



BOUNCINGS



www.starebykifc.org



5 Aug 18

| | | |
|------------|----------|--|
| SAC Wisla | 3 | National Soccer League Major Division |
| Stare Byki | 0 | Robinson Homestead 29 July 2018 |

Byki get a lesson in efficiency

The all-too-long midseason break that the National League schedules in July took its toll on a Byki squad rusty from inactivity when they traveled to Robinson Homestead to take on SAC Wisla. The home side played fast and simple and the Byki struggled to keep up. Their backline was breached on several occasions in the first half, but Wisla failed to fully capitalize. In the end, Wisla's 3:0 victory was a lesson demonstrating how hard a team has to play to be in competitive form in the NSL.

"Our guys can be proud of the work they did on that field," said coach George Gorecki afterwards. "It's just that Wisla is really good, and they have been for a long time. They showed that pedigree today."

The NSL's monthlong hiatus every July is borne of tradition, harkening back to a time when tournament organizers knew to schedule their events in July every year, as all leagues were idle at that time. These days, tournaments can be found all over the calendar, and teams have no hesitation to postpone league matches in order to participate. As it turns out, a lot of NSL teams sit idle for the month.

"When we were in the First Division, I rallied the other managers to insist that the NSL restart its schedule no later than mid July," said Gorecki. "Who wants to sit around with no games for a month?" The tactic worked, but the victory was a hollow one. With all teams lumped into the Major Division in 2018, the NSL stuck with protocol and the July break was back in play.

With attendance at training spotty, the Byki came into the match lacking game-speed sharpness. They got smacked right between the eyes, as Wisla had a dream start, going into the lead after only three minutes. A Wisla player floated a tantalizing free kick from 30 yards into the Byki penalty area. The ball landed in front of the goal area, and as a Wisla player flashed in front of keeper Aaron Menyes, the ball rolled into the back of the net.

The Byki struggled to find their attacking rhythm. They sprayed passes all over the field and looked like they were

in a rush to catch the last train out of town. Their play was full of urgency at a time when calmness was needed.

A Wisla through pass ripped through the center of the Byki defense in the 15th minute, leading to breakaway. The Wisla player shot wildly wide of the target. They created another great chance after a sloppy Byki turnover in the back. Menyes came out to challenge and the Wisla player missed badly on a shot inside the box.

Wisla made it 2:0 just before halftime when they came fast on the counterattack. A shot from the right side of the area found the inside of the left post.

The Byki increased the tempo of their game after the break and moved the ball in quicker fashion. This change leveled the playing field, previously tilted in Wisla's direction. But the Byki could not come close to denting Wisla's net.

In fact, Wisla had the best scoring chances of the second half. Menyes dove to thwart a shot from the arc after a Wisla counterattack in the 51st minute. Seven minutes later, the Byki presented Wisla with a great opportunity following a bad giveaway, but an open shot failed to find the mark.

Wisla put the result to bed in the 85th minute. After Menyes came hard off his line to challenge a Wisla player dribbling to goal, the shot went wide. The referee, however, ruled that the collision between the two players was a foul by Menyes, resulting in a free kick just outside the box. Wisla cleverly slipped the ball to an open man at the arc, who drilled a low shot through a crowd into the corner of the goal.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Menyes – Bickel, C. Kirk, O'Bryan, Talac, – Lauderback, Zeman – Stamatinos (c), Korinenko, Joiner – Yamane.
Bench: Parker.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY
None.

Byki Man of the Match: Colin Kirk.

Weekly Training
TUESDAYS
Olympic Park, Field 2
Schaumburg, IL
8.00 - 10.00 PM

2017

**NSL FIRST DIVISION
PSLC OVER 30 B DIVISION**

CHAMPIONS

| | | |
|------------|----------|---|
| Tricolorii | 5 | Premier Soccer League Over 30 White B Division |
| Byki O-30 | 0 | Oak Brook Park District 29 July 2018 |

Shorthanded Byki can't keep up

Playing on a massive field and having no substitutes on the bench on a hot July Sunday was always going to be a tough battle for the Over 30 Team. They took on Tricolorii at the Oak Brook Park District and limped away at the final whistle after a 5:0 defeat.

The Byki started the contest with exactly 11 players and went down to 10 when newcomer Curtis Greenlee succumbed to injury. Later in the match, Alan Stevens had to deal with cramps and switched places with Joel McClure in the nets. Christian Ruiz had originally opted to rest a sore Achilles tendon, but toughed out 90 minutes anyway. It was a brave effort from the Byki, but simply not enough to compete with a quality side like Tricolorii.

Tricolorii spent much of the first half looking for a perfect pass to get behind the Byki defense or opted to shoot from long range. Both approaches were largely ineffective. McClure made a couple of nice saves when called upon. He snagged a low shot at his feet, and then punched a deflected shot to safety.

The Byki had a good amount of ball possession at times and looked to counter quickly. Most of their passes, however, were forced, and ended up as Byki turnovers arriving at terrible moments.

Tricolorii took the lead when a long shot came in low at the near post. Despite McClure getting a palm to the ball, it crept over the goal line.

The Byki responded by creating two good chances at the end of the first half. Stevens launched a long throw-in into the Tricolorii penalty area and the ball bounced all the way to the back post for Carlos Jaramillo, whose shot went high.

Just before the halftime whistle, Stevens missed a point-blank header from a corner kick.

