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OVER 40

Byki 3 : 1 Real FC

PSLC Over 40 Blue Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 22 July 2012

Byki do more with less

Injuries and absences forced the Over 40 Team to reconfigure their squad for last Sunday's tilt versus Real FC and coach Eric Tower moved the pieces around with mastery as the Byki came home 3:1 winners. The victory moves the Byki into a first-place tie with Torino FC, although Torino have played one fewer game.

Byki veterans Sven Dahlquist and Kris Zadlo made their 2012 debuts on Sunday. Dahlquist had been on the shelf since winter after suffering a knee injury and rebounded nicely when he netted the first goal for the Byki.

Tower shuffled his back four while welcoming back sweeper Doug Towsey. The previous week's debacle against the St Charles Celtics underscored Towsey's value when he is on the field. Eric Muehlbauer and Steven Pedlow were the starting fullbacks, joining central defenders Dave Fink and Towsey. Pedlow is the second-leading scorer on the team, but Tower correctly concluded that Pedlow's speed would make him a contributor on the wings during Byki counterattacks.

Brian Huck fired a free kick on frame from 25 yards in the eighth minute and caused Real's keeper all kinds of problems. The low shot caught him by surprise and he spilled the rebound. No Byki were close enough to punch the ball home.

Eight minutes later, a booming shot from long range by Real rattled the underside of the crossbar. Real had a tremendous chance to score in the 27th minute when a striker came in alone. Goalie James Vlahakis rushed off his line to block the shot attempt.

The Byki caught Real flatfooted in the 35th minute and made them pay for it. Ade Ekundayo threaded an exceptional through ball at midfield that sprang Dahlquist. The defense could not catch up and Dahlquist calmly fired past the keeper for a 1:0 lead.

The Byki were barely done celebrating when Real leveled the score moments later. The defending was lax, as Real

passes made the Byki look like traffic cones. A shot from eight yards gave Vlahakis no chance.

The second half belonged to the Byki and they asserted themselves early. By the hour mark, they were back in the lead. Pedlow started the play with a long pass up the left wing for striker Mitch Posada. He sprinted to the byline and crossed the ball through the goal area, where a trailing Real defender bundled the ball over the goal line to make it 2:1.

Seven minutes later, Dahlquist spotted Gabriel Rodriguez alone on the right flank. Rodriguez dribbled past his marker, cut to the inside, and narrowly missed the near post.

The Byki tightened the screws in the 77th minute. Rodriguez threw the ball into the Real penalty area, where a hustling Huck won possession, turned immediately, and fired the ball into the back of the net for his sixth goal of the campaign.

Real pushed more players forward in the final ten minutes, but the Byki defense refused to break. Vlahakis bailed out his teammates with two magnificent saves to help secure the three points.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Vlahakis – Towsey, Muehlbauer, Fink, Pedlow (c) – Weslar, Rodriguez, Zygmunt, Ekundayo – Huck, Posada. **Bench:** Dahlquist, Gorecki, Zadlo.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Dahlquist 1 (Ekundayo); 35th.
2:1 – Real FC own goal; 60th.
3:1 – Huck 6 (Rodriguez); 77th.

Byki Men of the Match: Steven Pedlow and James Vlahakis

OVER 40

Celtics Green 5 : 2 Byki

PSLC Over 40 Blue Division - E. Side Sports Complex - 15 July 2012

Celtics jump on Byki mistakes

The Over 40s traveled to St Charles for their second consecutive match on July 15 and got a much different result from their first trip. Celtics Green dumped the Byki 5:2,

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sending the visitors into a second-place tie with Chicago Pampas. The Byki had few answers for the Celtics' counterattacking style, which focused on utilizing the speed of their two strikers. The Byki compounded their woes by misfiring on offense, save for Brian Huck's pair of goals.

The Byki may have still been basking in the glory of their 11:0 wipeout of Celtics Orange, or perhaps they looked at the standings and saw that the Greens had accumulated just four points so far this season and expected an easy game. Former Celtic Eric Muehlbauer sounded the warning once he saw the squad that the Celtics had brought to the East Side Sports Complex. "They have a good team when they bring all of their players," said Muehlbauer. "We shouldn't take them lightly."

The Celtics' woes this season could well be due to roster issues, but the Byki had the capability of securing the three points. The backline for the Celtics were slow and reacted poorly when pressured. Both Byki goals were created thanks to this pressure, yet many more chances were left unconverted.

The Celtics displayed their ability to run when they came on the counterattack in the 13th minute. Despite being outnumbered by the Byki defense, the Celtics striker forced James Vlahakis into a difficult save. It was a sequence that would play out frequently over the course of the match.

