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**Brusfa 3 : 0 Byki**

NSL 1st Division - Conkey Forest Preserve - 23 July 2011

## Byki look broken after break

The NSL got back to business last Sunday following the annual mid-season break with a slate of make-up games. The Blue Team, going nearly a month between matches, gave an uneven performance in the first half versus Brusfa FC to go down 2:0. The Byki looked quite a bit better after the break, but could not find a way to get the ball in the net and suffered a 3:0 defeat.

“Our team looked disorganized and undisciplined in the first half,” said coach George Gorecki. “I attribute this display to rustiness. During the break, we had no games and attendance at training was poor. We are not a team that can flip a switch and expect to play well.”

The Byki handed Brusfa their first defeat of the season when the teams met in the last round of games before the break. Brusfa were well prepared for the rematch. Two goals four minutes apart in the first half put them in the driver’s seat and the Byki had a hard time recovering.

Brusfa had penetrated the Byki defense on several occasions in the early minutes of the contest, but their errant shooting let them down. In the 21st minute, things changed, as a ball played in from the right wing gave the Byki trouble. A quick give-and-go at the top of the area split the Byki open and a hard shot from 15 yards beat Martin Bertels. Four minutes later, Brusfa came fast on the break, exploiting the gap between the Byki back line and the midfield and went up 2:0.

The one good chance for the Byki in the first half came at the half hour. Ivan Torossian flicked a pass to Lukasz Karam in the box and Karam dropped the ball back for Chris Koenig, who slammed a hard shot right at the keeper.

Brusfa had a notion to put the game away right at halftime, but Bertels was spectacular when he thwarted a breakaway situation after a pass over the top had the Byki defense beaten.

The Byki worked to get their shape back in the second

half. Moments after the kickoff, Jeremy Slate sliced a diagonal pass through the box. Torossian dummied the ball for Koenig, whose shot was blocked. The keeper muffed the deflection and the ball fell to Pedro Simas, who scuffed his shot from close range.

Brusfa made it 3:0 in the 59th minute. Bertels made a desperate leg save on an open shot in the area, resulting in a mass scramble for the loose ball. Bertels and his defenders got caught up in a shoving match with Brusfa players and the ball found its way into the back of the net. The Byki were livid that the referee allowed the scrum to form near the Byki goal line and Koenig received his second caution from the referee for dissent, leaving the Byki down a man.

In the 64th minute, Anthony del Priore made a powerful run along the right side and drilled a shot at the near post. The keeper made the save, but gave up a critical rebound. Simas looked certain to score and was denied when his shot was blocked right on the goal line.

Bertels was at his best in the 68th minute. After a Brusfa player waltzed through the defense, Bertels snuffed the open shot with a brilliant save.

The Byki had Brusfa reeling in the 81st minute. Torossian executed an overhead flick near the goal line and dribbled menacingly towards the goal. He sent a diagonal pass back to Kristian Buur, who was in a great spot to shoot. The defense got in front of the ball for the block.

In the waning moments, newcomer Ricky Ahmad ran onto a through pass on the left side of the box. He took the ball straight at goal and his attempt to find the far post narrowly missed the target.

**BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2):** Bertels – Buur, J Karam, Stevens (c) L Karam, Garnon – Del Priore, Slate, Ahmad, Torossian – Gambino, Simas. **Bench:** Buur, Koenig.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**  
None.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Martin Bertels



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**OVER 40****Byki 0 : 2 St C Celtics**

PSLC Over 40 Division - Olympic Park - 26 July 2011

**Celtics on their game**

The St Charles Celtics Blue Team used good tactical discipline and a willingness to work hard to cut off Byki passing lanes en route to a 2:0 victory last Tuesday at Olympic Park. The Celtics scored both of their goals within the first half hour and did a nice job absorbing pressure in the second half to secure the win. The Byki Over 40s fall to 1-4-5 for the season.

As is the case in many soccer matches, the outcome is dictated by which team wins the battle in the middle third of the field. On Tuesday, the Celtics were that team, as they denied the Byki time and space on the ball, resulting in too many errant long balls. The crisp ball movement that led to the scoring barrage versus Hellenic United was replaced by careless possession and excessive dribbling.

It took only 11 minutes for the Celtics to break into the lead. A dandy through pass turned into a breakaway thanks to a deflection off of a Byki player and goalie James Vlahakis was stranded as he came off his line in an attempt to intervene.

The Celtics continued to build their attack and the Byki were eventually caught on the back foot. A diagonal pass found space behind the Byki defense and a shot from a very difficult angle nestled into the far post for a 2:0 advantage.

Vlahakis was called upon twice to bail out his defense in the latter part of the first half. He made a fine diving save in the 37th minute on a shot from distance and then smothered a shot with an aggressive intervention in the 44th minute after the Byki had coughed up possession in their own end in another example of chaos in the back.

As the match wore on, the Byki began committing more players into the attack, but the Celtics were able to withstand the pressure. In the 74th minute, the Celtics cleared a Byki corner kick to the left side and fullback Dave Safford hit a looping shot from 27 yards that smacked off of the crossbar.

Four minutes later, Safford sent the ball into the mixer and Mike Cruickshank won the ball in a crowd. He turned quickly to shoot and the keeper dove to make the grab. Steven Pedlow ran onto a through ball moments later, with only the keeper to beat. The keeper gambled by coming off his line strongly and Pedlow shot the ball wide.

**BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2):** Vlahakis – Towsey, Geng, Tower, Safford – Weslar, Elkinssi, Pedlow, Cruickshank – Fukar, Passi. **Bench:** Dahlquist, Gorecki (c), Muehlbauer, Posada, Sambou.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**  
None.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Dave Safford

# 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	450	10	2.00
Barsotti	45	3	6.00
Gambino	45	3	6.00

Current record: 2-0-4

**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	G	A	Pts
	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

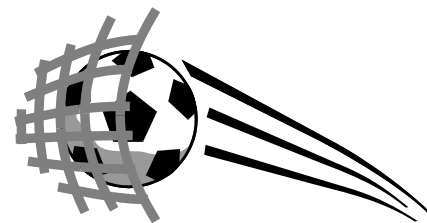
**O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION**

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	720	15	1.88
Muehlbauer	90	3	3.00
Fukar	90	6	6.00

Current record: 1-4-5



# BYKI bits & pieces



**When the Byki hit the road**, their scarves go along for the trip. Original Byk **Mark Sokolowski** visited



the UK recently and snapped this photo at Stonehenge. A brilliant example of ancient construction, Stonehenge is the most recent occasion of a Byki scarf finding its way to one of the world's great artifacts. The Kremlin and the Great Wall of China are two

examples of interesting Byki scarf placement.

Byki President **George Gorecki** took a trip to the Pacific Northwest in July and he packed his scarf for the ride. He poses here outside of Jeld-Wen Field in Portland and Empire Field in Vancouver prior to MLS matches in those cities. George also took advantage



of a fortunate coincidence at the Hyatt hotel in downtown Vancouver. "As my wife and I were having coffee in the Starbucks adjoining the hotel lobby, I spotted Columbus Crew coach **Robert Warzycha** sitting in a comfy chair," said George, "I put two and two together once I remembered that the Crew were Vancouver's opponent that night. Coach Warzycha was gracious enough to have this picture taken with me. We chatted for about five minutes and he is truly a nice fellow."



**Premier League juggernauts Manchester United** rolled into Chicago last week to take on the

Fire on their latest stop of their 2011 preseason tour of the US. The Fire made a game of it for about an hour when they held onto a 1:0 lead, but Man U's obvious superiority eventually ruled the day and they came away 3:1 winners. Many Byki attended the match and here are the stories from a couple of them.

Red Team player and all-time club scoring leader **Marek Ciszewski** brought **Little Marek** with him to Soldier Field on Saturday. They enjoyed the match from a luxury box, but they had a rough time getting into

the stadium, thanks to a sellout crowd in excess of 61,000. Marek and George exchanged text messages before the match. As Marek flouted his luxury box status, he also lamented being stuck in pre-game traffic. George, on the other hand, walked into Soldier Field easily because he chose taking the train over driving. As Marek stewed in traffic, George was drinking beer in the stadium. Ah, good times!



Over 40 player **Eric Muehlbauer** had fun at the game also. "I brought my son to the game and when [Wayne] Rooney went in I said, 'He is awesome, it won't be long now before he scores.' A few minutes later, he did. My son just looked at me like, 'How the heck did you know?!?!?' "

"I had 12 tickets to the game – there were 3 Erics in our group. What are the odds of that??"

# NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

July 23, 2011

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## MAJOR DIVISION

<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>
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

<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>
Hellenic United Blue	7	6	0	1	26	10	18
<b>Stare Byki FC Red</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
CKS Warta A	6	2	2	2	7	11	8
Gazelle SC	4	2	0	2	9	10	6
FK Republika Srpska	6	1	1	4	8	16	4
Hellenic United White	4	1	0	3	2	6	3

## FIRST DIVISION

<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>
Brusfa FC	7	6	0	1	27	5	18
NK Prijedor	7	5	0	2	23	11	15
Assyrian FC	6	4	0	2	31	19	12
Independiente FC	5	3	0	2	18	8	9
<b>Stare Byki FC Blue</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>
Gremio FC	7	0	0	7	9	37	0

<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>
Deportivo Colomex	8	6	1	1	27	10	19
Das Magic	8	4	1	3	21	18	13
CKS Warta B	8	3	1	4	10	19	10
Winged Bull B	7	3	0	4	10	21	9
West Indies Jets SC	7	1	2	4	12	21	5
Chicago Thunder	6	1	1	4	14	23	4

## SECOND DIVISION

<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>
Bosphorus FC	5	4	0	1	14	5	12
Lamaso FC	3	3	0	0	18	3	9
Chicago Dynasty FC	5	2	1	2	5	6	7
FC Moldova	6	1	0	5	8	15	3
FK Podrinje	4	0	1	3	3	16	1

<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 Kosova	7	7	0	0	41	18	21
Lemont FC	6	5	0	1	28	12	15
DePaul FC	4	3	0	1	22	8	9
Chicago Thunder B	7	2	0	5	15	44	6
Turkish FC	6	1	0	5	14	21	3
West Bosnia SC	5	0	0	5	5	25	0

## OVER 30 DIVISION

	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
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

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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	9	3	2	4	16	19	11
Stare Byki FC	10	1	4	5	15	24	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