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**2014 PSLC  
Over 40  
CHAMPIONS**

Byki 0-40	<b>2</b>	Premier Soccer League Over 40 B1 Division
Windy City	<b>1</b>	Oak Brook Sports Core 2 August 2015

## Byki climb within reach of top spot

The race for first place in the Over 40 B1 Division got just a bit tighter last Sunday when the Byki topped leaders Windy City United 2:1 at Oak Brook. When Pampas could only manage a 3:3 draw versus International SC, the Byki leapfrogged them into second place. Windy City remain top dogs, with 22 points from ten matches, but the Byki have 21 from nine, and are knocking at the door with four consecutive wins. Pampas remain in the hunt, with 19 points from nine matches.

Byki teamwork was at a very high level on Sunday. After they fell behind early, they methodically worked their way back into the contest, equalizing by halftime, and then putting their stamp on the match at the start of the second half. The Byki noticed the improvement in Windy City right at the start of the season and stepped up their game in response. Windy City have lost just twice this season, both times to the Byki.

Striker Mitch Posada threw out the first salvo after seven minutes, sprinting into space after a through pass. He got past two defenders and shot from inside the box. His first attempt was blocked and the rebound was sent out for a corner.

Windy City opportunistically snatched the lead five minutes later. The Byki defenders found themselves in scramble mode after a couple of clever passes got them off balance. Two weak attempts to clear the ball sent it to an unmarked Windy City player at the top of the area. His hard shot took a slight deflection, leaving a diving Dean Fukar going the wrong way.

The Byki came close to squaring things at 1:1 in the 19th minute. A slick combination of passes unhinged the Windy City defense, freeing Posada to romp along the right wing. He crossed the ball to the far post for Steven Pedlow, whose volley bounced in front of goal and glanced off the post. Gabriel Rodriguez was a half-step away from tapping the loose ball into the back of the net.

Ade Ekundayo led the charge through the heart of the Windy City defense three minutes later, finding Pedlow on

the left side of the area. Windy City's keeper did well to snare Pedlow's attempt.

The pressure kept building and the Byki got their payoff in the 25th minute. Posada and Diego Penafiel exchanged a series of quick, one-touch passes, leaving Posada with an open shot from close range. Posada banged his shot off the post, and Brian Huck was in the right spot to slot home his first goal of the season.

Huck nearly doubled his pleasure in the 37th minute when his free kick from the arc whizzed barely wide of the goalpost.

The momentum spilled over to the second half, as the Byki swarmed the Windy City goal. Ekundayo was in perfect position to give the Byki the lead, but he sent an open volley into orbit. He got a second opportunity just moments later when Windy City coughed up possession in their back third. Ekundayo laid off for Posada on the right side, who took the ball nearly to the byline before sending it into the middle. Ekundayo made the supporting run and redirected an open header past the keeper for a 2:1 lead.

The Byki held their nerve in the 52nd minute, as Windy City created their most dangerous situation of the day. A dangerously placed corner kick in front of the goal resulted in a furious scramble. One shot was blocked, and Fukar batted down the rebound. Dave Safford cleared the ball to safety and the Byki averted a close call.

The Byki knew that a third goal was essential in gaining full control of the contest, but they were thwarted by the Windy City netminder on several occasions. In the 79th minute, Pedlow capped off a winding run by dancing along the goal line and beating two defenders. He crossed the ball into the goal area and mayhem ensued. A Windy City defender got a foot in to clear the ball away.

Two minutes later, Pedlow sent the ball to Miguel Zarate, who had pushed forward from his fullback position. He cracked a shot headed for the near post and the keeper was

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well-positioned to make the stop.

The goalie went beyond the call of duty one minute before the end. Ekundayo intercepted a pass at midfield and sprinted in on a breakaway. Ekundayo appeared to have Windy City's keeper at his mercy as he closed in. The goalie came up with a brilliant, sprawling foot save to deny Ekundayo. The ball stayed in play and the Byki sent it back to Ekundayo in the six-yard box. The goalkeeper outdid himself on Ekundayo's second attempt with a dazzling reaction save.

**BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1):** Fukar – Pedlow, Safford, Tower, Zarate – Lane, Penafiel – G. Rodriguez, Thompson, Ekundayo – Posada. **Bench:** Gorecki (c), Huck, Jacobs, Karafili, Towsey.

#### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – Huck 1; 25th.

2:1 – Ekundayo 2 (Posada); 49th.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Eric Tower.

Byki 0-48	0	Premier Soccer League Over 48 Division
St C Celtics	3	Olympic Park 5 August 2015

## Byki playoff fate now in limbo

The Over 48 Team were stunned on Wednesday when the St Charles Celtics broke open a scoreless deadlock with three second-half goals en route to a 3:0 win. The Byki have completed their regular-season schedule with seven points from eight matches. They still occupy third place in the table, but International SC have four points from six matches, and the Celtics have three points from five. Most logical scenarios would see the Byki finish no worse than fourth, which would be the final playoff spot.

But a stale second-half performance leaves the Byki wondering if there will be any post-season play. It didn't have to be this way, and the Byki have only themselves to blame. The Celtics simply outworked them after the break and the pressure that they applied gave them a just reward of all three points in the contest.

Player-coach Rick Bolesta emphasized that a ball possession style would be the path to success. And the Byki heeded that message well in the first half, smartly zipping the ball to open players. The Byki did not hesitate to go back and laterally, patiently trying to probe for openings. The only downfall for the Byki was their inability to maintain that level of efficiency in the final third. The St Charles goalie had little work to do as a result.

The Byki looked dangerous midway through the first half when Juan Carlos Carrillo sent a free kick at the byline back to the corner of the 18 for the supporting Dave Safford. The fullback did not hesitate to fire away. The shot was blocked in front of goal, as was Agron Karafili's rebound attempt.

A couple of minutes later, an excellent combination between Carrillo and Karafili opened up space on the right

side for Mariusz Gorski. The keeper read the play well and grabbed Gorski's shot.

The Celtics would have liked a goal-line replay review in the 32nd minute. A near-post header from a corner kick was sent across the face of the Byki goal and was cleared off the line by Safford, who was guarding the far post. The ball could not have been more than inches in front of the goal line.

Striker Dominic Demarets was late arriving to the game, but wasted no time making an impact. In the 39th minute, he sent a shot narrowly over the bar. Two minutes later, Karafili carried the ball through the middle and laid off for Demarets on the left side. He fired immediately and had the keeper beaten. His shot clanged off the crossbar, the keeper undoubtedly offering a sigh of relief.

A poor Byki turnover in the back just before the whistle nearly handed the Celtics the lead. Goalie Dean Fukar came out to challenge the shooter and dove low to deny him.

The Byki had two good opportunities early in the second half. Demarets took a pass from Carrillo, faked his defender and drilled a shot right at the goalkeeper. Moments later, Safford set him up on the left flank and a swooping shot attempt went just over the crossbar.

By the middle of the second half, the tide began turning towards the Celtics, who increasingly saw more of the ball. They took the lead in the 66th minute when a clever pass beat the Byki defense and a well-placed shot from ten yards got underneath Fukar.

Fukar was under pressure two minutes later when a weak backpass never made it to him. A Celtics player got there first, but Fukar made him dribble wide, giving him no angle on a shot that missed the target.

The Celtics made it 2:0 in the 71st minute when a well-timed through ball caught the Byki unaware. The Celtics player received the ball 25 yards from goal, barreled his way past Safford and fired past the advancing Fukar.

Byki teamwork had disintegrated by this point. The pinpoint passing game of the first half had disappeared. Once players started impatiently carping about each other's errors, there was little hope that the Byki could mount a comeback.

The Celtics kept coming and were denied a third in the 75th minute when Fukar adroitly saved from a breakaway situation. They put the result to bed in the 83rd minute when another sloppy pass by the Byki in their back third finally came back to bite them. The Celtics striker made no mistake, rifling a shot past Fukar.

