. Charles. As a result, both teams got to enjoy the muggy, overcast weather while waiting for the officials to arrive.

About eight minutes in, midfielder Ade Ekundayo narrowly missed giving the Byki an early lead, when his shot from the top of the box caromed off of the inside of the post and behind the St. Charles keeper. A Celtics defender was first to the ball, clearing it away to safety.

Ekundayo got redemption in the 20th minute, following a flurry of activity in the St. Charles penalty area. Mitch Posada’s shot was deflected, falling to Dave Fink, who tried to shoot, but scuffed his shot. The ball then rolled harmlessly to a wide open Ekundayo, who was alone at the penalty spot. He made no mistake, slotting the ball home to put the Byki up 1:0.

In general, the Byki enjoyed the lion's share of possession. That said, they somehow kept confusing the Celtics Orange jerseys for the Byki blue. Passes straight to St. Charles players resulted in a number of turnovers that found Byki defenders struggling to recover. In the offensive third, the Byki did a wonderful job of continually hitting long crosses directly to

the St. Charles keeper, rather than delivering the ball at the edge of the 6-yard box. The result was a tepid match, mostly played in the St. Charles half, and punctuated by occasional St. Charles forays into the Byki half. Fortunately, St. Charles were unable to neither keep possession nor sustain pressure.

The Byki doubled their lead ten minutes before halftime, as the Byki beat the Celtics on the counter. The Celtics managed to block a shot attempt, but had too few players back on defense. The ball kicked back to the top of the box and Jim Jacobs was in perfect position to hit a solid shot into the back of the net for his first goal of the campaign.

There wasn’t much of a halftime discussion on the Byki bench. They knew that they were the better side and winning the game should be a foregone conclusion. It would be important to tamp down on the mental errors that had plagued the Byki in the first half. Player-coach Doug Towsey encouraged his teammates to score in the first 10 minutes to put the game away.

Something certainly went right, because the Byki netted their third tally of the day in the opening minutes of the second frame. Diego Penafiel released Rob Thompson into space and the race was on. Thompson shed a defender who had tried to catch up to him and fired from close range to make it 3:0.

Shortly after the third goal, the Byki put the game to bed. A series of passes ended with Ekundayo controlling the ball at the top of the box. He spotted Tower unmarked in front of the goal and quickly slotted the ball to him. Tower took his time and handily side-footed the ball past the stranded keeper into the net.

Rob Thompson and Eric Tower contributed to this report.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Fukar – Towsey, Safford, Fink, Cohen – Tower, Penafiel – Pedlow (c), Posada, Ekundayo – Karafili. **Bench:** Huck, Jacobs, Muehlbauer, Thompson.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

- 0:1 – Ekundayo 1 (Fink); 20th.
- 0:2 – Jacobs 1; 35th.
- 0:3 – Thompson 1 (Penafiel); 48th.
- 0:4 – Tower 2 (Ekundayo); 60th.

Byki Man of the Match: None given.

Byki 0-30	1	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White Division
Levski	3	Oak Brook Sports Core 12 July 2015

Byki starved for goals

The scoring touch for the Over 30 Team remained elusive for the second straight match, as they dropped a disappointing 4:1 decision to Levski Chicago last Sunday at Oak Brook. The Byki were unable to convert a slew of scoring opportunities and lost for the third time in their last four matches. No other match details were available at press time.

NSL FIRST DIVISION**July 12, 2015****www.nslchicago.org**

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Kosova	7	5	0	2	20	8	15
Das Magic	7	4	1	2	22	15	13
Stare Byki FC	7	4	1	2	20	9	13
Chicago Dynasty FC	6	1	1	4	8	14	4
West Indies Jets	6	1	1	4	9	15	4
Olympiacos Chicago	6	1	0	5	11	23	3

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Guadalajara	6	5	0	1	17	11	15
FC Macedonia	7	3	1	3	17	16	10
Assyrian FC	4	3	0	1	13	8	9
Lancer SC	5	2	1	2	15	16	7
Gremio FC	7	2	0	5	14	31	6

PSLC OVER 40 B1/B2 DIVISION**July 12, 2015****www.pslchicagoland.com**

B1 DIVISION	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Windy City United	7	5	1	1	14	6	16
Stare Byki FC	6	4	0	2	14	6	12
Pampas OT	6	4	0	2	14	12	12
Naperville Strikers FC	6	2	1	3	12	14	7
International SC	5	1	2	2	9	12	5
MOFG	6	1	1	4	10	14	4

B2 DIVISION	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Itasca	7	5	1	1	25	15	16
MANA Soccer Club	5	4	0	1	29	7	12
St Charles Celtics Green	8	3	2	3	24	16	11
Real FC	7	3	1	3	17	21	10
Chicago FC	7	1	1	5	8	22	4
St Charles Celtics Orange	6	0	0	6	1	32	0

PSLC OVER 30 WHITE DIVISION**July 12, 2015****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
St Charles Celtics	7	6	1	0	23	7	19
FC DePaul	8	6	1	1	23	9	19
A.E.K FC Chicago	7	5	0	2	22	13	15
Levski Chicago 2014	7	4	1	2	25	12	13
Olympiacos Chicago	7	3	0	4	16	12	9
Chicago Rangers FC	7	2	2	3	17	13	8
Stare Byki FC	6	2	1	3	16	17	7
Real FC	8	1	0	7	10	41	3
Shogun	7	0	0	7	7	35	0

PSLC OVER 48 DIVISION**July 12, 2015****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Sofia BG	5	4	0	1	26	12	12
Concordia	4	4	0	0	16	3	12
Stare Byki FC	5	2	0	3	6	19	6
International SC	5	1	0	4	12	19	3
St Charles Celtics	3	0	0	3	3	10	0