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OVER 40

Byki 3 : 3 Hellenic Utd

PSLC Over 40 Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 17 July 2011

Victory eludes Byki at last gasp

The Over 40 Team have quietly amassed a four-game unbeaten streak, but some late meltdowns have turned potential wins into draws. The latest such unwanted transformation occurred last Sunday at Oak Brook, when the Byki coughed up leads of 2:0 and 3:1 in the second half versus Hellenic United AC and had to settle for a 3:3 draw. Hellenic's cruel equalizer came in the form of a penalty kick awarded in the waning moments of second-half stoppage time. The Byki are 1-4-4 for the season.

When the sides met in Week 1, the outcome was a hotly contested 1:1 draw. Since then, Hellenic have lost just once, and are in the middle of the table. The Byki expected a tough game and got just that, as Hellenic did not know when to quit and their perseverance paid off in the end.

The Byki, however, made the game tougher than it had to be. They moved the ball nicely and it was their teamwork that propelled them to a 2:0 lead by the hour mark. Better finishing could have increased the margin and taken some of the fight out of Hellenic, who had only two substitutes dressed on a very hot day.

The Byki opened the scoring in the 14th minute. The referee awarded the Byki a free kick to the left of the penalty area and Mike Cruickshank picked his spot with the marksmanship of an ace sniper. He drove the ball to the far post, and one deflection off of the defensive wall later, the ball was in the back of the net. "That ball was going in, deflection or not," Cruickshank noted later.

Hellenic came back with a response three minutes later. After the Byki defense cleared a corner kick out for another corner, the second attempt resulted in a header that smacked off of the crossbar. Goalkeeper James Vlahakis came up with a tricky save in the 32nd minute after a Hellenic striker

beat his man on the left side of the box and shot from an angle.

The Byki expected Hellenic to come out firing to start the second half and it took the visitors just two minutes to put pressure on the Byki goal. A ball over the top sent a striker into clear, beating the offside trap. He could not beat Vlahakis, however, who went full stretch to send the ball out for a corner.

But the Byki were not about to take Hellenic's incursions lightly. In the 48th minute, an outstanding through pass freed Steven Pedlow on the run. The keeper came out to intervene and Pedlow's shot went barely wide. Seven minutes later, it was Pedlow again, making a near-post run for Sven Dahlquist's corner. Pedlow's redirected shot just missed the target.

The Byki doubled the lead to 2:0 on 60 minutes. Dave Safford made an incisive overlapping run on the left wing and floated a cross to the far side of the field. Joe Sambou chased the ball down before it could go out and sent the ball into the middle, where Brian Huck banged an open header past the goalie for his team-leading fourth goal of the season.

Hellenic pulled one back five minutes later, catching the Byki on the break. But the Byki kept plugging away and looked set to score in the 73rd minute, when Mark Weslar flicked the ball over the top to Pedlow, who gave chase. The keeper came out and won the ball on the bounce, only moments before Pedlow could arrive.

The Byki regained their two-goal edge a minute later. The hard-working Eric Muehlbauer harassed a Hellenic player near the touchline at midfield into a turnover. The players fought for possession and Muehlbauer came out with the ball and a breakaway opportunity in front of him. He laid the ball off into the middle for Pedlow, who deftly sidestepped the advancing keeper and deposited the ball



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into the empty net.

That should have put a wrap on things, but Hellenic closed to within 3:2 in the 77th minute when the Byki got caught on the counterattack again, as Hellenic swept the ball from the left side to the right.

In the 81st minute, Cruickshank spotted Robert Dec making a strong run on the right side and fed him the ball into space. Only the keeper's desperate dive kept Dec's shot out of the goal. Dec unfortunately had his day cut short when he received his second booking of the day five minutes later.

The endgame was a frenzy at both ends. Pedlow and Cruickshank worked a 2 v 1 that left Cruickshank with the goalie at his mercy, but somehow the shot went wide. A Hellenic shot hit the post in the 90th minute and then disaster struck in the two minutes into stoppage time, when a frantic Byki defense sought to clear the ball any way possible. As Doug Towsey slid in to win the ball in the Byki area, his arm came into contact with the ball and the referee whistled for a penalty, Hellenic duly converted and grabbed their point.

OVER 30

Bulgaria 2 : 0 Byki

PSLC Over 30 Division - Windemere Park - 16 July 2011

Bulgaria take advantage of Byki errors

League leaders Bulgaria FC showed why the rest of the PSLC's Over 30 Division is chasing them. Smart, disciplined play was their top attribute last Saturday at steamy Windemere Park, as they downed the Byki 2:0. The Byki had their moments, but the small mistakes were killers and the home side pounced with surgical precision.

The Byki remained upbeat about their performance. Midfielder Greg Zaskowski declared, "This is the best we've played all season." Given some of uneven soccer from the Byki against the Division's lesser lights, Zaskowski's assessment appeared to ring true. But that wasn't good enough for player-coach Maciek Kekus, who was visibly frustrated when the Byki conceded the match's first goal moments before the halftime whistle.

