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RED

FC Ultras 3 : 4 Byki Red

NSL 1st Division - Olympic Park - 2 August 2009

Byki roll past Ultras

The Red Team won their second match in a row when they disposed of FC Ultras 4:3 last Sunday at Olympic Park in Schaumburg. The balanced Byki attack produced goals from four different scorers, as the Byki played dominating soccer at times, but also lost their way for stretches of the first half. Midfielder PJ Klacko led the Byki with a goal and two assists. The Byki are undefeated in their last four matches and improved their record to 4-1-2 for the season.

The Byki opened the scoring in the 13th minute. Mike Stamatinos won the ball in midfield on the left flank and played a long pass to Klacko in the corner. Klacko rounded his marker and sent a sharp diagonal ball to the far post, where Bobby Safford made his Byki debut a memorable one by knocking a first-time shot past the diving keeper.

Four minutes later, Jake Kozak heaved a long throw-in into the area. Jon Davit headed the ball on frame and the diminutive keeper did all that he could to desperately parry the ball off the crossbar. Moments later, a weak clearance by the Ultras wound up at the top of the box for Klacko, who nailed a first-time screamer into the back of the net to make it 2:0. Davit nearly made it 3:0 as the Byki pressure continued. The goalie, down on the turf, managed to stick his hand out to block Davit's shot.

But the Byki let their foot off the gas and the Ultras came back into the match with two goals late in the first half. The Ultras broke through in the 41st minute, thanks to a slick passing sequence. A shot from ten yards gave O'Meara no chance. The Ultras then equalized in the 43rd minute, when Conor Casey was adjudged to have handled the ball in his own area. Casey was livid at the referee's decision, but to no avail, and the Byki were suddenly all square again.

Coach Joe Gambino made some changes at halftime and re-thought how to best utilize his 18-man roster. Rather than replacing individual players who might look tired, he instead sent in groups of five or six players at once and gave them specific objectives.

The move paid off handsomely, as the Byki regained the momentum. In the 67th minute, Ivan Torossian headed along a throw-in to the far side of the area for Davit, whose shot smacked off of the goalpost. But the pair synched up perfectly four minutes later. After winning the ball in midfield, Torossian found Davit on the left wing. Davit saw Torossian run into space, laid off a simple pass and Torossian did the rest for his first tally of the season.

The Byki put down the clamps in the 73rd minute. Davit slid the ball to Klacko in the middle. Klacko's first touch was too strong, but the ball somehow got back to Davit, who made no mistake from short range to make it 4:2.

The Ultras got one back right at the death, when one of their players made a theatrical dive at the nether regions of the penalty area and the referee pointed to the spot.

It was a well-deserved three points for the Byki, who trail first-place Khaboor FC by six points, but have played two fewer matches than the leaders.

OVER 30

Byki 3 : 2 Jahbat

NSL Over 30 Division - Olympic Park - 1 August 2009

Fantastic finish, Byki topple Jahbat

The Over 30s made it two in a row last Saturday when Matt Fleming's stoppage-time goal handed the Byki a 3:2 win over first-place Jahbat FC at windy Olympic Park. It was a thrilling ending to a tense encounter in which a Jahbat player being sent off in the 54th minute. Jahbat actually closed a two-goal deficit while playing a man down before Fleming's late fireworks.

The Byki attack was full of potent opportunities. They needed only 13 minutes to break the ice. Cardenas booted a long clearance up the right wing for Maciej Kekus, who centered the ball for Kieron Inalsingh. The midfielder dribbled to the byline and crossed back over to Kekus, who headed the ball towards the goal. A Jahbat defender cleared the ball weakly to the 18, where Jan Winter pounced, drilling a low shot just inside the goalpost.

The Byki kept up the pressure and created two great chances three minutes apart. Kekus took the ball on the left side of the area and slid a pass to Brett Frischmann. He found Inalsingh on the right side, but Inalsingh's shot was blocked by the goalie. In the 29th minute, Inalsingh headed a ball into the goal area for Kekus, whose shot was blocked. The rebound went to Frischmann, who teed one up, but the keeper made a tremendous save.