Moments later, Ade Ekundayo split the Celtics backline with a nifty through pass. Steven Pedlow sprinted towards the goal and fired right at the keeper. Mitch Posada came in alone in the 17th minute and also sent a shot straight at the goalie.

The Celtics grabbed the lead in the 23rd minute. A long pass got behind the Byki defense and an unmarked player on the right side ran freely into space. The Byki claimed the play was offside, but the Celtics player wasn't waiting around for that. He raced in alone on Vlahakis, who did well to cut off the angle. The Celtics player sent the ball towards the goal and Peter Follenweider was unable to prevent it from finding the back of the net.

The Byki knotted the score in the 34th minute. Ekundayo led the counterattack and had the ball stolen. The resourceful Huck stole it back and fired on goal immediately. The keeper got a hand in the way, but the ball trickled home for 1:1.

Two minutes later, Ekundayo made a bid for the lead when his blast from 25 yards was tipped over the bar by the goalie.

Six minutes before halftime, the Celtics took the lead for good. The Byki got stretched on the counter and no one was available to close down a Celtics player shooting from 20 yards.

Player-coach Eric Tower shuffled his lineup a bit to start the second half, moving Pedlow to a wide position, and pairing Posada and Huck on top. Pedlow used his speed to carve out space on the flank and the Celtics had few answers on that side. Despite this territorial advantage, the Byki could not get any shots on frame.

Instead, the Celtics upped their advantage with two goals within nine minutes of one another. The Byki were beaten on the break both times, although the first goal came from a phantom penalty kick called against Dave Fink, when the

Celtics player tumbled in the box after having tripped over the ball.

The Byki closed to within 4:2 in the 66th minute when the hardworking Huck got in the way of a poor clearance by the Celtics in their penalty area. The ball fell to his feet and it was easy pickings to slip the ball into the unguarded goal.

Any notion that the Byki were still in the game and that they had the ability to stage a comeback was a pipe dream. The Byki offense did not show any genuine aptitude for breaking down the Celtics defense. They were successful at getting the ball into the final third of the field, but nothing more than half chances were created from this possession advantage. The Celtics put down an exclamation point in the 81st minute with their fifth goal, coming from the counterattack yet again.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Vlahakis – Follenweider, Safford, Fink, Cohen – Elmkinssi, Zygmunt, Weslar, Ekundayo – Pedlow (c), Posada. **Bench:** Cooper, Gorecki, Huck, Jacobs, Muehlbauer, Rodriguez, Tower.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – Huck 4; 34th.

4:2 – Huck 5; 66th.

Byki Man of the Match: None given

RED
Byki 2 : 6 Wisła
NSL Major Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 22 July 2012

Makeshift Byki not ready to compete

After nearly a month away from NSL matches, the Red Team returned to action on July 22 versus SAC Wisla and their performance looked like that of a team that had been on too long of a hiatus. With several players unavailable, the patchwork lineup struggled against a Wisla side built on speed. Wisla broke open a 2:2 tie in the first half, scoring four unanswered goals in a 6:2 win.

Wisla opened things up in the seventh minute when they came fast on the counter along the right side. The Byki defense were not able to catch up and a Wisla striker slammed home a first-time shot from the top of the penalty area.

The Byki came with a reply nine minutes later. Todd Trowbridge's pass put Ammin Mehreioskouei into the clear along the left side of the box. He shot from a difficult angle, forcing the goalie to go full stretch to grab the ball.

Wisla made it 2:0 on 21 minutes when a seemingly innocuous shot from distance ticked off the inside of the goalpost and into the back of the net. Keeper Ray Najera thought the ball was going wide and did not cover the post in time.

The Byki shook off that miscue and scored twice in the span of three minutes. In the 33rd minute, Trowbridge made a powerful run down the left flank and boomed a cross to

the far post for Mehreioskouei, who headed the ball back across the face of goal. Marek Ciszewski slipped past the flat-footed Wisla defenders to clean things up.

In the 36th minute, Alex Guzman celebrated his return to the lineup after recovering from a broken toe when he floated a shot towards goal from 40 yards and watched the Wisla keeper misjudge the flight of the ball into the back of the net.

Just when the Byki thought they were back in the game, Wisla went 3:2 up just before the break when they converted a Byki turnover into a simple breakaway opportunity.

The Byki needed to make a statement to start the second half, but it was Wisla who did all of the talking. They made it 4:2 in the 50th minute after another defensive breakdown and Najera was in peril twice more within the next five minutes. He made two spectacular saves to keep the Byki within striking distance.

