



Byki O-40	6	Premier Soccer League Over 40 B1 Division
St C Orange	1	Oak Brook Sports Core 23 July 2017

Byki shake off pesky Celtics

The Over 40 Team locked horns with St Charles Celtics Orange last Sunday and got more of a contest than they bargained for. The 6:1 scoreline makes the match appear to be a whitewash, but the Celtics have raised their game a notch, and made things interesting for the first half. The Byki then exploded, scoring four goals in seven minutes in dominating fashion, breaking open what had been a tricky 1:1 game. The Byki are now undefeated in five games and lead the Over 40 B1 Division by four points.

Diego Penafiel scored three goals and assisted on another, while BK Park chipped in two goals and an assist. They resembled a wrecking crew in the second half, carving open acres of space in the Celtics backline.

Although the Celtics still occupy the bottom slot in the B2 Division table, they seem to have improved to the point where they won't be the sad sacks who regularly concede 100 goals in a season. They brought in a couple of lively attackers, who did their best to be disruptive in the first half.

The Byki took the dominant position in the match right from the jump. When they took the lead after the first quarter hour, who would not have expected a rout? Concluding a smart, patient build-up, Roman Kramarz took aim, but a Celtics defender blocked his shot. Penafiel hammered home the rebound for his third goal of the season.

The Celtics rebounded from that early onslaught and held the Byki in check for the rest of the first half. On the sidelines, Byki players were acknowledging that this was not going to be the usual cakewalk versus the Celtics.

Sure enough, the Celtics came on a 2 v 2 breakout just before the halftime whistle. Goalie Dean Fukar did well to get a hand to the shot and the ball deflected off of the far post.

That attempt was a shot across the bow. The Byki started the second half kicking off, and within seconds, their sloppy carelessness yielded a turnover and the Celtics' speedy striker fired home to shock the Byki at 1:1.

The Celtics were not finished, as their striker tore into open space on the counter shortly thereafter, forcing Fukar

to knock down his shot from the left side.

Was the equalizer the cold slap in the face that the Byki needed? It very well might have been, as they reversed the momentum almost immediately. In the 49th minute, Kramarz delivered a precision cross for Ade Ekundayo, whose header at the far post went just wide.

The Byki regained the lead in the 53rd minute. Penafiel crossed the ball from the right wing over to Kramarz on the left side of the box. Kramarz's booming shot caught the inside of the right post.

Moments later, Kuba Banbor floated a pass over the defense, finding Penafiel in a dangerous spot. He turned his defender and drilled a low shot for a 3:1 lead.

In the 57th minute, Penafiel carried up the middle on the counter and found BK Park on the right flank. Park dropped the ball back for Penafiel at the top of the box and the midfielder made no mistake in completing his hat trick.

The score swelled to 5:1 at the hour mark, when Dave Safford set up BK Park. Ten minutes later, Park slalomed past three Celtics defenders and slid a shot past the keeper to complete the scoring.

Dave Fink contributed to this report.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Fukar – Safford, Higginbotham, Fink, Banbor – Penafiel, Lane – G. Rodriguez, BK Park, Ekundayo (c) – Kramarz.
Bench: Huck, Jacobs, Muehlbauer, J. Park, Pedlow.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY
1:0 – Penafiel 3; 15th.
2:1 – Kramarz 6 (Penafiel); 53rd.
3:1 – Penafiel 4 (Banbor); 54th.
4:1 – Penafiel 5 (BK Park); 57th.
5:1 – BK Park 1 (Safford); 60th.
6:1 – BK Park 2; 70th.

Byki Man of the Match: Diego Penafiel.

Macedonia	3	National Soccer League 1st Division
Stare Byki	1	Macedonian Church 23 July 2017

Byki sputter and stutter

It was clear that the Byki were not at their best last Sunday when they took on FC Macedonia, but there was a path available to get something out of the contest. Two shots hit the framework and a superb corner kick opportunity went

begging. For their part, the home team took advantage of Byki mistakes and walked away deserving 3:1 winners.

