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**RED**

**Byki 2 : 7 Jahbat**

NSL Major Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 5 August 2012

## Byki play giveaway

The Red Team sought to make a move out of the drop zone last Sunday when they faced Jahbat FC, relegation candidates from the Major Division's Red Section. Jahbat took advantage of a multitude of first-half giveaways by the Byki and cruised to a 5:0 lead at the break. The sides exchanged goals in the second half, but the Byki had no chance to climb out of a deep hole.

The turnovers were numerous, as the Byki spent the first half hour scrambling on defense. By that time, Jahbat had racked up three goals and the Byki looked like they were simply trying to tread water.

Their only offensive output in the first half was a clearance from midfield by Martin Herholdt. The long ball fooled everyone, unexpectedly clanging off of the crossbar. Moments later, Jahbat swooped in for two late goals to swell their lead to a gaudy 5:0.

Lousy marking in the 52nd minute allowed Jahbat to convert another ridiculously easy chance. The Byki began a mini turnaround midway through the second half. Matt LaConte made a powerful run inside the penalty area and steered a header just over the bar. In the 69th minute, young Nick Cardenas opened his Byki account. Todd Trowbridge played an elegant pass to send Cardenas clear, who crushed a shot from 20 yards.

The Byki pulled to within 6:2 three minutes later. Herholdt, back in action since suffering a knee injury during the winter, did a wonderful job holding possession deep in the penalty area, to the right of the goalie. He blasted a shot right at him and the deflection was redirected into the back of the net by a Jahbat defender.

In the 82nd minute, Trowbridge crossed the ball in from the left flank for LaConte, who was unmarked in the goal box. LaConte's header whizzed narrowly past the upper corner.

Three minutes from the end, Jordan Stopka and Herholdt pressured a Jahbat player to cough up possession inside his

penalty area. Herholdt came in alone on the keeper, who did not commit early and barely blocked Herholdt's shot attempt.

**BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1):** Bertels – Gibbs, Suhayda, Jordan Jacobs, Uriza – Soegaard (c), Trowbridge – Cardenas, Pirahmadi, Stopka – LaConte.

**Bench:** Herholdt

### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:6 – Cardenas 1 (Trowbridge); 69th.

2:6 – Jahbat FC own goal.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Martin Herholdt

**BLUE**

**Byki 1 : 2 Raiders**

NSL 1st Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 5 August 2012

## Byki show heart in defeat

The Blue Team battled Raiders FC shorthanded for almost an hour last Sunday in Oak Brook and nearly pulled off an unexpected finish, falling 2:1. The squad showed good defensive composure and resiliency, despite being down a man. The Byki stand at 3-0-6 for the season.

The Byki were forced to start the match with 10 men when the Red Team called up two players for their match and Ray Najera was unable to arrive until just after halftime. Several players were playing outside of their natural positions and adapted well in the difficult conditions.

The Raiders flooded the Byki end of the field from the outset and sought to get an early advantage. In the ninth minute, a weak clearance just 25 yards from the Byki goal provided the Raiders with a great opportunity as a player dribbled in to shoot. Amit Khankari read the play and dove to make the stop.

The Raiders weren't finished yet. Two minutes later, a rapid sequence of passes sliced the Byki defense apart and a striker ran free inside the area. His shot from close range gave Khankari no chance.

Ball possession was hugely in favor of the Raiders for the remainder of the first half, but they did little with it. Shots

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flew in from all over, yet few found the target. At halftime, the Byki regrouped, made a couple of positional changes, and hoped to find a goal on the break to get back into the game.

The Raiders created two excellent opportunities in the first ten minutes of the second half, but could not capitalize. One shot barely missed the post and Khankari made a massive save on an open shot inside of his goal area.

Najera arrived shortly thereafter to give the Byki their full complement of 11 players and this allowed the Byki to build some attacking momentum of their own.

The Raiders, however, scored the crucial goal to go ahead 2:0 in the 73rd minute. They outnumbered the Byki on a quick strike.

The teams went back and forth and the Byki suddenly made their mark three minutes from the end. Striker Enrique Barcenas worked hard to win possession at the byline and crossed the ball into the middle for Najera, who headed home to make it 2:1. Najera and Barcenas worked a very effective strike partnership during the second half. Barcenas did well to hold the ball and wait for teammates to come forward on many occasions to construct a patient buildup.

**BYKI LINEUP (3-5-2):** Khankari – Kosinski, Garnon, Mendoza – Szczypka, Slate, Onaissi, Mehagic, Koenig (c) – Barcenas, Najera.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**  
1:2 – Najera 1 (Barcenas); 87th.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Enrique Barcenas

home first-time.

Three minutes later, the Villains' goalie parried away a long shot by Mark Weslar. Rodriguez controlled the ball near the goal line and sent the ball into the middle for Pedlow, whose shot was deflected, and then snared by the keeper.

A sequence midway through the first half left the Villains reeling, but still only down by a goal. Ekundayo sent Jim Jacobs into the box with a perfectly threaded through pass. The goalkeeper's foot save denied Jacobs. Moments later, Ekundayo made a forceful run into the area and laid the ball off for Jacobs, whose sitter went over the bar.

A goal looked imminent in the 23rd minute. Ekundayo sent a dangerous cross into the middle and the goalkeeper dropped the ball. Kris Zadlo won possession in a scrum and found Jacobs in shooting position. Jacobs's shot went high.

