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**RED**

**Byki 4 : 5 Warta**

NSL Major Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 29 July 2012

## Byki fall short in shootout

“Three goals should be enough to win any soccer match’ is an adage a coach once told me when I was a junior player, back in the Stone Age,” commented George Gorecki, as he watched the Red Team go one better versus CKS Warta last Sunday. Despite lighting up the scoreboard four times, a six-minute blitz by Warta in the middle of the second half propelled them to an improbable 5:4 victory. At 1-0-7, the Byki remain stuck in the Blue Division cellar.

The team wasted a masterful performance from Declan Geraghty, who bagged a hat trick. Geraghty was in all of the right places from his position at left wing. Unfortunately, Warta’s speedy strikers also found the open spaces in the Byki defense.

The match was played end to end, as both teams were constantly probing for goals. Both keepers were put to the test early. Warta’s netminder snuffed a breakaway attempt by Ammin Mehreioskouei in the 14th minute. Mehreioskouei won the ball and sprinted alone for 30 yards before firing a shot that the keeper blocked.

At the other end, Martin Bertels was equal to the task. When a Warta player broke free in the box, Bertels stuck out a foot to block a shot from a sharp angle in the 16th minute. Two minutes later, he was in perfect position to snare a floater shot from 12 yards.

The Byki broke the ice on 22 minutes. Todd Trowbridge sent Geraghty on a log run down the left flank. Geraghty drove a booming cross to the right side of the area for Mehreioskouei, who teed up a blast that found the upper 90 at the far post.

Warta needed just two minutes to get that one back. The Byki were lax on defense and Warta pounced, driving a shot past Bertels from 18 yards.

In the 33rd minute, newcomer Nick Cardenas played a simple square pass to Josh Pirahmadi in the middle. Pirahmadi wasted no time, cracking one from 25 yards. The keeper read it correctly and made a nifty grab.

The teams traded goals just before the break. In the 41st minute, central defender Brett Suhayda was left on an island during a Warta counterattack. The Byki were slow to provide cover and a precise shot sneaked under Bertels’ arm to make it 2:1 for Warta.

Moments later, the Byki equalized. The hustling Geraghty won possession near the Warta goal line, cut inside to improve his angle, and slid the ball through a tangle of legs for his first tally of the season.

The Byki started out the second half making good on their commitment to keeping possession of the ball. Their patient build-ups kept Warta back on their heels and the momentum was strongly working for the Byki.

Patience was the keyword in the 55th minute. The Byki worked the ball from wing to wing and Pirahmadi swung a pass on the right side to an overlapping Mike Stamatinos, who quickly laid off a pass for Trowbridge in the corner. Trowbridge drove a solid cross to the back post, where Geraghty crashed a header off of the keeper’s hands to make it 3:2.

Six minutes later, the Byki made a bid to put the game away. Cardenas won the ball at the right touch line and slipped a pass to Stefan Soegaard making a deep run. Soegaard returned the ball to Cardenas, who had cut into the middle, and then sent it to Pirahmadi, who burst into the box unmarked. The keeper made a miraculous save to deny a sure scoring chance.

Warta shook off those sorties and ramped up their attack. Bertels was forced into two demanding saves, which were a precursor of the disaster to come. Warta made it 3:3 in the 69th minute following a Byki turnover in the defensive end. Two more goals at 72 and 75 minutes finished off a total turnabout in the momentum, as Warta had built a commanding 5:3 advantage.

The Byki kept the match competitive when they scored their fourth in the 81st minute. Geraghty sprinted behind the Warta fullback and chested down a long pass from midfield. The Warta players shouted for a handball, but Geraghty sprinted in alone on the keeper, coolly slotting the ball home.

Racking up four goals doesn’t happen every Sunday. The Byki squandered an opportunity to climb the table.

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**BLUE**

**Byki 1 : 5 Winged Bull**

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## **Byki stink up Oak Brook**

The traditional one-moth break taken by the NSL at midseason did no good for the Blue Team, who were trounced 5:1 by Winged Bull last Sunday at Oak Brook. The moribund Byki were lucky to be level at halftime and then the bottom fell out after the break. Winged Bull had come into the match with a meager four points from their six matches, yet the Byki struggled to even compete.

Things started off poorly when only nine of the 13 players on the roster were ready to play at the opening kickoff. Left in disarray, the Byki were behind after just eight minutes.

“Our team looked like a rec league team out there,” lamented coach George Gorecki. “We had no teamwork, no cohesion and it appeared that the players left their soccer brains at home.”

Luckily for the Byki, Winged Bull’s team was a mish-mash of very young and very old players. Their lack of soccer savvy was evident and they were a team that the Byki should have handled quite easily. But the Byki did little to show that they were the better team.

The Byki evened things up in the 14th minute, thanks to some inept play from the Winged Bull defense. Carlos Mendoza launched a throw-in from the right side, deep into the penalty area. A defender headed the ball right back to Mendoza, who crossed it back into the mixer. Another defender tried to head the ball away, but instead, steered it into his own goal.