The defeat was not calamitous for the Byki. A scheduling quirk in Week 8 of the season saw the bottom three teams in the NSL's First Division facing the top three. In every case, the team with fewer points won their match. At the end of the round, the Byki maintained their six-point lead at the top, while the gap between second place and sixth had narrowed to just three points.

The match started off well enough for the Byki, who took the opening kickoff and circulated the ball all over the field with commitment and fluidity, connecting a 16-pass sequence. "When I saw the way we moved the ball around at the start, I figured this was going to be a good day for us," said coach George Gorecki. "Why we got away from that successful approach is quite a mystery to me."

Macedonia broke into the lead after just 12 minutes. The Byki were sloppy on a throw-in from their back third and a Macedonian player stepped into the empty space to intercept the ball. A low shot from distance gave goalkeeper Dean Fukar no chance. Macedonia doubled their lead only 11 minutes later, catching the Byki reacting slowly to the counterattack.

The Byki threatened the Macedonian goal for the first time in the 37th minute. Peter Wigham found Joe Sauerman in the right-wing channel and he crossed into the middle for Mo Elshafie, who delivered back to Wigham. The midfielder drilled a hard shot from 20 yards that rattled the crossbar.

Four minutes later, Macedonia upped the lead to 3:0. A long ball over the top beat the Byki defense. Fukar blocked a shot from the left side of the area, but got no help on the rebound, which was knocked home from the doorstep of the goal.

The Byki pulled one back just before halftime, but they certainly didn't do it the easy way. The referee awarded a penalty kick following a Macedonian handball in the box. Mike Stamatinos' attempt from the spot was pushed off of the post by the keeper's miraculous fingertip save. Wigham was in the right spot to hammer home the rebound, giving the Byki a way back into the contest for the second half.

The Byki turned up the pressure in the second half, but could not produce any more goals. The Macedonians constantly kept four men back on defense and managed to keep things organized as the Byki sent more players forward.

Dmytro Korinenko ran onto a long Byki clearance in the 62nd minute, but the keeper showed good reflexes to snare his shot from ten yards. Three minutes later, Andrii Verbych collected a clearance in shooting range and narrowly missed the far post after the goalie went full stretch to deny him.

Mayhem ensued deep into stoppage time. After the goalkeeper muffed a deflection off of his defensive wall from Sauerman's free kick, Stamatinos came in hard to win the ball. Devin Freitag tried to finish it off, but his shot was blocked.

Moments later, Fukar thwarted a Macedonian breakaway when he took down their striker in the box, an obvious foul for denying a goalscoring opportunity. The referee sent off Fukar and JD Joiner stood in goal to face the penalty kick.

The Macedonian player chanced his shot off the post in the game's final action.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Fukar – Elshafie, Stevens, C. Kirk, Stamatinos (c) – Joiner, Wigham – De Rama, Verbych, Freitag – Korinenko. **Bench:** Bickel, Mehagic, Sauerman.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

3:1 – Wigham 2; 43rd.

Byki Man of the Match: Peter Wigham.

Byki 0-48	3	Premier Soccer League Over 48 Division
International	5	Olympic Park 26 July 2017

Comeback falls short

The Over 48 Team demonstrated that they really do know how to score goals, coming back from a 3:1 deficit against International SC to go level 3:3 last Wednesday. But International added two more goals in the closing stages to come away 5:3 winners, leaving the Byki without a point this season.

Fundamental errors continued to plague the Byki in the worst way possible. Byki opponents have ruthlessly capitalized on these mistakes all season long and International were no different in that respect.

The Byki went ahead after just eight minutes, thanks to some intelligent ball movement. Fullback Dave Safford won the ball at midfield and found Dan Nelson in front of the penalty area. Nelson astutely held the ball long enough to spot Charlie Cohen making a late run into the box. Cohen touched the ball past a defender and beat the keeper with a looping shot.