The Villains caught their breath and got to work. They leveled things in the 31st minute when a corner kick was headed in just under the bar. Two minutes later, the Byki were sleeping on a free kick 40 yards from goal and a simple pass led to a breakaway, making it 2:1.

The Byki came right back in the 36th minute. Rodriguez played a long ball into space for Pedlow, who came in alone on the keeper. He easily dribbled around him to knock the ball home for 2:2.

The Villains were inches away from regaining the lead two minutes later. With the ball loose at the foot of the Byki goal, a Villains' shot hit the crossbar and was cleared to safety by an acrobatic Rodriguez.

The Byki asserted themselves at the start of the second half. Weslar sent a nifty pass behind the defense for Ekundayo, who calmly rounded the goalkeeper for a 3:2 lead.

The Villains refused to pack their tents, however. Goals in the 65th and 70th minutes put them back in charge for good. Slack marking by the Byki gave the opportunistic Villains all of the time and space that they needed to punch home two more strikes.

The Byki appeared to run out of gas in the endgame and failed to put any pressure on the Villains' goal.

**BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2):** Vlahakis – Towsey, Mazmanian, Fink, Cohen – Weslar, Rodriguez, Pedlow (c), Ekundayo – Dahlquist, Huck. **Bench:** Gorecki, Jim Jacobs, Muehlbauer, Zadlo.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**  
1:0 – Pedlow 5 (Rodriguez); 9th.  
2:2 – Pedlow (Rodriguez); 36th.  
3:2 – Ekundayo 2 (Weslar); 48th.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Ade Ekundayo

**OVER 40**

**Byki 3 : 4 Villains**

PSLC Over 40 Blue Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 5 August 2012

## Defense takes a vacation

The Over 40 Team found themselves in a back-and forth battle against Villains SC last Sunday and appeared to have the upper hand when they broke into a 3:2 lead early in the second half. The Villains, however, struck twice within five minutes to go ahead 4:3. They successfully killed off the final 15 minutes of the match, sending the Byki to their third defeat in their last four games. At 7-1-4, the Byki are in third place in the Over 40 Blue Division.

The Byki needed just nine minutes to break the ice. Ade Ekundayo orchestrated a counterattack when his long pass from midfield found Gabriel Rodriguez running free on the right wing. Rodriguez sprinted into space and squared a cross into the goalmouth, where Steven Pedlow knocked the ball

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**MAJOR DIVISION**

<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>
Gazelle SC	7	7	0	0	26	9	21
RWB Adria	6	5	1	0	22	7	16
Albanian Stars	6	4	0	2	18	9	12
Jahbat FC	9	3	0	6	15	22	9
Brusfa FC	6	2	1	3	11	10	7
CKS Warta	8	2	1	5	15	31	7

<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>
Hellenic United Blue	6	5	0	1	25	6	15
SAC Wisla	8	5	0	3	20	16	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	9	1	0	8	16	41	3

**FIRST DIVISION**

<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>
Bosphorus FC	8	6	2	0	30	12	20
West Indies Jets SC	8	5	2	1	23	14	17
Jamstar FC	7	4	2	1	18	12	14
Das Magic	7	3	2	2	19	14	11
FC Moldova	8	3	1	4	17	23	10
Khaboor FC	6	2	2	2	6	7	8
Independiente FC	8	1	2	5	11	24	5
NK Prijedor	6	0	2	4	13	21	2
Shlama FC	6	0	1	5	8	18	1

<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>
Assyrian FC	9	6	1	2	31	13	19
Gremio FC	9	5	2	2	20	13	17
Lancer FC	9	5	1	3	18	19	16
Raiders FC	8	5	1	2	18	12	16
FC Kosova	8	4	1	3	25	17	13
FK Republika Srpska	7	4	0	3	22	22	12
Stare Byki FC Blue	9	3	0	6	13	31	9
Lamaso FC	8	2	2	4	16	17	8
Winged Bull	8	2	2	4	12	13	8
Chicago Dynasty FC	9	0	2	7	13	31	2

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**OVER 30 RED DIVISION**

	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Bulgaria FC	10	10	0	0	54	17	30
Romania SC	9	9	0	0	50	13	27
Pampas 30+	11	9	0	2	46	19	27
FC Tarnovia	10	7	0	3	25	16	21
Hellenic United 30+	8	5	0	3	19	14	15
Jahbat FC	12	4	2	6	23	33	14
Balkan 30+	9	4	1	4	19	18	13
La Granate	9	3	1	5	25	34	10
St Charles Celtics Red 30+	10	3	0	7	29	37	9
Chicago Celtic 30+	11	3	0	8	20	39	9
Wisla SAC 30+	10	2	1	7	24	40	7
Black Eagle	11	1	2	8	26	49	5
Stare Byki FC 30+	8	0	1	7	10	41	1

**OVER 40 BLUE DIVISION**

	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Torino FC	10	8	1	1	34	13	25
Real FC	12	7	2	3	39	21	23
Stare Byki FC	12	7	1	4	40	24	22
Pampas OT	10	7	1	3	34	20	22
Villains SC	12	7	1	5	30	29	22
MOFG	11	5	2	4	21	22	17
Naperville Strikers FC	12	4	1	7	34	29	13
St Charles Celtics Green	11	4	0	7	27	35	12
Windy City United	11	3	1	7	31	26	10
St Charles Celtics Orange	11	0	0	11	4	75	0