Another Wisla counterattack became a breakaway in the 73rd minute for the fifth goal and a well-placed corner kick seven minutes later put the result beyond any doubt.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Najera – Bouzoukis, Uriza, Guzman, Mendoza – Soegaard, Trowbridge – Stamatinos (c), Slate, Ciszewski – Mehreioskouei. **Bench:** Jordan Jacobs, Mansur.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:2 – Ciszewski 3 (Mehreioskouei); 33rd.

2:2 – Guzman 1; 36th.

Byki Man of the Match: Mike Stamatinos

Over 30 Roundup

The Over 30 Team dropped a pair of matches over the last two weeks, falling 4:2 to La Granate at Olympic Park on July 14, and then dropping a touch 5:2 decision at the hands of Jahbat FC on July 21. The defeats drop the Byki to 0-6-1 for the season. In both matches, the Byki were competitive through the first half, but could not maintain their edge in the latter stages. The lack of depth in the roster continues to be the team's biggest obstacle.

STARE BYKI FC GOLF OUTING

The club's first-ever golf outing is around the corner. If you haven't made your plans yet, now is the time to sign up. Here are the details.

Maple Meadows Golf Club, 272 S Addison Rd in Wood Dale.

Shotgun start, scramble format

Friday, August 10: Tee-off at 1.00 PM, Dinner at 6.30 PM.

Cost: \$125 per person, which includes 18 holes of golf, locker room access, dinner, and a drink ticket. Get a foursome together and save: \$450 per foursome when you register in advance.

Sign up by contacting Jeff Samp: jeffblink@yahoo.com or (847) 774-2144.

Also, register online: www.starebykifc.org/golf. Register by July 10 and be automatically entered to win a Byki prize pack!

Not a golfer? Join in the fun at the post-golf dinner for just \$25 per person.

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

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MAJOR DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Gazelle SC	6	6	0	0	23	7	18
RWB Adria	5	4	1	0	19	5	13
Albanian Stars	6	4	0	2	18	9	12
Brusfa FC	6	2	1	3	11	10	7
Jahbat FC	8	2	0	6	8	20	6
CKS Warta	7	1	1	5	10	27	4

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Hellenic United Blue	5	5	0	0	23	3	15
SAC Wisla	7	5	0	2	18	13	15
Deportivo Colomex	8	4	0	4	18	11	12
FC Steaua	8	2	2	4	13	18	8
Hellenic United White	7	1	1	5	10	29	4
Stare Byki FC Red	7	1	0	6	10	29	3

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Bosphorus FC	7	5	2	0	26	10	17
West Indies Jets SC	6	4	2	0	16	8	14
Das Magic	7	3	2	2	19	14	11
Jamstar FC	6	3	2	1	13	9	11
Khaboor FC	6	2	2	2	6	7	8
FC Moldova	7	2	1	4	14	22	7
NK Prijedor	5	0	2	3	12	18	2
Independiente FC	6	0	2	4	7	19	2
Shlama FC	4	0	1	3	5	11	1

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Assyrian FC	8	6	0	2	29	11	18
Gremio FC	7	4	1	2	17	11	13
Raiders FC	7	4	1	2	16	11	13
Lancer FC	7	4	1	2	15	12	13
FC Kosova	7	3	1	3	18	17	10
FK Republika Srpska	5	3	0	2	15	19	9
Stare Byki FC Blue	7	3	0	4	11	24	9
Lamaso FC	6	2	1	3	13	13	7
Winged Bull	6	1	1	4	4	9	4
Chicago Dynasty FC	8	0	2	6	13	24	2

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OVER 30 RED DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Romania SC	9	9	0	0	50	13	27
Bulgaria FC	9	9	0	0	46	15	27
Pampas	9	7	2	0	36	15	21
FC Tarnovia	9	6	3	0	24	16	18
Hellenic United AC	7	5	2	0	19	11	15
Balkan	7	4	2	1	15	10	13
La Granate	9	3	5	1	25	34	10
Jahbat FC	10	3	6	1	16	27	10
St Charles Celtics Red	9	3	6	0	24	31	9
Chicago Celtic	10	3	7	0	19	31	9
SAC Wisla	10	2	7	1	24	40	7
Stare Byki FC	7	0	6	1	8	33	1
Black Eagle	9	0	8	1	17	47	1

OVER 40 BLUE DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Torino FC	9	7	1	1	32	12	22
Stare Byki FC	10	7	2	1	36	18	22
Pampas OT	9	6	2	1	28	17	19
Real FC	10	5	3	2	31	19	17
Villains SC	10	5	4	1	24	24	16
MOFG	9	4	4	1	17	19	13
Naperville Strikers FC	10	4	6	0	31	21	12
St Charles Celtics Green	9	3	6	0	18	29	9
Windy City United	9	2	6	1	24	23	7
St Charles Celtics Orange	9	0	9	0	3	62	0