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Byki comeback stuns Romania

It's been a very long time since the Byki Over 30s left the pitch with smiles on their faces. Last Saturday's outcome was something to celebrate, as the team overcame a 3:0 deficit versus Romania SC with two late goals to earn a 3:3 result. The draw breaks a season-long ten-game losing streak.

New signee Patrick Bollinger was a key figure for the Byki, bagging two goals. Bollinger recently turned 30 and was called into duty during the First Team's mid-season break.

The match didn't start very well for the Byki. Late arrivals forced coach George Gorecki to juggle his lineup, changes that placed certain players into unfamiliar positions. "I keep reminding the players that you have to be ready to play from the opening whistle," he said afterwards.

The Romanians showed that they were ready, snatching the lead after just three minutes. They executed a rapid counterattack along the right wing and the Byki were caught flat-footed. The ball sliced through the Byki defense, as a cross from the wing found its target in the penalty area. The Romanian player flicked the ball back for an unmarked teammate, who hammered the ball home from outside the box.

Romania kept the Byki on the back foot for most of the first half. If not for such poor marksmanship, they might have made the contest a runaway before halftime. Romania increased their lead to 2:0 in the 31st minute. They earned a free kick on the top corner of the penalty area and an exquisitely placed shot glanced the underside of the crossbar on the way in. The Byki started their comeback effort six minutes later. Chris Hurley made a strong run through the right side of the Romanian defense and was only denied by the keeper's desperate kick save.

Bollinger made his presence felt right from the start of the second half. In the 54th minute, he swung a pass into the middle for Gregorio Siervo, whose shot from 18 yards went narrowly over the bar. Bollinger was at it again two minutes later, cutting to the inside as he entered the penalty area. The

keeper made a diving stop and a mad scramble ensued to control the loose ball, which was cleared for a corner.

Romania made it 3:0 just after the hour. Byki marking was lax on a free kick floated deep into the box. An open Romanian player made easy work of the opportunity, slotting past goalie Ray Najera.

The Byki replied two minutes later when Bollinger won a loose ball and launched a 30-yard bomb. The Romanian keeper was rooted, watching the ball sail into the upper corner.

The invigorated Byki kept knocking on the door. A spectacular combination play between Bollinger, Thomas Lakemeyer and Jim Kuch freed the overlapping Kuch inside the Romanian penalty area. Kuch picked his spot, but the goalkeeper went one better, tipping the ball to safety.

In the 64th minute, Najera made a daring play to thwart a breakaway attempt after the Romanians had played a ball over the top of the Byki defense. Najera stuffed the shot from 10 yards out.

The Romanians appeared to score a game-clinching goal a few minutes later, but they botched a two-on-one situation. During another breakaway scenario, Najera came out of his box to intervene. When the Romanian forward faked him to the turf, it left the Byki goal unguarded. The forward's off-balance shot looked like it might run out of steam before crossing the goal line, so a teammate tapped it home. But he was in an offside position when the shot was taken and the goal was waved off.

That set the stage for late-game drama. In the 87th minute, Hurley tracked down a loose ball in the Romanian penalty area and was shoved down as he was dribbling away from the goal. The referee whistled for the foul and pointed to the spot. Bollinger converted the penalty and the Byki were

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suddenly in the hunt. "It was such an unnecessary foul," commented Gorecki. "Chris was causing no danger, so I can't understand why the guy pushed him."

The Byki weren't finished. With players pushed forward during stoppage time, the Byki began turning the screws. After one dangerous corner kick was cleared away, the Byki took a second corner from the opposite side of the field. Alex Guzman sent the ball to the far post, over the goalkeeper's outstretched arms, finding the forehead of Kieron Inalsingh, who nodded the ball home to make it 3:3.

Teamwork was the big reason fueling the Byki comeback. The hard work in the second half clearly paid significant dividends.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Najera – King, Kuch, Suhayda, Jedrzejowski (c) – Hurley, Bianchi, Inalsingh, Siervo – Kramarz, Bollinger. **Bench:** Guzman, Lakemeyer.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:3 – Bollinger 1; 61st.
2:3 – Bollinger 2 (pk); 87th.
3:3 – Inalsingh 1 (Guzman); 93rd+

Byki Men of the Match: Patrick Bollinger and Chris Hurley

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Balanced Byki win again

The Over 40 Team kept up their winning ways last Sunday, thumping St Charles Celtic Orange 5:0 at the East Side Sports Complex. The Celtics were completely overmatched and the only mystery in the game was the winning margin for the Byki. Dean Fukar had two goals and an assist, while Ade Ekundayo, Andy Lane and Gabriel Rodriguez, each picked up a goal and an assist. With 11 points from 10 matches, the eighth-place Byki trail fourth-place Villains SC by four points.