Bulgaria looked set to score after just 11 minutes, when a through ball found a gap in the Byki back line and a striker ran free on the right side of the box. Goalkeeper James Vlahakis made a leg save on the shot and then scrambled to clear the loose ball resulting from the rebound.

Nine minutes later, winger Kieron Inalsingh got a cross in from the deep corner on the right side. Gabi Dziekiewicz hit a nifty header, but the keeper had no problems with it.

In the 35th minute, Vlahakis bravely parried a shot from the left side of the area. The deflection wound up loose in the middle and the Byki heaved a sigh of relief when the Bulgarian striker muffed a shot aimed at an open net.

A costly turnover in the middle of the field resulted in a quick counterattack for Bulgaria. Too many Byki were pushing forward and were unable to get back to defend. A striker dribbled his way into the penalty area and fired home for a crucial 1:0 lead.

The Byki wanted to make a statement to start the second half and Kekus nearly converted Matt Fleming's cross with a neat, little header. The keeper read the play and made the grab. Moments later, a Bulgarian player dribbled free along the goal line to Vlahakis' left. He found an open teammate, who slotted home for a 2:0 lead.

Given the hot conditions and Bulgaria's ability to control the tempo with their precision passing style, a comeback was going to be an uphill climb for the Byki. In the 59th minute, Dziekiewicz made a forceful run along the right flank and muscled his way past the beaten defender. He blasted a high shot that the keeper did well to get a hand on.

The Byki had scant few more chances until the end of the match. Mike Cruickshank played a good-looking through pass for Kekus in the 82nd minute. Kekus got a step on the last defender, but the goalie alertly came off his line to smother the ball before Kekus could get his foot in.

In stoppage time, Cruickshank fought through two defenders in the deep corner and crossed the ball into the mixer. Kuba Banbor was in good shooting position, but the crossbar foiled him for the second week in a row. In the ensuing scramble for the loose ball, Dziekiewicz was knocked down as he fought for possession, yet the referee kept the whistle in his pocket.

BYKI SCOREBOARD

OVER 30

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BYKI LINEUP (4-4-1-1): Vlahakis – Lane (c), Brough, Dziekiewicz, Dec – Kramarz, Banbor, Fleming, Cruickshank – Zaskowski – Kekus. **Bench:** Inalsingh, Jedrzejowski, McGrath, Najera, Pirillis.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

Byki Man of the Match: Gabi Dziekiewicz

OVER 40

Byki 3 : 3 Hellenic Utd

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BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Vlahakis – Towsey, Geng, Fukar, Safford – Weslar, Dahlquist, Dec, Cruickshank – Posada, Pedlow. **Bench:** Gorecki (c), Huck, Jacobs, Muehlbauer, Sambou, Zygmunt.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Cruickshank 2; 14th.

2:0 – Huck 4 (Sambou); 60th.

3:1 – Pedlow 2 (Muehlbauer); 74th.

Byki Man of the Match: Mike Cruickshank

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
Gamon	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
Vlahakis	90	2	2.00
Najera	180	8	4.00
Bertels	270	12	4.00
Fukar	90	5	5.00

Current record: 3-1-5

O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Huck	4	0	4
Pedlow	2	1	3
Posada	1	2	3
Cruickshank	2	0	2
Dec	1	1	2
Jacobs	1	1	2
Sambou	0	2	2
Dahlquist	1	0	1
Fukar	1	0	1
Gorski	1	0	1
Zygmunt	1	0	1
Muehlbauer	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Vlahakis	630	13	1.86
Muehlbauer	90	3	3.00
Fukar	90	6	6.00

Current record: 1-4-4

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	8	7	0	1	23	10	21
St Charles Celtics Red	8	6	0	2	33	9	18
Torino FC	8	6	0	2	26	9	18
Balkan	9	5	0	4	18	21	15
Stare Byki FC	9	3	1	5	15	27	10
Chicago Celtic	8	2	1	5	11	22	7
FC Tarnovia	9	2	0	7	8	26	6
Hellenic United AC	9	1	2	6	11	21	5

OVER 40 GREEN DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
International SC	8	7	0	1	22	9	21
Champions FC	9	6	0	3	41	15	18
Real Wilmette	11	5	3	3	20	13	18
FC DePaul	8	5	0	3	20	31	15
Park Ridge Rogues	10	4	2	4	23	25	14
Hellenic United AC	8	3	4	1	22	15	13
Botev Chicago	8	4	0	4	17	14	12
St Charles Celtics Blue	8	2	2	4	14	19	8
Stare Byki FC	9	1	4	4	15	22	7
St Charles Celtics Green	11	0	1	10	6	37	1

OVER 40 BLUE DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Gato Verde	9	8	0	1	42	7	24
Pampas OT	9	6	1	2	19	12	19
Real FC	10	5	3	2	17	17	18
Villains SC	9	4	2	3	23	15	14
MOFG	9	4	2	3	20	13	14
Windy City United	9	4	1	4	17	13	13
Naperville Strikers FC	8	3	0	5	15	20	9
St Charles Celtics Orange	9	0	1	8	6	40	1
Torino FC	6	0	0	6	7	29	0