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CHAMPIONS**

Guadalajara	<b>1</b>	National Soccer League 1st Division
Stare Byki	<b>2</b>	Douglas Park 9 August 2015

## Tough conditions can't stop Byki

A week off from NSL action and a match against the Blue Section leaders FC Guadalajara was not enough to deter the Byki, who extended their unbeaten streak to eight matches, following a tough 2:1 victory. The Byki improve to 7-1-2 and still trail FC Kosova by five points in the Red Section. The Byki have played one fewer game than Kosova.

Unable to find a suitable home field, newcomers Guadalajara settled for the atrocious turf field at Douglas Park. The poorly maintained rug was full of bumps and dimples, and the lack of rubber infill pellets made the field as hard as a rock. Some Byki players regretted not bringing along their indoor shoes.

The field also was set up with dimensions that were not thought out very well: 112 yards long by 60 yards wide. "We're playing soccer in a bowling alley today," quipped coach George Gorecki in his pre-game remarks.

The Byki fielded a lineup of just 11 players, thanks to three players not showing up. They actually started the match with 10 and the late-arriving Cyril Zachariah got them up to the full complement of 11.

The narrow confines prevented the Byki from playing their preferred style of spreading the field and utilizing the wings. There would be a premium on quick ball movement and passing the ball out of tight spaces.

The Byki gave notice in the early stages. Joe Sauerman won the ball at midfield and sent a pass to Mclain Roth on the right flank. After dribbling past his marker, Roth scorched a low cross to the far post that just missed connecting with Cristian Rodriguez, who had made the supporting run.

Guadalajara got on the board in the 12th minute. Two Guadalajara players squeezed Alen Mehagic as he tried to play the ball out of trouble on the left touchline near midfield. Guadalajara's striker won possession and immediately boomed a diagonal ball to the far side of the penalty area. A Guadalajara player sprinted into the space and lobbed the ball over the oncoming Pete Chronowski.

The Byki shrugged off the fluky goal and kept probing for openings in the Guadalajara defense. In the 27th minute,

Sauerman and Roth combined artfully in a series of give-and-go passes, leading Roth to carry down the right side. He drove a low ball into the goal area, forcing the keeper to dive and punch the ball clear.

Four minutes later, Chronowski was in the right spot to tip a Guadalajara free kick taken from the corner of the penalty area over the bar.

A flurry in the 34th minute caught Guadalajara flat-footed. Mehagic slipped a restart from the right wing to Sauerman, who floated a ball deep into the left side of the penalty area. Zachariah hit a blistering shot that caromed off of the near post. Mike Stamatinos controlled the loose ball and sent it into the mixer, watching in frustration as the ball glanced off the top of the crossbar.

The Byki kept up the pressure on Guadalajara when Roth stepped in front of a short goal kick and sent the ball to Sauerman, who fought through a tackle before driving a hard shot right at the goalie.

In the 43rd minute, Brendan Flynn's long and winding run ground to a halt when he was hacked down inside the penalty arc, leading to a Byki free kick. The Guadalajara netminder set up his wall and must have lost track of which post he was then supposed to cover. He left his left-hand post unprotected, a fact not unnoticed by Mike Stamatinos as he stood ready to take the kick. With the keeper hidden somewhere behind his defensive wall, Stamatinos fired low and hard into the open corner to level the contest at 1:1.

The Byki maintained their five-man midfield in the second half with the intention of not getting too stretched on a day with an empty bench. They shifted their tactics slightly, assigning man-marker duties to Victor Salazar, who had spent most of the first half patrolling the middle with Sauerman. Guadalajara's striker had been camping out on the right side of the Byki defense, tormenting Mehagic on several occasions. "I wanted to see how much the striker would appreciate having a personal valet," wisecracked Gorecki. The shift was effective, as the striker only broke free twice in the second half. He shot wide one time and Chronowski cut off his angle on the second occasion.

The second half was an evenly matched tug of war between the teams. In the 56th minute, Roth heaved a long throw-in from the right wing into the box. The ball was headed along to Stamatinos, who hit an excellent half volley on frame.

The Byki came fast on the counter with 15 minutes left. Roth blew past two defenders and sent the ball to Cristian



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Rodriguez, whose floater to the back post went narrowly wide.

Five minutes later, Guadalajara caught the Byki a step slow on a counterattack. The Byki were late chasing after every pass, but heaved a sigh of relief when an open shot in the box went wide.

The Byki snagged the winner in the 84th minute. After the Guadalajara defense cleared a Byki corner over the goal line, Roth lined up the second corner on the right side. His low cross deflected couple of times and landed at the feet of Zachariah, who promptly knocked the ball home from close range.

The depth of the Byki roster is one of the team's most valuable characteristics. No matter what is thrown at the Byki, they find ways to succeed.

**BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1):** Chronowski – Mehagic, J. Rodriguez, Calleros, Stamatinos (c) – Salazar, Sauerman – Zachariah, Roth, Flynn – C. Rodriguez.

#### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – Stamatinos 2; 43rd.

1:2 – Zachariah 2; 84th.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Joe Sauerman.

Byki 0-30	7	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White Division
Shogun	1	Oak Brook Sports Core 9 August 2015

## Byki trounce Shogun, 3 in a row

The Over 30 Team made sure to bring their scoring shoes to Oak Brook last Sunday, banging in seven on cellar dwellers Shogun. A balanced attack showed seven players on the scoresheet, led by Kuba Banbor's goal and two assists. Lukas Chudyba added a goal and an assist. The Byki have compiled a modest three-game winning streak and remain in the middle of the table.

The Byki got right to work and their early pressure flustered Shogun into an own goal. Ryan Russ and Maciek Kekus executed a nifty interchange, sending Kekus down the left wing. He crossed into the mixer, causing confusion in the Shogun defense. A Shogun player cleared the ball into a teammate and the crazy ricochet wound up in the back of the Shogun net after only five minutes.

Another Shogun blunder just five minutes later had disastrous consequences. A defender coughed up possession to Banbor, who came 1 v 1 against the goalie. Banbor made no mistake and coolly swept a far post shot into the side mesh.

The Byki went 3:0 up at the half hour. They methodically worked the ball along the left flank after stringing a few neat passes together. Banbor crossed a driven ball just behind Russ. Despite having his back to goal, the striker somehow managed to deflect the ball into the net.

Five minutes before the break, the Byki padded their lead.

Fullback Matt Fleming played a long pass down the right wing to Chudyba, who then lifted a delightful through ball over the defense for Ray Najera, making the run into space. Najera was forced to hit the ball early, as the Shogun goalie came sprinting off his line. Najera went cheeky, lofting a volley over the goalie into the open net.

The Byki totally dominated the match in the first half. Shogun had just one legitimate scoring chance, when a midfielder laced a shot on frame from 30 yards. Goalkeeper Alan Stevens had little problem adjusting for the dip and swerve on the long-range attempt.

The Byki picked up right where they left off as the second half began, needing just five minutes to go up 5:0. Centerback Mo Elshafie's shot attempt was blocked by a defender and the ball fell to Brian Boeckeler at the top of the box. The midfielder took a touch, looked up, and drilled a low, hard shot into the bottom left corner.

Shogun got their consolation goal in the 70th minute, when a wide man got behind the left side of the Byki defense. The Shogun winger crossed the ball towards near post, where a sprinting Shogun forward got between the Byki defenders and rifled first-time into the roof of the net.

The Byki got that one back just five minutes later. Fleming controlled in midfield and played a central square ball for an oncoming Elshafie, who met the pass in stride. Elshafie rounded a Shogun defender and went straight at goal, as no one stepped in to challenge. Elshafie showed no mercy, drilling a shot past the keeper to make it 6:1.

The Byki wrapped things up five minutes from the end. Banbor shot from the corner of the box and the keeper deflected the ball off the crossbar. Chudyba followed up the play, bravely heading home past the oncoming goalie.

*Alan Stevens contributed to this report.*

**BYKI LINEUP (4-5-1):** Stevens – Marquez, Hurley (c), Elshafie, Fleming – Boeckeler, Banbor, Buur, Kekus, Najera – Russ. **Bench:** Chudyba.

#### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Shogun own goal; 5th.

2:0 – Banbor 3; 10th.

3:0 – Russ 1 (Banbor); 30th.

4:0 – Najera 1 (Chudyba); 40th.

5:0 – Boeckeler 2; 50th.

6:1 – Elshafie 1 (Fleming); 75th.

7:1 – Chudyba 3 (Banbor); 85th.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Kuba Banbor.

Naperville	<b>1</b>	Premier Soccer League Over 40 B1 Division
Byki O-40	<b>3</b>	Commissioners Park 9 August 2015

## Over 40s keep on rolling

The Over 40 Team made the long trek to Naperville last Sunday and dispatched the Strikers 3:1 to extend their winning form to five consecutive matches. Diego Penafiel bagged two goals to increase his team-leading total to seven. The Byki kept pace with first-place Windy City United, who clobbered International SC 6:0. Windy City lead the Byki by a point, but have played one more match. Pampas lost ground in the race for the top spot, only managing a 3:3 draw versus MOFG.

The match began somewhat listlessly. With Naperville playing their traditional style of launching long balls over the top, all the Byki needed to do was to adjust the positioning of their back four. Few teams find success in beating the Byki by playing directly.

Naperville, however, were able to adapt their tactics and began sending the play through their midfield. They enjoyed some amount of success, but for whatever reason, they didn't stick with that pattern of play.