There was hardly any time for celebration before International found an equalizer. The Byki lost possession in their defensive third and an International player weaved past two Byki before squeezing a slow roller past keeper Jarek Pac.

The teams played on mostly level terms for the rest of the half. Player-coach Sven Dahlquist was especially pleased with the central defensive tandem of Paul King and Eric Tower for managing dangerous situations decisively.

Inter scored two late goals to take a 3:1 lead into the break. In the 39th minute, an International player booted the ball long towards the Byki goal and the hopeful attempt sailed just under the crossbar. Minutes later, the Byki botched a clearance of an Inter long ball by sending it straight into the air in their own penalty area. An Inter player scooted into space and knocked the ball into an empty net.

The Byki came out for the second half with a renewed sense of purpose and the improvement in their ball possession was impressive. After Pac denied a bid for a fourth Inter goal with a terrific kick save in the 49th minute, the Byki began playing on the pressure.

Nelson led the Byki through the middle of the Inter defense and laid off for Eric Muehlbauer on the right side. Muehlbauer played the ball for Cohen in the box, but the keeper came out hard and smothered the ball.

In the 58th minute, the Byki were denied a penalty when Nelson was shoved in the back after having created havoc by pressuring the Inter goalie into making a bad pass.

In the 62nd minute, Rodolfo Jimenez danced his way into open space and threaded a through pass for Demarets, who was tripped in the penalty area. The referee pointed to the spot and Brian Huck converted to bring the Byki to within 3:2. Pac came up big moments later, blocking an open shot from eight yards. The Byki kept piling on the pressure and got their reward 20 minutes from the end. Demarets bent a corner kick into the middle of the box and Muehlbauer kept the ball alive for Jose Arno, who fired from 15 yards. The deflected shot found the back of the net just under the crossbar.

Not satisfied with a draw, the Byki kept pushing players forward and Inter took full advantage with several counterattacking opportunities in the final minutes. They converted two of these into goals to secure all three points.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Pac – Safford, Tower, King, J. Park – Cohen, Jacobs, Muehlbauer Huck (c) – Demarets, Nelson. **Bench:** Arno, Dahlquist, Gorecki, Gorski, Jimenez.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Cohen 1 (Nelson); 8th.
2:3 – Huck 2 (pk); 62nd.
3:3 – Arno 1 (Muehlbauer); 70th.

Byki Man of the Match: Brian Huck.

Levski	9	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White B Division
Byki 0-30	0	
		Wheeling HS 23 July 2017

Levski the hammer; Byki the nail

Levski Chicago made it clear from the get-go who would be in charge of their match last Sunday, racing out to a 4:0 lead by halftime and coasting in a 9:0 beatdown of the Over 30 Team. The Byki brought just the bare minimum of 11 players on a hot, humid day. Their cause was not helped by the fact that a couple of players were carrying injuries and perhaps should not have played.

The heavy loss did not change the B Division standings, however, as the A Division won every crossover matchup in this round and continued their dominance over the B Division.

“Yes, it was demoralizing to be honest,” said Paul Gibbs afterwards. “The general attitude of the players at the end was excellent under the circumstances.” Time to regroup and get the campaign back on track.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Najera – King, Hurley, Gibbs, Soaga – Champagne, Herholdt, Espinoza, Rasmussen – Sodeinde, Baekkegaard.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

Byki Man of the Match: None given.