Jahbat's first good chance came in the 44th minute, when a free kick from 22 yards cleared the Byki wall. Goalie Dean Fukar made a diving save, staying with a tough shot in the swirling wind. Three minutes later, the Byki really took command of the affair. Fleming arced a free kick from the left touchline towards the far post. Winter outjumped his man and headed home just inside the post.

The game went haywire in the 54th minute when Cardenas came in hard to win the ball from a Jahbat player deep in the left corner. The Jahbat player was incensed at the challenge and took a swing at Cardenas, who fell to the turf. The referee rightly sent off the Jahbat player, who had to be restrained by his teammates and actually came back into the field twice to argue his case. Jahbat parlayed the ensuing free kick into a goal when the Byki were unable to clear the ball out of their goal area. A Jahbat player poked the ball in during the goalmouth scramble.

The score amazingly went to 2:2 in the 74th minute when an impressive sequence of passes outside the Byki area caught defenders waving at the ball. Jahbat converted from close range and a match that was seemingly in the bag appeared to be slipping away from the Byki.

But the team showed their resilient nature in the second minute of stoppage time. Dan Jedrzejowski played a long ball for Jakub Banbor, who sprinted along the touchline and crossed to the far side for Fleming. Measuring his shot carefully, Fleming hit a spectacular volley that beat the keeper at the short post.

OVER 30

Hellenic Utd 2 : 0 Byki

NSL Over 30 Division - Olympic Park - 4 August 2009

Hellenic get their revenge

Embarrassing defeats tend to stay in the memories of players and the desire to reverse things is a strong motivating factor. Hellenic United, still smarting from the 4:0 pasting given to them by the Byki on July 25, gave the Byki a night of intense football last Tuesday and were rewarded with a 2:0 win. The Byki had their chances, but came up empty at critical moments in the second half. The loss drops the Byki to 3-1-5.

The Byki were well aware that Hellenic wanted to get on top early and the Byki backline was ready. They did a good job of keeping their shape and making incisive tackles. But the real problem for the Byki was ball possession. The Hellenic midfield played with a high degree of passion and swarmed all over any Byki player who touched the ball. The result was a myriad of turnovers and bad passes, all of which led to one-way traffic in the Byki end of the field.

A goal felt inevitable and Hellenic got on the board in the 23rd minute. They floated a free kick in front of Dean Fukar's goal area and the Byki were caught flat-footed when a Hellenic player ran into the gap and flicked the ball past Fukar. Some Byki contended that the player was offside, but there could be no excuse for their failure to react. Fukar was called upon to make big save right before halftime when a Hellenic player dribbled free in the box.

The solution was simple for the Byki. They needed to move the ball faster to avoid the aggressive marking by the Hellenic players. But that would mean stepping up their work rate.

The Byki had a good start to the second half, but it was Hellenic who looked poised to add to their lead when one of their strikers sprinted into the box and was bumped from behind. The referee pointed to the spot, but the Byki caught a huge break when the Hellenic player shot the ball wide in the 52nd minute.

It was an opportunity to change the momentum, but the Byki could not cash in. In the 57th minute, Kieron Inalsingh chased down a long pass in the right corner. He sent an inch-perfect cross for Maciej Kekus, whose sharp header was saved by the keeper.

Hellenic took firm control of the match seven minutes from time when a forward dribbled through three Byki defenders and beat Fukar from close range to make it 2:0.

At that point, the Byki made a big push to get players forward. Their best chance to score came in the 79th minute. Inalsingh made a terrific through pass to spring Kekus, who raced past the last defender. With only the keeper to beat, Kekus rolled his shot past the advancing netminder, but the ball narrowly missed finding the far post.

Coach George Gorecki tried to temper his players' disappointment. "We created chances and we played some pretty good football in the second half," he said. "If we keep playing this way, those missed chances will become goals."

