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OVER 40

Byki 4 : 2 Strikers

PSLC Over 40 Blue Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 12 Aug 2012

Byki back on track

The Over 40 Team shook off their recent mediocre form and gave the whiny Naperville Strikers the trouncing they deserved last Sunday at Oak Brook. Brian Huck and Ben Zygmunt each contributed a goal and an assist in a comprehensive 4:2 victory to push the Byki to 25 points in 13 matches. The Byki now sit in third place in the Over 40 Blue Division.

The Strikers are in the bottom half of the table and the Byki were not interested in dropping points to lesser teams anymore. And certainly not to a bunch of crybabies from Naperville, who vehemently and profanely disputed every goal scored by the Byki.

The Byki wasted no time putting their stamp on the match. The Byki patiently worked the ball along the right side in the third minute. Gabriel Rodriguez dropped a pass back for Mark Weslar, who had plenty of time and space. He measured a cross just outside the goal box and Zygmunt flashed in from the left side to head the ball past the startled defense.

The Strikers leveled things just four minutes later. A defender launched a prodigious shot from 40 yards. The ball took a slight tick off of another player and hit the underside of the crossbar, crossing the line to make it 1:1. It was one of the rare occasions when Naperville did anything positive while in possession of the ball.

Zygmunt used his head again in the 10th minute when he narrowly missed redirecting Weslar's corner kick into the net.

Seven minutes later, Huck made a splendid pass to release Steven Pedlow, who had sprinted behind the defense. The keeper came out fast and blocked the shot. The pair were at it again just before the half hour, when Huck sent Pedlow into the clear inside the box. It looked as though the Naperville goalie would get there first, but Pedlow nudged the ball past him for a 2:1 lead. The Strikers were in an uproar, complaining that Jim Jacobs had screened Pedlow's marker and had taken him out of the play. The referee merely smiled and pointed to the center circle for the restart.

Byki keeper James Vlahakis had only one worrisome moment a couple of minutes later, when a Striker came in alone after fullback George Gorecki had turned the wrong way on the pass. Vlahakis read the angle and cleared the ball easily.

Two quick goals early in the second half put the Byki in the driver's seat. In the 54th minute, Charlie Cohen's insightful pass found Ade Ekundayo in the area. After shrugging off a kick to the abdomen, Ekundayo calmly lobbed the ball over the onrushing goalkeeper to make it 3:1.

Two minutes later, Zygmunt laid off a pass for Huck, who maintained control in a crowd in the penalty arc, broke free, and fired past the diving keeper for a 4:1 lead.

Vlahakis was well positioned in the 58th minute to turn away another long shot from 30 yards that was destined for his near post.

The Byki tried hard to put the game to bed, but the Naperville goalie, hoarse from carping at the referee, still had enough energy to snuff out two breakaway opportunities from Jim Jacobs and another from Ekundayo.

The Strikers had a brief spell of possession in the final eight minutes, culminating in a goal created by a player left open outside the penalty area.

The Byki trail first-place Torino FC by three points and Real FC by one in a crowded race at the top of the table. With five games left in the season, they are in great position to claim one of the two promotion spots.

RED

Byki 2 : 5 HUAC Blue

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10-man Byki in a real battle

The Red Team patched together a 10-man squad last Sunday and took on Blue Section leaders Hellenic United Blue. The Byki were able to make a game of it for the first hour, until fatigue set in and Hellenic pulled away to win handily 5:1. The Byki remain in the Section cellar, trailing

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fifth-place Hellenic White by four points.

Coach George Gorecki spent a frustrating weekend trying to get a credible roster together and was undone by players who canceled at the last minute, as well as those who didn't bother to turn up at all. "Our commitment level is far below what is necessary to compete on the NSL's biggest stage," he said. "I feel badly for the guys who did play, because all of them carry an extra burden when we are shorthanded."

Gorecki told his players to go conservative and that tack made ample sense against an opponent like Hellenic, who had throttled the Byki 7:0 in Week 1 of the season. The Byki kept their shape and maintained good communication throughout.

The Byki conceded the possession battle to Hellenic and sought to close up gaps in their defense as their top priority. Goalkeeper Ray Najera was not tested until nearly midway into the first half, so the Byki looked like they were doing their job.

A Hellenic winger broke free on the left wing in the 17th minute and Najera came out aggressively to cut off the angle. The Hellenic player tried to shoot from a spot near the goal line, but Najera recovered in time to save at his near post. Four minutes later, a Hellenic player got loose in the box and scored after feinting past two Byki defenders.

The Byki were inches away from knotting the affair in the 23rd minute. Marek Ciszewski got his head to a corner kick and was denied by a defender standing at the far post who headed the ball to safety.

A crazy sequence six minutes before the break allowed Hellenic to double their lead. A quick counterattack culminated in a through pass to spring a player on the right side of the Byki area. Najera came out and blocked the shot. A second attempt hit the post and the third try found the back of the net.

Undaunted, the Byki came out in the second half looking for an opening. They nearly got it in the 49th minute, when Paul Gibbs sent a floating pass into the penalty area for Jordan Stopka, whose flick attempt was blocked by the keeper.

Four minutes later, Stopka galloped along the right wing from midfield and centered the ball for Martin Herholdt. The pass went behind Herholdt, who never gave up the chase on the left side of the box. With no one defending him, Herholdt took a whack and sliced the ball in just underneath the bar from a seemingly impossible angle to make it 2:1.

Herholdt wasn't far away from his second tally of the match in the 57th minute. Ciszewski sent a splendid pass into space for Herholdt. The keeper came out hard and slid in to clear the ball a split second before Herholdt arrived.