Byki Stats

FIRST TEAM, NSL 1ST DIVISION				O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION				O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION				O-48 TEAM, PSLC O-48 DIVISION			
Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts
Korinenko	3	2	5	Sodeinde	5	1	6	Penafiel	5	9	14	Nelson	4	1	5
Kirk, Q	2	3	5	Espinoza	3	2	5	Ekundayo	6	2	8	Huck	2	0	2
Sokolowski	3	0	3	Anderson	3	1	4	Kramarz	6	2	8	Cohen	1	1	2
Sauerman	2	1	3	Jaramillo	2	2	4	Pedlow	3	0	3	Jimenez	0	2	2
Zeman	1	2	3	Gibbs	2	1	3	Park, BK	2	1	3	Arno	1	0	1
Stamatinos	2	0	2	Guzman	1	2	3	Fukar	2	0	2	Fink	1	0	1
Wigham	2	0	2	Boeckeler	1	0	1	Rodriguez, G	1	1	2	Ochoa	1	0	1
De Rama	1	1	2	Chudyba	0	1	1	Carrillo	1	0	1	Carrillo	0	1	1
Elshafie	1	0	1	Marquez	0	1	1	Zarate	1	0	1	Demarets	0	1	1
Freitag	1	0	1					Higginbotham	0	1	1	Muehlbauer	0	1	1
Mendoza	1	0	1	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Huck	0	1	1	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Sabo	1	0	1	Marquez	90	1	1.00	Kotsy	0	1	1	Muehlbauer	237	13	4.94
Alfaro	0	1	1	Buena	90	2	2.00	Kuch	0	1	1	Pac	360	20	5.00
Mowry	0	1	1	Najera	360	10	2.50	Safford	0	1	1	Park, J	90	7	7.00
Verbych	0	1	1	Khankari	180	7	3.50	Team goals	1	x	x	Fukar	33	3	8.18
Team goals	4	x	x	Matys	90	5	5.00	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Current record: 0-0-8			
				Current record: 4-1-4											
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA												
Khankari	90	0	0.00												
Stevens	90	0	0.00												
Menyes	270	5	1.67												
Fukar	180	5	2.50												
Current record: 6-0-2															
												Current record: 6-1-2			



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Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Stare Byki FC	8	6	0	2	24	10	18
Das Magic	8	4	0	4	19	21	12
FC Macedonia	8	4	0	4	17	17	12
FC Guadalajara	8	3	1	4	16	20	10
Chicago Dynasty FC	8	3	1	4	13	20	10
United Stars FC	8	3	0	5	20	21	9

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A DIVISION	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Tricolorii FC	8	7	1	0	52	10	22
AEK FC Chicago	9	7	0	2	43	17	21
FC Oasu	8	6	1	1	38	9	19
Levski Chicago 2014	8	6	0	2	47	13	18
FC DePaul	8	5	1	2	26	10	16
Celtics	9	2	1	6	19	46	7

PSLC OVER 40 B DIVISION**July 23, 2017****www.pslchicagoland.com**

B1 DIVISION	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Stare Byki FC	9	6	1	2	28	15	19
Gato Verde	7	5	0	2	23	13	15
Olympiacos Chicago	8	4	1	3	15	16	13
International SC	7	3	2	2	17	17	11
Naperville Strikers FC	7	3	1	3	16	15	10
Windy City United	8	2	1	5	17	29	7
Pampas OT	7	1	1	5	8	20	4

B2 DIVISION	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FK Danubia	9	6	1	2	42	17	19
United-Dynamo	6	5	1	0	20	7	16
St Charles Celtics Green	8	4	2	2	19	14	14
Itasca	7	4	0	3	17	15	12
Real FC	8	2	0	6	20	32	6
MOFG	8	1	1	6	7	21	4
St Charles Celtics Orange	7	1	0	6	18	36	3

B DIVISION	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Stare Byki FC	9	4	1	4	20	25	13
Real FC	8	3	2	3	17	23	11
Shogun	8	2	2	4	18	24	8
FC National	8	1	2	5	25	21	5
Chicago Rangers FC	8	1	1	6	21	31	4
Adventists United FC	9	0	0	9	1	98	0

PSLC OVER 48 DIVISION**July 27, 2017****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Park Ridge Rogues	8	7	0	1	26	8	21
Sofia BG	7	5	0	2	26	12	15
Torino FC	6	3	2	1	15	13	11
International SC	4	2	1	1	13	9	7
St Charles Celtics	5	2	1	2	20	16	7
Villains SC	5	2	0	3	13	12	6
Concordia	7	1	2	4	8	17	5
Stare Byki FC	8	0	0	8	9	43	0