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CHAMPIONS**

Olympiacos	<b>2</b>	National Soccer League 1st Division
Stare Byki	<b>5</b>	Inwood Sports Complex 19 July 2015

## Kone and Marmo lead the way

The Byki shook off an uneven start to their match versus Olympiacos Chicago last Sunday and banged in five goals in the second half to extend their unbeaten run to six matches. Miles Marmo and Nanmin Kone each recorded two goals and two assists to lead a potent Byki attack. The victory moved the Byki into second place in the 1st Division's Red Section, with 16 points from eight games. They trail FC Kosova by two points.

The Byki have been utterly dominant during this stretch, outscoring the opposition by a whopping 24-5 margin. On Sunday, it took a while to rev the engine. But once it got going, the Byki became a runaway freight train.

Olympiacos are in their debut season in the NSL and are showing the growing pains of a young squad still learning the ropes of the highest levels of amateur soccer. They are at the foot of the Red Section table, but their talent belies their poor standing. "They have some good players on their team," said coach George Gorecki. "Once their soccer brains improve, they could be a difficult side to break down."

The Olympiacos youngsters had the better of the first half, as they applied high pressure all over the field when the Byki had possession. The Byki reacted slowly to this pressure all too often, and silly turnovers sent the ball back to the opponent frequently. The Byki needed the first half to solve this problem, and once they did, they became the dominant team in the match.

Olympiacos made an early bid to grab the lead when their goalie boomed a long punt into the Byki end. The ball bounced over Alen Mehagic and an Olympiacos winger won the ball and immediately cut inside past Juan Rodriguez. Amazingly, the shot from close range missed the target entirely.

The Byki found gaps in the Olympiacos defense. In the seventh minute, Reggie Champagne dribbled the ball to the end line and sent a square pass for Marek Ciszewski, whose first-time shot went right at the keeper.

Six minutes later, Marmo chased down a long ball, beat the last defender, and chipped the ball high over the stranded

keeper.

Eventually, Olympiacos turned momentum their way, bossing the middle third of the field. The Byki shifted to a five-man midfield and this helped stabilize things in front of the back four.

The home side got their reward for their aggressive play in the 32nd minute. The Byki were lax defending a throw-in deep in their end. An Olympiacos player dribbled parallel to the 18 and tucked a shot just inside the post.

The Byki regrouped at the break and committed to faster ball movement. This approach negated the pressure from Olympiacos and the Byki made a rapid turnabout. A nervous moment in the Olympiacos penalty area in the 48th minute served as a precursor of things to come. Joe Sauerman's pinpoint pass sent Marmo on a long run past the defense. The goalkeeper blocked his hard shot with his chest and a teammate cleared the rebound.

The match went level four minutes later. Marmo controlled the ball on the right flank and sent a pass to Kone at the top of the box. Kone shed the defender on his back and rolled an inch-perfect shot just inside the far post.

Just before the hour mark, Sauerman maintained possession in a crowd and dropped a pass for Jorge Selva. The midfielder cranked a rocket shot from 35 yards that left the goalkeeper rooted.

The rout was on for the Byki. Marmo led a counterattack along the right side that transformed into a 3 v 1 situation. He slid the ball to Selva, who had only the keeper to beat. Selva sent his shot wide of the post. Moments later, Ciszewski's pass released Marmo on a solo run. The striker's shot whizzed narrowly over the bar.

The Byki increased their margin to 3:1 in the 65th minute. Marmo spotted Kone making the run on the left and dished the ball to the winger. Kone easily blasted past the defender and drilled his seventh goal of the season from 15 yards.

Kone played provider in the 76th minute, as the Byki came fast on the counter. He chased down a long ball on the left wing and took the ball to the byline. He crossed into the goal area, where Marmo and a defender fought for the ball. Marmo won the battle and sneaked the ball over the goal line to make it 4:1. Marmo capped off the scoring when he latched onto a pass from Kone and blasted from long range. His shot ticked off the underside of the crossbar for his fifth goal of the season.

The blitz knocked the enthusiasm out of the Olympiacos players. They came into the match mouthy and arrogant, and



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their attitude was fueled by their first-half lead. After the break, however, the Byki demonstrated the value of experience. They blunted the Olympiacos pressure and the young bucks were unable to adjust, allowing the Byki to exploit the defensive breakdowns to the fullest.

**BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2):** Chronowski – Mehagic, J. Rodriguez, Salazar, Zachariah – Sauerman, Stamatinos (c), Champagne, Selva – Ciszewski, Marmo. **Bench:** Kone, C. Rodriguez.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

- 1:1 – Kone 6 (Marmo); 52nd.
- 1:2 – Selva 1 (Sauerman); 58th.
- 1:3 – Kone 7 (Marmo); 65th.
- 1:4 – Marmo 4 (Kone); 76th.
- 1:5 – Marmo 5 (Kone); 79th.