BLUE

Warta B 4 : 0 Byki

NSL 1st Division - Conkey Forest Preserve - 2 August 2009

Short-handed Byki run out of gas

It's bad enough when a team has to play with ten players on a hot summer day. But it's really bad when both of the team's coaches (one of whom is hobbled by injury) have to suit up just so that their team can have ten players on the field. This was the situation facing the Blue Team last Sunday in their crucial encounter with CKS Warta B last Sunday at Conkey Forest Preserve. Warta prevailed 4:0 and the score could have been much worse for the Byki if Warta's marksmanship had been better.

The Byki, with three points from six matches, trailed Warta and the WI Jets by a point going into the match. After the Jets downed HNNK Hrvat 2:1 on Sunday, the Blue Team have a lot of work to do if they want to climb the table.

The goal for the Byki was to keep the game close and then try to nip a goal on the break. But Warta had other ideas and their overall advantage in team speed was a big factor in their victory.

Warta grabbed the lead in the 17th minute. Just when it looked as though a long boot from midfield was going to go out for a goal kick, a hustling Warta player saved the ball and looped a cross over everyone's head. The Byki did not react in time and a Warta player tapped the ball into the empty net.

The Byki created very little offense as they tried to conserve energy. Samah Onaissi and Mike Frantz worked tirelessly along the flanks to get the ball forward, but they could not cope for the full 90 minutes.

Warta doubled their lead in the 59th minute when they beat the Byki on the counter. They came fast down the left side and goalkeeper John Flood came out to force the issue. He saved the initial shot, but the rebound came out to the 18. The defense blocked the second shot, deflecting the ball to an open Warta player who drove the ball home.

The Warta counterattack stretched the Byki defense and the longer the game went on, the more openings Warta created. They went 3:0 up in the 73rd minute when the Byki were caught out of position, leaving Flood alone. They added the icing to the cake in the final minute, burning the Byki again on the break.

The closest that the Byki would come to scoring was a late shot from Onaissi, whose long-range attempt ticked off of the goalpost. The dejected and frustrated Byki were in a foul mood afterwards and wondered what had happened to the teammates who had abandoned them.

WHITE

Byki 2 : 7 Das Magic

NSL 1st Division - Conkey Forest Preserve - 2 August 2009

No magic spell for Byki

After a promising start versus Das Magic last Sunday, the Byki Whites became a sieve for goals. Das Magic broke open a 1:1 stalemate early in the second half en route to an easy 7:2 win. They scored four times in the final 24 minutes of the match and the Byki were out of answers. The White Team now stands at 2-2-4 for the season.

The White Team were looking to rebound from their disheartening 8:2 drubbing by the Reds in the Byki derby the week before and a bright beginning on Sunday gave the players confidence, as they smartly moved the ball around the field. After three minutes, the Byki were ahead 1:0 as young midfielder Jesus Martinez set up Sergio Benavides for his third goal of the season. Das Magic found a path behind the Byki defense in the 20th minute, leading to a 1 v 1 situation with goalie Dave van Howe. The Magic striker slotted past van Howe to level the score.

The Byki took that 1:1 score into the break and wanted to make sure that they could maintain good ball movement because of a lack of subs on the bench. But the Magic took the initiative to begin the second half, scoring two goals in rapid-fire fashion in the opening minutes.

The Byki replied in the 57th minute. Benavides won a ball along the left flank and played it to Martinez in the middle. Martinez spotted Scott Kreydich making a run and supplied a pass that caught Kreydich in stride. Kreydich blasted a shot from 25 yards that gave the goalkeeper no chance and pulled the Byki to within 3:2.

But Das Magic were far more economical in their strategy than the Byki and by the middle of the second half, they were running the Byki ragged. The fatigued Byki appeared to be a step behind and the goals started to fall for Das Magic.

The score went to 4:2 in the 66th minute when a Das Magic player tapped the ball home from short range. They converted a corner kick in the 74th minute into a goal when an errant Byki clearance wound up behind van Howe to make it 5:2. Two more goals in the next six minutes put the result beyond any doubt.

