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**2014 PSLC  
Over 40  
CHAMPIONS**

Dynasty FC	<b>2</b>	National Soccer League 1st Division
Stare Byki	<b>3</b>	Hawthorne 26 July 2015

## Byki stay hot with late winner

The Byki extended their unbeaten run to seven matches last Sunday with a thrilling 3:2 win over Chicago Dynasty at Hawthorne. After the Byki had come back from a first-half deficit to take a 2:1 lead after the break, Dynasty squeezed out an equalizer with ten minutes left. The Byki, however, were not quite done scoring and netted a third tally just three minutes later to wrap up the victory. The second-place Byki are two points behind leaders FC Kosova, who have 21 points from nine matches.

Squad depth continues to be a positive aspect for the Byki. Despite several lineup changes due to absent players, the Byki continue to keep rolling along. There are plenty of big games still left on the schedule, so this depth will be an important factor.

The Byki expected Dynasty to make adjustments after the 5:0 pounding they absorbed at Oak Brook three weeks ago. Although the Dynasty roster was full of new bodies in the rematch, the quality of their play did not improve significantly, as they continued to rely on long passes hit over the top of the Byki defense. They scored both of their goals in this fashion, but did little else to trouble the Byki defense.

The Byki played a solid first half of disciplined soccer in the defensive half of the field. They thwarted any attempt by Dynasty to play possession soccer, winning the large majority of 50-50 battles. And when Dynasty resorted to the long ball, the Byki were waiting for them, converting those errant passes into easy turnovers.

Unfortunately, the Byki did little with all of this free ball possession. The timing of their passes was off, players were taking too many touches on the ball, and the occasional shot towards goal missed the target.

Dynasty snatched the lead in the 20th minute when a pass over the right side of the Byki defense found space in the penalty area. The Byki could not catch up to Dynasty's speedy winger, who slipped a shot underneath the sliding Pete Chronowski.

Dynasty's goalkeeper felt pressure just once in the first half, when the Byki executed a short corner. Mclain Roth

played a diagonal pass back to Jorge Selva at the right corner of the penalty area. Selva sent a looping ball towards the far post and the keeper desperately slapped the ball out of play.

The Byki needed to make the ball do the work in the second half and came roaring out of the gate to take control of the contest. In the 47th minute, Roth worked tirelessly to pressure a Dynasty defender in the deep right corner and came up with the ball. He dribbled towards goal along the byline, squaring a pass for Devin Freitag, who calmly tapped the ball into the empty net. Roth's solo run unhinged the Dynasty defense, causing a scramble situation. The keeper tried to intercept Roth's pass, but was late in arriving, and Freitag's finish could not have been simpler.

The Byki kept the hit parade going six minutes later. Mike Stamatinos worked the ball out of the back and found Cristian Rodriguez on the left wing. Rodriguez carried the ball into open space and slid a pass to Freitag in the middle. Freitag wasted no time getting into shooting position, blasting the ball past the diving goalie for a 2:1 lead.

Momentum had swung to the Byki and they continued to search for the goal that would put the game out of reach. The scrappy Dynasty team kept working, and some lax refereeing allowed chippy physical play that disrupted Byki attacking movements.

Things heated up in the 72nd minute when Nanmin Kone controlled a loose ball on the right side of the area and uncorked a blast that the keeper did well to block. Roth was unable to reach the rebound after having been shoved to the ground in the box.

Roth was taken down on the left wing several minutes later with a forearm to the back. The referee was not impressed enough to blow his whistle and Dynasty took off on the counter. A floating cross into the mixer saw a late reaction by the Byki and a Dynasty player knocked the ball home from a close-range scramble.

"The referee was poor for both teams," noted coach George Gorecki. "That non-call was particularly egregious, as the foul was blatant and obvious. The referee definitely lived up to my expectations. I'm just glad that no one got hurt out there. When annoying fouls occur and are ignored, it motivates players to retaliate."

The Byki overcame the turmoil and bagged the winner seven minutes from the end. Kone lofted the ball towards the Dynasty penalty area, where Roth and the goalie vied for control. The keeper made his move far too late and Roth chipped the ball over his head into the unguarded net. "I hit



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that ball with my knee, so I'm glad it went in," Roth said afterwards, completely unapologetic for his lack of elegance on the game-winner.

The race in the 1st Division's Red Section will come down to three teams: FC Kosova, Das Magic and the Byki. The only two defeats that the Byki have suffered came to these two teams. The rematch games will be extremely interesting.

**BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1):** Chronowski – Mehagic, J. Rodriguez, Salazar, Zachariah – Sauerman, Selva – Stamatinos (c), Roth, Ciszewski – C. Rodriguez. **Bench:** Freitag, Kone, Perez, Sabo.

#### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – Freitag 2 (Roth); 47th.  
1:2 – Freitag 3 (C. Rodriguez); 53rd.  
2:3 – Roth 2 (Kone); 83rd.

**Byki Men of the Match:** Juan Rodriguez and Mclain Roth.

Byki 0-30	2	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White Division
Rangers	0	Oak Brook Sports Core 26 July 2015

## Byki blank Rangers for 2nd in a row

The second clean sheet in as many weeks was a welcome sight for the Over 30 Team, who bested Chicago Rangers SC 2:0 last Sunday at Oak Brook. Maciek Kekus supplied the goals and the Byki defense did the rest, improving the Byki to 4-1-3, good for fifth place. The Byki trail fourth-place AEK Chicago by five points. There is still a substantial climb to reach the top three of the Over 30 White Division, but at least the Byki are starting to put together some consistent performances.

The teams battled on level terms in the first half and most of the action took place in the middle third of the field. Scoring chances were few, as neither goalkeeper was troubled very much. The best chance created by the Byki came at the 10-minute mark, when Lukas Chudyba ran down a pass along the right flank. He found Sergio Benavides in the middle of the box, but his volley from close range sailed high over the target.

The Rangers were hardly better coming forward, as their lone opportunity went over the bar as well. The sides went into the break scoreless, leaving behind a very physical first half, with most of the battle taking place in midfield.

Things perked up right after the break. In the 50th minute, the Rangers carved out their best chance. Their striker ran at pace at the Byki backline and shifted into a shooting position from just outside the area. Goalkeeper Alan Stevens had his near post covered and palmed the ball to safety.

The Byki replied five minutes later. Following a quality passing sequence down the right side, Dan Jedrzejowski found Maciek Kekus behind the Rangers defense. Kekus controlled the ball with precision and drove a shot high over the Rangers keeper to give the Byki a crucial 1:0 lead.

The Rangers made a bid to equalize at the hour mark, but

could not solve the Byki defense. Their striker proved to be their most dangerous weapon and he drove a low shot towards goal from a sharp angle. Stevens gauged the deflection accurately and gathered the ball away from jeopardy.

At 65 minutes, the Byki added to their lead. After snaring a weak Rangers free kick, Stevens bombed a drop kick over the sleeping Rangers backline. Kekus gathered the ball, all the while holding off a pursuing Rangers defender. He then did what strikers do, finishing coolly with a high shot at the near post

The pair from Kekus was all that the Byki would need to secure the points. The Byki defense was firm throughout. The central tandem of Chris Hurley and Mo Elshafie controlled everything. Stevens could hardly contain his enthusiasm afterwards: "Mo won nearly every tackle he put his foot into today." The Rangers threw everything they had into the box in late minutes, but couldn't muster a decent effort, as the Byki kept everything under wraps.

*Alan Stevens contributed to this report.*

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

#### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Kekus 5 (Jedrzejowski); 55th.  
2:0 – Kekus 6 (Stevens); 65th.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Mohanad Elshafie.

Chicago FC	2	Premier Soccer League Over 40 B1 Division
Byki 0-40	5	Camera Park 26 July 2015

## Messy match, Byki clean up

Things were contentious even before the kickoff of last Sunday's Over 40 match. The patience of the Byki and the officials was taken to the limit, as Chicago FC took their sweet time setting up the field at bumpy Camera Park. The situation only deteriorated once the action began. The Byki pounded home five first-half goals and Chicago FC spent much of their time on the field committing a slew of hard fouls and whining to the referee. Two Chicago players were eventually sent off, the second of which triggered the referee to terminate the match in the 81st minute. This is not the kind of fun that any player envisions in his older days.

The Byki maintained their hold on third place in the Over 40 B1 Division, trailing Windy City United by four points. The Byki are level with Chicago Pampas, but Pampas claim second place thanks to a superior goal difference.

The early stages of the game belonged to the Byki. They needed just three minutes to grab the lead. Mitch Posada made a great pass to the center of the field, finding Diego Penafiel, who placed it home past the Chicago keeper. The Chicago defense got involved to help the Byki cause when



Byki O-48	<b>1</b>	Premier Soccer League Over 48 Division
Concordia	<b>8</b>	Olympic Park 29 July 2015

## Walking wounded limp to finish line

The Over 48 Team have played just seven matches in their brief history, but last Wednesday's tilt versus HNK Concordia showed that a team doesn't need a long history to be involved in bizarre circumstances. Player-coach Rick Bolesta had 16 players on his roster on Wednesday morning and saw his squad whittled down to 10 by the final whistle, all due to injuries. The injury situation also did not help in battling the Over 48 Division's toughest foe, undefeated Concordia, who extended their perfect record with an 8:1 drubbing of the Byki.