**Byki Men of the Match:** Nanmin Kone and Miles Marmo

Byki 0-30	<b>1</b>	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White Division
Olympiacos	<b>0</b>	Oak Brook Sports Core 19 July 2015

## Byki grind out a victory

The Over 30 Team got back on the winning track on Sunday when they scratched out a 1:0 victory over Olympiacos Chicago at Oak Brook. The match resembled a tug of war for most of the 90 minutes, as the Byki desperately sought out a goal to win the game, while Olympiacos bunkered on defense for most of the second half. The Byki improved to 3-3-1 for the season and sit in the middle of the Over 30 table.

The heat and humidity were a factor, even though the match kicked off at 9.30 AM. The Byki were fortified by four substitutes on the bench. Olympiacos had some problems with their squad, not least of which was the apparent leg injury sustained by their goalkeeper in the first half. He spent the rest of the match hobbling around his goal area, and the Byki were unable to take advantage of his lack of mobility with a display of shooting that featured attempts that were either off target, or weak shots hit right at the goalkeeper.

The only decent scoring situation for the Byki in the first half came in the 25th minute when Kuba Banbor’s corner kick into the mixer found Matt Fleming’s forehead. The fullback snapped a sharp header towards goal and an Olympiacos defender nervously got his chest in front the ball before clearing it away.

The Byki dodged a bullet seven minutes before halftime when an Olympiacos square pass zipped through the goal area, where a forward whiffed on his shot attempt. The ball fell to an unmarked Olympiacos player on the left side. Goalkeeper Alan Stevens palmed the open shot off to the side. Moments later, Stevens needed to be on his toes when a free kick from 30 yards came in low. Stevens tried to parry the shot away and the deflection resulted in a loose ball in front of the Byki goal. Two Byki defenders stepped in to

block the rebound.

In the second half, the Byki enjoyed most of the possession, as Olympiacos seemed content to defend what they had and were determined to not concede anything.

Banbor’s bouncing shot in the 58th minute forced a desperate diving save from the goalkeeper and Sergio Benavides was unable to punch the rebound home.

Chris Hurley and Martin Herholdt worked a snazzy sequence of give-and-go passes, releasing Hurley with an open path to goal. The keeper somehow got to the ball first and smothered the opportunity.

Moments later, Paul Gibbs swung a booming pass to Ray Najera on the right wing. Najera went directly to goal and fired at the near post. The keeper read the play and blocked the shot, after which defenders came in to clear the rebound.

The Byki got the goal they needed in the 73rd minute. Benavides delivered a long pass to Ryan Russ on the right flank. Russ blew past a defender, despite the Olympiacos player grabbing at his shirt. Ryan shot into a maze of legs in the penalty area. Lukas Chudyba looked set to pound the ball into the net, but Benavides appeared out of nowhere and bundled it home for a deserved 1:0 lead.

Three minutes later, the Byki were set to double their pleasure as they tore into the Olympiacos defense on a counterattack. Russ and Herholdt combined to set up Benavides on the right side of the box, and the goalkeeper made a tremendous effort to tip Benavides’ blast over the bar.

Olympiacos tried to come out of their defensive posture to create the equalizer, but their attacks fizzled in the final third, as the Byki back four kept everything tidy and under control.

**BYKI LINEUP (4-5-1):** Stevens – King, Hurley (c), Elshafie, Fleming – Gibbs, Boeckeler, Russ, Banbor, Najera – Benavides. **Bench:** Chudyba, Herholdt, Jedrzejowski, Pinkham.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

- 1:0 – Benavides 2; 73rd.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Alan Stevens.

Byki 0-48	<b>2</b>	Premier Soccer League Over 48 Division
International	<b>2</b>	Olympic PaRK 22 July 2015

## Byki work hard for their point

The Over 48 Team got back to business last Wednesday after being idle for three weeks and came away with a valuable point in a 2:2 draw with International SC at Olympic Park. Dominic Demarets netted both goals for the Byki, canceling out deficits on both occasions. The Byki improve to 2-1-3 for the season, good for third place in the standings.

The Byki faced a substantial roster deficit on Wednesday, with a large number of players unavailable due to injury or

vacations. The Byki dressed twelve, but Paul King withdrew within the first few minutes because of a balky hamstring. A few of the oldboys were playing 90 minutes for the first time in a long time.

Given those difficulties, the game won no style points for the Byki. The Over 48 Division table, however, only shows wins, draws and losses. The Byki won't need to apologize for a lack of artistry. Their pragmatic approach put them one step closer to clinching a berth in the post-season, where the top four teams qualify.

King actually started in the nets for the Byki, as goalkeeper Ray Najera was not quite ready to play at kickoff. King acquitted himself nicely in his three minutes of action before making way for Najera.

The cumulative effect of so many players arriving right around kickoff time led to some confusion about roles and the Byki were on the back foot for most of the first half. Inter supplied a good deal of attacking pressure during this interval, but only breached the Byki goal once, and that was thanks to some sloppiness by the Byki in their back third. Najera did a masterful job in marshalling his penalty area and registered several sparkling saves to thwart Inter.

Inter got on the board around the 15th minute when a player stepped in front of a weak Byki pass. The interception caught the Byki flat-footed, as Inter pressed towards goal immediately. Najera tried to steer the Inter forward as wide as possible, but was unable to get a hand to the shot.