Celtics Orange have been PSLC doormats ever since the Byki joined the league in 2009. Last year, the Celtics incredibly conceded over 100 goals in their 18 matches. The 2012 encounters between the Byki and the Celtics ended up 8:0 and 3:1 victories for the Byki.

The Byki grabbed the lead in the 11th minute. Ekundayo led a Byki counterattack up the middle and played the ball long for Lane on the right wing. Lane easily outpaced the defender and sent the ball to the far post. Once it floated over the goalie's head, no one was going to reach it until it nestled comfortably in the back of the net.

Two minutes later, the Celtics gift-wrapped an opportunity for Fukar when a defender passed the ball directly to him. Alone at the top of the area, Fukar lined up a hard shot that the keeper did well to save. In the 24th minute, Fukar ran onto a through pass and had only the keeper to beat, but he

shot right at the onrushing netminder. Moments later, Steven Pedlow's rocket shot was saved at the near post.

Fukar finally got it right in the 28th minute. Lane made an intuitive pass into a crowded penalty area and found Fukar, who converted the short-range chance like a champ.

The slickest play of the day came a few minutes later. Lane and Rodriguez unhinged the Celtics defense with a sensational sequence of passes. Rodriguez concluded a strong run down the right flank with a cross for Pedlow, whose header flashed over the bar.

The Byki vowed to play with more patience in the second half and hoped that the change would lead to some easy goals. "We failed to use the wings enough in the first half," noted George Gorecki. "Spreading them out would open up huge gaps in the middle."

Ekundayo threw out the opening salvo after the break when he stole the ball and cut loose from 25 yards. The keeper threw himself at the shot and somehow pushed it wide for a corner.

The Byki scored the clincher in the 55th minute. Rodriguez floated a delicate ball over the defense into the middle of the box. The ball found Fukar, who calmly half-volleyed a shot past the late-arriving goalkeeper to give the Byki a 3:0 advantage.

In the 64th minute, Pedlow's through ball sent Charlie Cohen streaking past a defender. The keeper came out to cut down the angle on Cohen, whose shot rolled barely wide of the post.

The Celtics, who were never really in the game, lost steam for the final 20 minutes and the Byki knocked home two late goals to put the result beyond any doubt. Brian Huck sent a pass to Ekundayo, who measured his shot with surgical precision, lofting a soft one just inside the goal post. Moments later, Rodriguez executed the same shot after taking a feed from Fukar, giving the Byki a 5:0 lead.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Muehlbauer – Towsey, Cohen, Fink, Safford – Tower, Lane, Huck, Ekundayo – Fukar, Pedlow. **Bench:** Gorecki (c), Kuch, G. Rodriguez.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

0:1 – Lane 1 (Ekundayo); 11th.
0:2 – Fukar 1 (Lane); 28th.
0:3 – Fukar 2 (G. Rodriguez); 55th.
0:4 – Ekundayo 3 (Huck); 87th.
0:5 – G. Rodriguez 2 (Fukar); 88th.

Byki Man of the Match: Dean Fukar

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria	7	7	0	0	31	8	21
Gazelle SC	5	4	1	0	9	1	13
Assyrian FC	6	4	1	1	18	15	13
FC Uta Chicago	6	3	2	1	13	8	11
Jamstar FC	8	3	2	3	22	17	11
SAC Wisla	7	3	2	2	24	10	11
CKS Warta	7	2	2	3	17	17	8
Brusfa FC	7	1	1	5	11	26	4
Stare Byki FC	8	1	1	6	12	31	4
Khaboor FC	7	0	0	7	3	27	0

PSLC OVER 30 RED DIVISION**July 27, 2013****www.pslichicagoland.com**

Group A	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Tarnovia	8	7	0	1	30	14	21
Balkan	9	6	0	3	37	10	18
St Charles Celtics Red	8	4	2	2	28	19	14
Romania SC	7	2	2	3	15	17	8
SAC Wisla	10	1	2	7	19	43	5
Chicago Celtic	10	2	1	7	17	30	7

Group B	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Bulgaria FC	8	8	0	0	49	15	24
La Granate	8	5	3	0	22	13	18
Jahbat FC	10	4	2	4	31	32	14
Chicago United	9	4	1	4	23	30	13
Igloopol	10	3	2	5	25	30	11
Stare Byki FC	11	0	1	10	12	55	1

PSLC OVER 40 BLUE DIVISION**July 28, 2013****www.pslichicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
MOFG	11	7	2	2	20	13	23
St Charles Celtics Green	8	6	1	1	27	12	19
Real FC	9	6	0	3	23	11	18
Villains SC	9	5	0	4	23	18	15
Windy City United	10	4	2	4	25	24	14
Sporting Cristal	11	4	2	5	23	29	14
Naperville Strikers FC	8	4	1	3	21	14	13
Stare Byki FC	10	3	2	5	25	23	11
Pampas OT	10	3	2	5	24	25	11
St Charles Celtics Orange	10	0	0	10	3	45	0