The White Team need to regain their defensive discipline in order to be competitive again. After conceding nine goals in their first six matches, the Whites have given up 15 in the last two.

John Flood contributed to this story.

BYKI SCOREBOARD

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BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): O'Meara – Black, Casey, Hoeper, Walter – Arredondo, Stamatinos, B. Safford, Klacko (c) – Freidine, Torossian. **Bench:** Davit, Kozak, Mendoza, Rouzer, A. Safford, Taylor, Zuleta.

0:1 – B. Safford 1 (Klacko); 13th.
0:2 – Klacko 1; 18th.
2:3 – Torossian 1 (Davit); 71st.
2:4 – Davit 1 (Klacko); 73rd.

Byki Red Men of the Match: Jon Davit and Josh Taylor

WHITE

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BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): van Howe – A. Kreydich, Habalian, Auerbach, Wilbur –S. Kreydich, Stanley, Hunt, Martinez – G. Flood, Benavides. **Bench:** Ogundipe.

1:0 – Benavides 3 (Martinez); 3rd
2:3 – S. Kreydich 1 (Martinez; 57th

Byki Men of the Match: Scott Kreydich and Jesus Martinez

OVER 30

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BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Fukar – Cardenas, Jedrzejowski, McGrath, Dec – Lane (c), Winter – Banbor, Fleming, Inalsingh – Kekus. **Bench:** Brough, Frischmann, Najera, Pedlow.

1:0 – Winter 1; 13th.
2:0 – Winter 2 (Fleming); 47th.
3:2 – Fleming 2 (Banbor); 82nd (+).

Byki Men of the Match: Matt Fleming and Jan Winter

OVER 30

Hellenic Utd 2 : 0 Byki

NSL Over 30 Division - Olympic Park - 4 August 2009

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Fukar – Cardenas, Jedrzejowski, McGrath, Dec – Lane (c), Gibbs – Banbor, Fleming, Inalsingh – Kekus. **Bench:** Brough, Elmkinssi, Frischmann, Najera, Pedlow.

Byki Man of the Match: Brett Frischmann

BLUE

Warta B 4 : 0 Byki

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BYKI LINEUP (3-4-2): J. Flood – Baud, Rose, Dziekiewicz – Bouzoukis (c), Frantz, Onaissi, Boghicev – Aguirre, Gambino.

Byki Man of the Match: Gabi Dziekiewicz

RED TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Freidine	4	0	4
Arredondo	2	2	4
Haynes	1	2	3
Klacko	1	2	3
Mendoza	2	0	2
Davit	1	1	2
Kozak	1	0	1
Safford, B	1	0	1
Schluter	1	0	1
Torossian	1	0	1
Zuleta	1	0	1
Stamtinos	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Casiraghi	180	0	0.00
O'Meara	278	5	1.62
Flood, G	90	2	2.00
Flood, J	82	2	2.20

Current record: 4-1-2

WHITE TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Martinez	2	2	4
Benavides	3	0	3
Kuqi	1	1	2
Domek	1	0	1
Kreydich, S	1	0	1
van Howe	1	0	1
Mehreioskouei	0	1	1
Team goals	3	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Jacobson	450	6	1.20
Flood, J	90	3	3.00
van Howe	90	7	7.00
Gambino	90	8	8.00

Current record: 2-2-4

O-30 TEAM, NSL O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Kekus	7	1	8
Banbor	2	4	6
Winter	2	2	4
Fleming	2	1	3
Gibbs	1	1	2
Ciszewski	0	1	1
Dec	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
McGrath	30	0	0.00
Najera	130	1	0.62
Fukar	570	15	2.11

Current record: 3-1-5

BLUE TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Boghicev	2	0	2
Disney	1	0	1
Salem, Ali	1	0	1
Sodeinde	1	0	1
Frantz	0	1	1
Onaissi	0	1	1
Zaremba	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Morgan	270	2	0.67
Flood, J	270	9	3.00
Baud	90	3	3.00