*Brian Huck contributed to this report.*

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

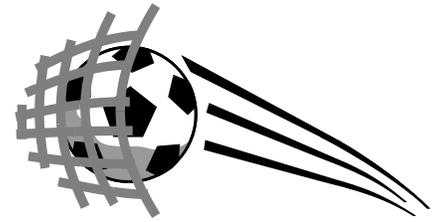
#### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Dave Safford.



# BYKI bits & pieces



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Ticket donation is \$25 and the ticket is valid for all 17 weeks of the NFL season and playoffs up until the Super Bowl.

### **How do you win?**

There are two ways to win. You win if the two teams listed for a given week combine to score the highest number of points that weekend in the NFL. You also win if the two teams listed for a given week combine to score the lowest number of points that weekend in the NFL.

### **How much do you win?**

For the regular season, you win \$50 if your teams combine to score the highest number of points that week, and \$25 if they combine to score the lowest number of points. For the three weeks of the playoffs, the payouts rise to \$150 and \$75, respectively. A drawing for four cash prizes will be held during the lead-up to the Super Bowl. All tickets are eligible for this drawing.

### **What happens if a team is on a bye week?**

Both teams listed on a ticket for a given week must play that week for the ticket to be valid. The same situation applies for the playoffs; if one or both teams listed for the playoff weeks are not in the playoffs, then the ticket is not valid for that week.

### **Will I be playing the same two teams every week?**

No. The pairs of teams are selected at random. You have to check your ticket every week to see which teams are involved for that week.

### **Do the teams listed in a given week have to play one another in order to win?**

No. In fact, it is highly unlikely that the teams listed will be playing one another. The only thing that counts is how many points are scored by the teams listed in their respective games.

### **What if someone else has the same teams that I do? Do we both win?**

Every ticket is unique, so no other player has your two teams for a given week. There are a total of 496 tickets in play and the approximate odds of winning some kind of prize are 1 in 9.

### **What if there is more than one winning ticket?**

If there is more than one winning ticket in a given week, the prize money will be split equally among the winners.

### **How do I know if I won?**

All winners will be notified via email or phone, so it is important to ensure that you correctly fill out the details on the ticket stub. Details of prize winners will also be posted on this website.

### **Prize Summary**

\$50 - Regular season week, high score  
\$25 - Regular season week, low score

\$150 - Playoff week, high score  
\$75 - Playoff week, low score

\$500 - Cash drawing #1  
\$250 - Cash drawing #2  
\$125 - Cash drawing #3  
\$125 - Cash drawing #4

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<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	10	8	0	2	34	12	24
<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	10	5	2	3	29	22	17
Chicago Dynasty FC	9	2	2	5	15	20	8
West Indies Jets	9	1	1	7	12	26	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	9	6	0	3	29	19	18
FC Macedonia	10	5	1	4	25	21	16
Assyrian FC	5	4	0	1	16	8	12
Gremio FC	9	3	0	6	19	38	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	10	7	1	2	22	10	22
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>21</b>
Pampas OT	9	6	1	2	37	16	19
Naperville Strikers FC	10	4	1	5	22	25	13
International SC	8	2	3	3	15	18	9
MOFG	9	2	1	6	16	27	7

<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 O40	10	6	1	3	33	23	19
St Charles Celtics Green	10	5	2	3	33	21	17
MANA Soccer Club	8	5	0	3	41	22	15
Chicago FC	10	3	1	6	23	32	10
Real FC	10	3	1	6	19	32	10
St Charles Celtics Orange	9	0	0	9	7	57	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>
FC DePaul	11	8	1	2	34	16	25
St Charles Celtics	9	7	1	1	30	14	22
AEK Chicago	9	7	0	2	28	13	21
Levski Chicago 2014	9	6	1	2	32	15	19
<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>
Chicago Rangers FC	10	3	2	5	21	16	11
Olympiacos Chicago	10	3	0	7	21	23	9
Real FC	10	1	1	8	17	52	4
Shogun	10	0	1	9	12	48	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>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>7</b>
International SC	6	1	1	4	14	21	4
St Charles Celtics	5	1	0	4	7	15	3