Three minutes later, the Byki sought to capitalize on Winged Bull’s hesitant play when Alen Mehagic sent a cross in from the right flank for Sam Onaissi. The winger dribbled across the top of the penalty area and drilled a shot that the keeper did well to tip over the bar.

The Winged Bull scoring parade began in the 62nd minute. The Byki got sloppy with the ball in front of their goal, leaving an open shot from ten yards to make it 2:1.

It went to 3:1 seven minutes later when goalie Amit Khankari dropped a free kick inside the goal area. A Winged Bull player swooped in to tap home the loose ball. In the 73rd minute, a Winged Bull striker snaked past Jordan Jacobs and then deftly feinted Khankari to the turf, opening the path for a shot into an open net.

Down 4:1, the Byki fell apart completely and their frustration meant that a comeback was out of the question. Winged Bull’s striker wrapped up the scoring in the 84th minute, going on a dribbling run that made the Byki look like practice cones.

**OVER 40**

**Byki 1 : 2 MOFG**

PSLC Over 40 Blue Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 29 July 2012

## **Lack of discipline costly**

Sharp finishing and mature discipline were in short supply for the Over 40 Team last Sunday when they inexplicably fell to MOFG 2:1 at Oak Brook. The Byki had two players sent off and the game unraveled out of their control. With 22 points from 11 matches, the Byki are in the thick of the promotion race, but the defeat proved costly. They trail top team Torino by three points and have played one more game than the leaders. The Byki remain in second place, but only thanks to having a superior goal difference to Pampas, who have played 10 matches. Real FC also remain in the conversation, with 20 points from 11 matches.

The Byki played well enough to win this game, yet made enough mistakes to set themselves up for defeat. Numerous scoring opportunities failed to find the back of the net and converting those chances would have overcome all of the discipline problems.

It took only 18 minutes for the Byki to grab the lead. Gabriel Rodriguez found Mitch Posada on the right side of the area. A clever dribbling move got Posada past the defender and got the goalie out of position. Posada’s shot from a tough angle beat them both to put the Byki up 1:0.

Seven minutes later, Rodriguez made a deep run along the right wing and took the ball to the byline. He delivered a sizzling cross into the goal area, where a MOFG defender desperately cleared the ball before any Byki could knock it home.

The Byki controlled the tempo throughout the first half. MOFG’s lone scoring chance came three minutes before the break, when a pass got behind the Byki backline. Goalkeeper James Vlahakis charged out to make a sliding clearance at the top of the penalty area.

The Byki survived a scare in the 54th minute, when Vlahakis had to tip a hard shot over the bar. On the ensuing corner, a well-placed cross resulted in a scramble in front of the goal. Stopper Dave Fink cleared the ball off the line.

Just after the hour mark, Ade Ekundayo played a long pass for Posada, who sprinted after the ball, winning it before the keeper could arrive. Posada’s first touch deflected off the goalie to Brian Huck, who returned the ball to Posada. His shot attempt was saved and then Posada put the rebound over the bar.

The Byki went down to 10 men midway through the second half when Ben Zygmunt lashed out at a MOFG player after the whistle. Zygmunt reacted to having been pushed and a red card seemed to be the only thing on the referee’s mind.

Being shorthanded didn’t appear to bother the Byki, who

kept looking for that second goal. Sven Dahlquist set up Posada in the 74th minute. With the keeper wandering, scoring the goal should have been a formality. A defender kicked Posada's shot off the line.

A minute later, Charlie Cohen dropped a pass back for Steven Pedlow on the left wing. Pedlow whipped the ball in for Dave Mazmanian, whose glancing header missed the far post by inches.

Posada sent a breakaway opportunity over the crossbar in the 77th minute, while Cohen capped off a long run with a powerful shot that required a full-stretch save from the goalkeeper.

MOFG conjured the equalizer out of thin air in the 81st

minute. They came on the counterattack and the right wing lofted a ball towards the goal that kissed the far post and fell into the back of the net.

Things went upside down for the Byki three minutes from time. It started with a poor turnover deep in the Byki penalty area. A MOFG striker shot from close range and Vlahakis blocked it. As he tried to pounce on the loose ball, a MOFG player stuck a foot in and knocked it into the goal for an improbable 2:1 lead. Vlahakis claimed the ball had been kicked out of his hand and his protest to the referee earned him his marching orders. In a bizarre post-game twist, MOFG's captain appealed to the referee on Vlahakis' behalf and the referee incredibly rescinded the red card.

## **STARE BYKI FC GOLF OUTING**

The club's first-ever golf outing is **THIS COMING FRIDAY!** 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](mailto:jeffblink@yahoo.com) or (847) 774-2144. You can register online: [www.starebykifc.org/golf](http://www.starebykifc.org/golf).