Prior to the match, the Byki registered three more players to their roster. Eric Tower and Agron Karafili were added from the Over 40 Team, and Kris Zadlo, freshly celebrating his 48th birthday, came out of hibernation. Looking back, those additions seemed prescient, and absolutely necessary, with players falling like flies.

The injuries piled up quickly. Dean Fukar was set to play in the nets, but withdrew early Wednesday with a balky hamstring. Charlie Cohen strained his calf during warm-ups and was ruled out. During the match, the breakdowns came in waves. Brian Huck strained his groin, George Gorecki tweaked his hamstring, and Zadlo was hobbled with a sore Achilles tendon. Huck volunteered to stand in the goal for the second half, which allowed starting goalkeeper Bolesta to play in the field. In his haste to get ready, Bolesta truncated his warm-up, and eventually strained his groin. This was a hot mess, to be sure.

Concordia didn't care about the Byki and their troubles and smacked the home team with three goals in the first 14 minutes. Concordia players were more ready to play and were first to loose balls, making the conversion into goals rather easy. The score went to 4:0 in the 25th minute when Bolesta was wrong-footed on an open shot inside the Byki penalty

area.

The Byki had some brief joy just before the half hour. They forced a turnover in the Concordia defense and Huck slipped a pass to Karafili, who made a slick turn at the top of the box and fired low into the right corner.

Huck showed a measure of courage by volunteering to step between the pipes in the second half, but making your goalkeeping debut against a powerhouse like Concordia is merely asking for trouble. Huck did his level best under difficult conditions and made three timely interventions.

Concordia made it 5:1 in the 53rd minute when a poorly conceived Byki offside trap allowed a Concordia player to waltz in alone on Huck.

Boris Vukovic nearly got that one back four minutes later. He curled a corner kick in towards the near post, forcing Concordia's keeper to wake up from his nap and make a desperate block to keep the ball out of the net.

Concordia padded their total in the final 15 minutes, taking full advantage of a Byki side that was stretched to the limit. By the end, Zadlo tried to help by staggering around on that bad Achilles.

**BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1):** Bolesta (c) – Dahlquist, Fink, Tower, Gorecki – Huck, Vukovic – Gorski, Jacobs, Carrillo – Karafili. **Bench:** Farhan, Zadlo.

### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:4 – Karafili 1 (Huck); 28th.

**Byki Man of the Match:** None given.

**Midweek training**  
**THURSDAY, AUG 6**  
**Olympic Park**  
**Schaumburg, IL**

**7.00 - 9.00 PM - Field 1**

**NSL FIRST DIVISION****July 26, 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	9	7	0	2	28	9	21
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>19</b>
Das Magic	9	5	2	2	28	20	17
Chicago Dynasty FC	8	1	2	5	12	19	5
West Indies Jets	8	1	1	6	12	23	4
Olympiacos Chicago	8	1	0	7	14	32	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	8	6	0	2	28	16	18
FC Macedonia	9	4	1	4	23	20	13
Assyrian FC	4	3	0	1	13	8	9
Gremio FC	8	3	0	5	16	32	9
Lancer SC	6	2	1	3	15	25	7

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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	9	7	1	1	21	8	22
Pampas OT	8	6	0	2	34	13	18
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>18</b>
Naperville Strikers FC	9	4	1	4	21	23	13
International SC	7	2	2	3	12	15	8
MOFG	8	1	1	6	14	26	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	9	5	1	3	29	22	16
MANA Soccer Club	7	5	0	2	38	17	15
St Charles Celtics Green	9	4	2	3	28	18	14
Real FC O40	9	3	1	5	18	28	10
Chicago FC	9	2	1	6	13	28	7
St Charles Celtics Orange	8	0	0	8	3	47	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>
St Charles Celtics	9	7	1	1	30	14	22
FC DePaul	10	7	1	2	26	12	22
Levski Chicago 2014	9	6	1	2	32	15	19
AEK FC Chicago	8	6	0	2	23	13	18
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>
Olympiacos Chicago	9	3	0	6	21	19	9
Chicago Rangers FC	9	2	2	5	17	16	8
Real FC	9	1	1	7	13	44	4
Shogun	9	0	1	8	12	43	1

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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>
HNK Concordia	6	6	0	0	29	5	18
Sofia BG	5	4	0	1	26	12	12
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>7</b>
International SC	6	1	1	4	14	21	4
St Charles Celtics	4	0	0	4	4	15	0