Current record: 0-3-4

O-39 TEAM, PSLC O-39 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Huck	4	3	7
Siepiora	3	1	4
Sambou	2	2	4
Silverstein	1	2	3
Cruikshank	2	0	2
Tower	2	0	2
Jacobs	1	1	2
Piotrowski	1	1	2
Freitag	0	2	2
Cardenas	1	0	1
Elmkinssi	1	0	1
Bolesta	0	1	1
Dec	0	1	1
Towsey	0	1	1
Team goals	1	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Pruim	90	1	1.00
Fukar	865	13	1.35
Tsipris	35	1	2.57

Current record: 5-2-4

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

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MAJOR DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Inferno SC	8	6	0	2	19	9	18
RWB Adria	7	4	2	1	21	11	14
Deportivo Colomex	9	4	0	5	16	17	12
SAC Wisla	8	3	2	3	23	14	11
Albanian Stars	9	2	3	4	9	14	9
B-H Lilies	7	2	0	5	12	20	6

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Deportivo Meridienne	9	6	2	1	28	12	20
Jahbat FC	10	5	4	1	18	9	19
FC Steaua	8	3	1	4	15	17	10
Gazelle SC	9	2	2	5	9	16	8
Hellenic United Blue	6	1	4	1	12	11	7
CKS Warta	10	2	0	8	11	43	6

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FK Podrinje	8	4	1	3	17	15	13
FK Republika Srpska	8	4	1	3	18	19	13
HNNK Hrvat	7	3	1	3	17	14	10
CKS Warta B	7	2	1	4	12	15	7
West Indies Jets	8	2	1	5	7	13	7
Stare Byki Blue	7	0	3	4	6	14	3

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Khaboor FC	9	6	1	2	22	15	19
Das Magic	9	4	3	2	24	17	15
Stare Byki Red	7	4	1	2	16	9	13
NK Prijedor	8	3	4	1	22	15	13
FC Ultras	8	3	1	4	15	18	10
Stare Byki White	8	2	2	4	12	24	8

SECOND DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Bosphorus FC	9	6	0	3	19	17	18
Gremio A	9	5	1	3	29	16	16
Independiente FC	9	4	2	3	26	24	14
West Bosnia SC	8	3	2	3	22	21	11
Turkish FC	9	2	1	6	15	45	7
Hellenic United White	7	1	1	5	15	14	4

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Ho-Chunk Brusfa FC	8	6	1	1	38	16	19
Chicago Dynasty FC	9	6	1	2	29	26	19
FC Kosova	7	4	1	2	19	14	13
Juanacatlan	7	2	2	3	13	15	8
Chicago Thunder	7	2	1	4	21	22	7
Gremio B	9	1	1	7	24	40	4

OVER 30 DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Jahbat FC	10	6	2	2	21	11	20
Hellenic United	8	6	0	2	23	12	18
Lake Shore SC	8	5	3	0	21	11	18
SAC Wisla	7	5	0	2	19	15	15
Gato Verde	9	3	1	5	15	16	10
Stare Byki FC	9	3	1	5	14	16	10
West Indies Jets	8	2	3	3	6	10	9
Atletico Jalisco	8	2	1	5	13	20	7
Arabian FC	9	0	1	8	10	31	1

PREMIER SOCCER LEAGUE of CHICAGOLAND

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OVER 39 GREEN DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
St. Charles Celtics Blue 40+	12	9	2	1	52	14	29
International SC 40+	11	7	4	0	31	12	25
Villains SC	12	7	3	2	29	14	24
Real Wheeling FC	12	5	5	2	27	26	20
Real Wilmette	11	5	2	4	25	21	17
Stare Byki FC	11	5	2	4	19	15	17
Pampas OT	12	4	2	6	14	15	14
St. Charles Celtics Green 40+	11	4	1	6	23	32	13
St.Charles United	11	3	2	6	12	26	11
MOFG	11	2	3	6	14	29	9
Botev Chicago	11	1	3	7	13	31	6
St. Charles Celtics Clockwork	11	0	3	8	10	34	3