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

# BYKI SCOREBOARD

**RED**

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**BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1):** Bertels – Gibbs, Suhayda, Mansur, Stamatinos (c) – Soegaard, Trowbridge –Cardenas, Pirahmadi, Geraghty – Mehreioskouei.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

1:0 – Mehreioskouei 1 (Geraghty); 22nd.  
2:2 – Geraghty 1; 42nd.  
3:2 – Geraghty 2 (Trowbridge); 55th.  
4:5 – Geraghty 3; 81st.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Declan Geraghty

**BLUE**

Byki 1 : 5 Winged Bull

NSL 1st Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 29 July 2012

**BYKI LINEUP (3-5-2):** Khankari – Wood, White, Kosinski – Mendoza, Koenig (c), Garnon, Szczypka, Stopka – Mehagic, Najera. **Bench:** Jordan Jacobs, Onaissi.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

1:1 – Winged Bull own goal; 14th.

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

**OVER 40**

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

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

1:0 – Posada 6 (Rodriguez); 18th.

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

## Byki Stats

**RED TEAM, NSL MAJOR DIVISION**

Player	G	A	Pts
Ciszewski	3	3	6
Geraghty	3	1	4
Trowbridge	2	1	3
Stopka	2	0	2
Mehreioskouei	1	1	2
Guzman	1	0	1
Gyuricza	1	0	1
LaConte	1	0	1
Soegaard	0	1	1
Uriza	0	1	1
Young	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Bertels	540	23	3.83
Najera	90	6	6.00

Current record: 1-0-7

**BLUE TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION**

Player	G	A	Pts
LaConte	2	3	5
Stopka	3	0	3
Gonchar	2	0	2
Garnon	1	1	2
Onaissi	1	1	2
Buur	1	0	1
Slate	1	0	1
Koenig	0	1	1
Wood	0	1	1
Team goals	1	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Garnon	7	0	0.00
Najera	90	1	1.00
Stopka	83	1	1.08
Khankari	540	27	4.50

Current record: 3-0-5

**O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION**

Player	G	A	Pts
Maruska	0	2	2
Buur	1	0	1
Gibbs	1	0	1
Inalsingh	1	0	1
Kadzielawa	1	0	1
Penafiel	1	0	1
Uriza	1	0	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Najera	540	28	4.67
Uriza	90	5	5.00

Current record: 0-1-6

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

Player	G	A	Pts
Rodriguez	5	5	10
Posada	6	3	9
Pedlow	4	4	8
Huck	6	1	7
Weslar	2	4	6
Cohen	3	1	4
Elmkinssi	2	2	4
Ekundayo	1	2	3
Fink	1	2	3
Zygmunt	1	1	2
Dahlquist	1	0	1
Mazmanian	0	1	1
Tower	0	1	1
Team goals	5	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Rodriguez	45	0	0.00
Zadlo	3	0	0.00
Muehlbauer	135	2	1.33
Vlahakis	807	18	2.01

Current record: 7-1-3

**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
CKS Warta	8	2	1	5	15	31	7
Jahbat FC	8	2	0	6	8	20	6

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	8	1	0	7	14	34	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	7	5	2	0	20	9	17
Das Magic	7	3	2	2	19	14	11
Jamstar FC	6	3	2	1	13	9	11
FC Moldova	8	3	1	4	17	23	10
Khaboor FC	6	2	2	2	6	7	8
NK Prijedor	5	0	2	3	12	18	2
Independiente FC	7	0	2	5	8	23	2
Shlama FC	5	0	1	4	6	14	1

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Assyrian FC	8	6	0	2	29	11	18
Lancer FC	8	5	1	2	17	13	16
Gremio FC	8	5	1	2	18	11	16
Raiders FC	7	4	1	2	16	11	13
FC Kosova	7	3	1	3	18	17	10
FK Republika Srpska	6	3	0	3	16	21	9
Stare Byki FC Blue	8	3	0	5	12	29	9
Lamaso FC	7	2	1	4	13	14	7
Winged Bull	7	2	1	4	9	10	7
Chicago Dynasty FC	8	0	2	6	13	24	2

**PREMIER SOCCER LEAGUE of CHICAGOLAND**

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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	0	2	36	15	21
FC Tarnovia	9	6	0	3	24	16	18
Hellenic United AC	7	5	0	2	19	11	15
Balkan	7	4	1	2	15	10	13
Jahbat FC	11	3	2	6	17	28	11
La Granate	9	3	1	5	25	34	10
St Charles Celtics Red	9	3	0	6	24	31	9
Chicago Celtic	10	3	0	7	19	31	9
SAC Wisla	10	2	1	7	24	40	7
Black Eagle	10	0	2	8	18	48	2
Stare Byki FC	7	0	1	6	8	33	1

**OVER 40 BLUE DIVISION**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Torino FC	10	8	1	1	34	13	25
Stare Byki FC	11	7	1	3	37	20	22
Pampas OT	10	7	1	2	34	19	22
Real FC	11	6	2	3	37	20	20
MOFG	10	5	1	4	19	20	16
Villains SC	11	5	1	5	25	26	16
Naperville Strikers FC	11	4	0	7	32	27	12
Windy City United	10	3	1	6	30	24	10
St Charles Celtics Green	10	3	0	7	20	35	9
St Charles Celtics Orange	10	0	0	10	4	68	0