In contrast, the Byki typically seek to make the ball do the work, and the enormous field at Commissioners Park should have let the Byki dictate the play from the get-go. Despite talking about a short passing game and using the wings prior to the game, the Byki took the field and immediately forgot the short passing thing. They sought through balls to striker Mitch Posada, but Naperville's talented sweeper got the best of those opportunities.

The first really good chance of the game came in the seventh minute, when Gabriel Rodriguez ran wild down the right side and hit a beautiful cross on the ground across the mouth of the goal to Jim Jacobs, who scuffed his shot wide.

Seven minutes later, the Byki took the lead when a corner kick fell to Jacobs, who quickly centered to Ade Ekundayo. He took a step to the right and nailed a precise shot to the left corner.

The Strikers made it 1:1 in the 35th minute when they

took advantage of an outnumbered Byki defense. They parlayed the mismatch into a well-taken equalizer.

Naperville made a strong bid to take the lead just after the second-half kickoff, but goalkeeper James Vlahakis staved off a hard shot from the right side.

Shortly thereafter, it was the Byki who gained control of the contest. Posada played a through ball to Penafiel on the left side of the box. The midfielder took aim and fired past the goalie at the right post for a 2:1 lead.

The Byki doubled the lead just after the hour mark. Rodriguez found Penafiel on the left flank and Penafiel juked his way past the goalkeeper and notched his second tally of the day.

While the Byki controlled the tempo of the match, Naperville's sustained pressure in the midfield kept them afloat. They punctuated this pressure with periodic long balls through the Byki defense, keeping the backs at bay from challenging further up the field. The Strikers also freely engaged in platoon substitutions of their forwards and key midfielders. That approach, combined with the fast, synthetic surface, gave the match had a very fast and frenzied pace.

The other side of the coin was the Byki launching dangerous counterattacks to offset the high pressure. This resulted in deep incursions into the Strikers' half, leading to several enterprising attempts at goal.

Ekundayo was involved in a moment of levity in the second half. Following a slick passing sequence, Ekundayo romped in on a breakaway 35 yards from goal. He coasted in alone, froze the goalie with a quick fake and blasted his shot wide. The Byki had a nice laugh about that, as Ekundayo tried to hide from the embarrassment of it all.

*Eric Muehlbauer and Eric Tower contributed to this report.*

**BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1):** Vlahakis – Fink, Arcos, Tower, Zarate – Huck, Penafiel – Pedlow (c), G. Rodriguez, Ekundayo – Posada. **Bench:** Jacobs, Karafili, Muehlbauer.

### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

0:1 – Ekundayo 3 (Jacobs); 14th.

1:2 – Penafiel 6 (Posada); 48th.

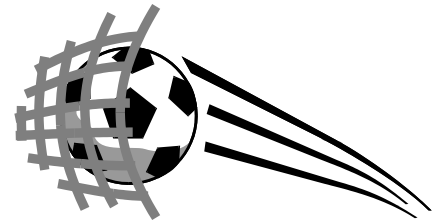
1:3 – Penafiel 7 (G. Rodriguez); 62nd.

**Byki Men of the Match:** Diego Penafiel and James Vlahakis.

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### **How much does it cost to play?**

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	11	9	0	2	36	13	27
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>22</b>
Das Magic	10	5	2	3	29	22	17
Chicago Dynasty FC	10	3	2	5	17	21	11
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	10	6	0	4	30	21	18
FC Macedonia	10	5	1	4	25	21	16
Assyrian FC	5	4	0	1	16	8	12
Gremio FC	10	3	0	7	20	40	9
Lancer SC	7	2	1	4	16	27	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	11	8	1	2	28	10	25
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>24</b>
Pampas OT	10	6	1	3	39	19	19
Naperville Strikers FC	12	4	1	7	26	36	13
MOFG	10	3	1	6	19	29	10
International SC	9	2	3	4	15	24	9

<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	11	7	1	3	38	23	22
MANA Soccer Club	10	6	0	4	55	33	18
St Charles Celtics Green	11	5	3	3	36	24	18
Real FC	11	4	1	6	27	38	13
Chicago FC	11	3	2	6	26	35	11
St Charles Celtics Orange	10	0	0	10	7	62	0

**PSLC OVER 30 WHITE DIVISION****August 9, 2015****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
FC DePaul	12	9	1	2	38	16	28
St Charles Celtics	10	8	1	1	36	16	25
Levski Chicago 2014	10	7	1	2	35	15	22
AEK FC Chicago	10	7	0	3	29	15	21
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>
Chicago Rangers FC	11	3	2	6	23	22	11
Olympiacos Chicago	10	3	0	7	21	23	9
Real FC	11	1	1	9	16	57	4
Shogun	11	0	1	10	13	55	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
International SC	7	2	1	4	19	24	7
<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>
St Charles Celtics	6	1	0	5	10	20	3