The Byki played far too much of a hit-and-hope style. Demarets and Sal Farhan were outnumbered all too often in these situations and Inter kept pushing the ball back in the other direction. This created a vicious cycle that kept the Byki in their defensive end of the field for much of the first half.

Teamwork improved as the first half wore on, and Juan Carlos Carrillo and Demarets created a clever combination play just before the break. Demarets made his move on the right side of the box and shot narrowly wide of the near post.

The Byki leveled the score only a few minutes into the second half, and the goal boosted Byki confidence. Eric Muehlbauer and Farhan worked hard to force an Inter turnover on the left wing. Farhan sent a long ball to Demarets on the right side and the striker did the rest, firing past the keeper to knot things at 1:1.

The improved level of organization in the Byki midfield evened out the match. Carrillo, Muehlbauer, Brian Huck and Mariusz Gorski did more than their share of the heavy lifting to keep Inter at bay.

Inter created two dangerous chances in succession at the hour mark and Najera was equal to the task, knocking one shot wide with a diving save, and then grabbing the ball out of a scramble on the ensuing corner kick.

Inter regained the lead in the 65th minute, thanks to a bit of good fortune. As they passed the ball around in the middle third of the field, an Inter player audaciously struck a toe ball from about 30 yards. The looping shot floated into the back of the net just under the crossbar.

That goal could have deflated a tied Byki side. Yet, they continued to put in the effort and got their reward ten minutes later. Centerback Dave Fink won the ball in midfield and slid

a pass to Demarets, who took off on a winding 40-yard gallop that took him past several Inter players on the way to goal. With only the keeper to beat, Demarets put the cherry on the pie and fired home his second goal of the night.

The Byki came close to bagging a winner when Demarets sent a cross from the right side for Farhan at the far post. Farhan steered an open header over the bar.

The second equalizer took the stuffing out of Inter, who had lost the zing in their step. Although they started the match with three substitutes, they ended the match playing shorthanded, after injuries and fatigue had taken their toll. Such is the lot of old men still playing soccer.

**BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2):** King – Bolesta (c), Dahlquist, Fink, Gorecki – Huck, Gorski, Muehlbauer, Carrillo – Farhan, Demarets. **Bench:** Najera.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

1:1 – Demarets 1 (Farhan); 48th.

2:2 – Demarets 2 (Fink); 75th.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Dominic Demarets.

Byki O-40	<b>3</b>	Premier Soccer League Over 40 B1 Division  FORFEIT 19 July 2015
Real FC	<b>0</b>	

## Real can't play, Byki bank 3 points

The Over 40 Team took last Sunday off after Real FC chose to forfeit their match. Earlier in the week, Real informed the Byki that they had only eight players available. Attempts to reschedule were not successful and Real surrendered the points.

Real's situation has plummeted in the recent past. The Byki Over 30s gave Real's Over 30s an 8:0 spanking in June, in a match that featured several Real Over 40 players. Their Veterans squads appear to be stretched pretty thin and the results on the field reflect that. The Over 30s have just three points from eight matches, and the Over 40s have a meager ten points from eight.

Windy City United continue to top the Over 40 B1 Division with 16 points, while the Byki and Pampas are tied for second, each with 15 points.

**NSL FIRST DIVISION****July 19, 2015****www.nslchicago.org**

<b>Red Section</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
FC Kosova	8	6	0	2	24	8	18
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>
Das Magic	8	4	2	2	24	17	14
Chicago Dynasty FC	7	1	2	4	10	16	5
West Indies Jets	7	1	1	5	9	19	4
Olympiacos Chicago	7	1	0	6	13	28	3

<b>Blue Section</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
FC Guadalajara	7	5	0	2	19	16	15
FC Macedonia	8	4	1	3	22	18	13
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

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<b>B1 DIVISION</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Windy City United	8	6	1	1	17	7	19
Pampas OT	7	5	0	2	26	12	15
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>
Naperville Strikers FC	8	3	1	4	18	21	10
International SC	6	1	2	3	10	15	5
MOFG	7	1	1	5	12	22	4

<b>B2 DIVISION</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Itasca O40	8	5	1	2	29	20	16
MANA Soccer Club	6	5	0	1	37	9	15
St Charles Celtics Green	8	3	2	3	24	16	11
Real FC	8	3	1	4	17	24	10
Chicago FC	8	2	1	5	11	23	7
St Charles Celtics Orange	7	0	0	7	1	44	0

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	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
FC DePaul	9	7	1	1	25	10	22
St Charles Celtics	8	6	1	1	24	9	19
AEK FC Chicago	8	6	0	2	23	13	18
Levski Chicago 2014	8	5	1	2	30	14	16
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>
Olympiacos Chicago	8	3	0	5	16	13	9
Chicago Rangers FC	8	2	2	4	17	14	8
Real FC	8	1	0	7	10	41	3
Shogun	8	0	0	8	9	40	0

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	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Concordia	5	5	0	0	21	4	15
Sofia BG	5	4	0	1	26	12	12
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7</b>
International SC	6	1	1	4	14	21	4
St Charles Celtics	4	0	0	4	4	15	0