The second half started off slowly, as Tricolorii dominated possession, with the Byki reluctant to give chase in the hot conditions.

Tricolorii got the crucial second goal when a poor Byki counterattack was nulled at midfield. The next pass beat the entire Byki backline and a Tricolorii player squared for a easy tap-in.

The Byki were hungry to get something on the board and started ripping some long shots. Most, however, were fairly tame and the Tricolorii goalie made easy work of them.

Although the Byki were holding their own to that point,

the lack of fresh legs coming off the bench proved to be a crucial factor. Greenlee had to retire at around the hour mark and things began to unravel from there. Shortly thereafter, a cramping Stevens took Joel McClure's place between the pipes.

Tricolorii kept their foot on the gas and bagged three more goals in the final 20 minutes. The Byki got stretched badly as they pushed forward hoping to get a point out of the game.

Alan Stevens contributed to this story.

BYKI LINEUP (4-5-1): J. McClure – Zachariah, Buur, Stevens, Gibbs – R. McClure, Greenlee, Sodeinde, C. Ruiz, Jaramillo – Akbas.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

Byki Man of the Match: None given.

| | | |
|-------------|----------|---|
| Byki O-48 | 0 | Premier Soccer League Over 48 Division |
| Silverbacks | 0 | Olympic Park 1 August 2018 |

Goose eggs continue for Over 48s

The Over 48 Team finally broke their four-game losing streak on Wednesday, but could only manage a 0:0 draw against the last-place St Charles Celtics Silverbacks at Olympic Park. The Silverbacks are the only team that the Byki have beaten this season and much more was expected when facing an opponent who had conceded 61 goals in their 10 games.

Eric Tower, filling in as player-coach, crafted a simple game plan: keep the ball. Given that the Byki were only able to dress 12 players, the strategy was the common-sense approach.

Naturally, the Byki became addicted to the long ball far too often. When they controlled the ball and played short passes, the Byki dominated. Tower implored his fullbacks to go wide anytime goalie Ray Najera came into possession so that building the attack could start smartly and efficiently. The Byki instead pushed players upfield and long passes abounded.

At first, the Byki did a whole lot of nothing, but St Charles did a whole lot of nothing as well, so the game devolved into 22 players just hammering the ball around. The field was wet and the ball took a lot of unexpected bounces, but it didn't stop the Byki from launching the long ball. At a certain point, the turnovers became too numerous to count.

Eventually, the Byki midfielders became more involved

WE ARE THE BYKI - Friends - Passion - Soccer

NSL MAJOR DIVISION**2 August 2018****www.nslchicago.org**

| | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|----------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Vikings AA | 7 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 29 | 10 | 15 |
| Wisloka Chicago | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 21 | 8 | 13 |
| Gazelle SC | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 4 | 12 |
| SAC Wisla | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 4 | 10 |
| RWB Adria | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 3 | 10 |
| Stare Byki FC | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 18 | 21 | 10 |
| AAC Winged Bull | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 15 | 10 |
| CKS Warta | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 14 | 14 | 6 |
| FC Guadalajara | 6 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 13 | 18 | 6 |
| Das Magic | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 26 | 0 |
| Dundalk FC | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 28 | 0 |

PSLC OVER 30 WHITE DIVISION**29 July 2018****www.pslchicagoland.com**

| | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|----------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Levski Chicago 2014 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 12 | 27 |
| FC Oasu | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 45 | 15 | 19 |
| Celtics | 9 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 29 | 29 | 16 |
| AEK FC Chicago | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 35 | 8 | 15 |
| Stare Byki FC | 10 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 25 | 30 | 15 |
| FC Igloopol | 9 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 43 | 20 | 13 |
| Tricolorii FC | 9 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 34 | 14 | 13 |
| International SC | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 25 | 20 | 10 |
| Chicago Rangers FC | 8 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 23 | 29 | 7 |
| Shogun | 7 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 19 | 34 | 6 |
| FC National | 8 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 23 | 34 | 3 |
| Adventists United FC | 9 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 108 | 0 |

PSLC OVER 40 B DIVISION**29 July 2018****www.pslchicagoland.com**

| | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|----------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Olympiacos Chicago | 9 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 40 | 9 | 23 |
| FK Danubia | 9 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 32 | 10 | 23 |
| MANA United SC | 10 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 27 | 14 | 21 |
| Park Ridge Rogues | 9 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 29 | 15 | 17 |
| Deerfield | 9 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 19 | 13 | 16 |
| Atletico Torino FC | 8 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 9 | 29 | 9 |
| Real FC Blues | 8 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 12 | 26 | 7 |
| Stare Byki FC | 8 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 21 | 6 |
| International SC | 16 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 2 | 44 | 1 |

PSLC OVER 48 DIVISION**1 August 2018****www.pslchicagoland.com**

| | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|---------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Jakes Stars Villains | 9 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 42 | 6 | 25 |
| Park Ridge Rogues | 9 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 32 | 8 | 19 |
| Sofia BG | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 31 | 9 | 15 |
| HNK Concordia | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 1 | 15 |
| St Charles Celtics | 9 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 23 | 36 | 10 |
| Atletico Torino FC | 8 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 23 | 6 |
| Stare Byki FC | 10 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 12 | 40 | 5 |
| St. Charles Celtics Silverbacks | 10 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 9 | 61 | 1 |