Hellenic turned that play the other way and scored the decisive goal of the match. They came fast along the right side, and neither Stopka nor Laz Uriza could bring the play under control. A pass to the near post lucklessly deflected off of a Byki player past Najera to make it 3:1.

Seven minutes later, a scoring situation for the Byki once again went in Hellenic's favor. Ciszewski headed Mike Stamatinos' corner kick off of the crossbar. Hellenic got the ball out of danger and quickly came 2 v 1 on the break. Najera made a massive save on the first shot and the Byki scrambled

to get the ball out of their end. Hellenic maintained control and went up 4:1.

The plucky Byki came right back on the ensuing kickoff. Ciszewski smartly played the ball into space for Herholdt, who spotted the keeper wandering off his line. He went for the lob and the goalie executed a twisting, acrobatic leap to reach back and desperately punch the ball clear.

BLUE
Byki 2 : 8 Rep Srpska
NSL 1st Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 12 August 2012

Byki humbled by Srpska

The Blue Team went out to a shock lead last Sunday versus FK Republika Srpska when Alen Mehagic found the net after just two minutes, but it was all Srpska after that. The Byki were down 3:1 at halftime and then completely lost their shape after the break. Srpska torched them for five goals, as the Byki had no answers for the speed of the Srpska counterattack. Srpska dominated possession for long stretches in the game and the Byki were forced into a reactive mode.

The Byki might even have surprised themselves when they drew first blood early in the contest. Enrique Barcenas made the incisive cross from the right flank for Mehagic on the far side of the area. Mehagic did well to bring the ball down, faked his way past two defenders and slotted his shot into the corner of the goal past the diving keeper.

Srpska came right back at the Byki and it was only a matter of time before they created an equalizer. Byki netminder Amit Khankari let a corner kick slip through his grasp in the 23rd minute. A Srpska player knocked the ball in following a goalmouth scramble.

Srpska took the lead 10 minutes later on another corner. A poor clearing attempt by the Byki never left the area and a shot from 15 yards made it 2:1. Two minutes later, the score went to 3:1 when a quick series of passes dismantled the Byki defense.

Chris Koenig had two great opportunities to get the Byki back into the game. In the 38th minute, Kristian Buur's diagonal pass put Koenig into the open in the box. Srpska's goalie made a great play to deny Koenig from close range.

One minute later, Koenig was fouled by the keeper in the box as Koenig tried to bring down a Buur free kick that had been floated into the mixer. The referee did not hesitate to whistle for the penalty kick. Koenig, however, sent his attempt from the spot high over the bar.

Srpska went 4:1 up after 50 minutes after a forward danced with the ball along the byline and sent a diagonal pass into the middle that was tapped home.

They made a bid for a fifth in the 56th minute, but Khankari snuffed out a breakaway attempt when he came aggressively off of his line. Buur led the counter along the right flank and took the ball straight to goal. He squared a pass for the waiting Barcnas, who sidefooted the ball home to bring the Byki to within 4:2.

Srpska made their dominance apparent with four goals in the final 22 minutes. A breakaway goal was created when a defensive header by the Byki was cleared into their own half. Khankari had little chance to thwart the striker running in alone. Srpska made it 6:2 in the 76th minute after another breakaway opportunity. The striker removed his shirt to celebrate, which led to his second caution of the match.

Even though Srpska played down a man the rest of the way, they still managed to bang home two more goals on the break, as the Byki lost all semblance of positional discipline.

OVER 30

Byki 2 : 8 Bulgaria

PSLC Over 30 Division - Olympic Park - 11 August 2012

League leaders in another class

A threadbare Over 30 lineup for the Byki arrived at Olympic Park last Saturday for a matchup with league leaders Bulgaria FC. The Byki showed some fight, but were undermined by injuries in the second half and played the final 20 minutes with nine players. The Bulgarians walked away easy 8:2 winners, as the Byki struggled to maintain any attacking momentum.

Bulgaria took the lead after just seven minutes and never looked back. It began with a counterattack down the right flank and ended with a dazzling, off-balance half-volley from the Bulgaria striker.

Player-coach Dan Jedrzejowski installed a five-man

backline to start the match, hoping to establish a defensive foundation and build things out from there. Byki marking and teamwork in the back was not sufficient to handle the advanced offensive tactics presented by Bulgaria.

Bulgaria put the match under their control with a three-goal raid late in the first half. In the 28th minute, keeper Ray Najera got a hand to a Bulgaria cross from the left wing. The Byki could not clear the loose ball and the Bulgarians knocked it in.

Three minutes later, a long clearance by the Bulgarians to midfield caught Jedrzejowski arriving a step too late and the play became a breakaway, with Najera having no chance.

In the 34th minute, a long-range bomb beat Najera to the upper 90 for a commanding 4:0 lead.

The Bulgarians upped their advantage to a gaudy 5:0 early in the second half, which prompted a reply from the Byki just after the hour mark.

A rare example of sloppy play from Bulgaria resulted in a loose ball 30 yards from their goal. Seeing the keeper far out of position, newcomer Osvaldo Meneghel drilled the ball from distance, seeking a chance to score in his Byki debut. The crossbar spoiled his effort, but the hustling Alex Maruska controlled the loose ball and poked the ball in for his first goal of the season.

Shortly after the Bulgarians got that one back, Ali Afshari and Eduardo Valdivia could no longer continue due to leg injuries.

The Byki pulled to within 6:2 ten minutes from time. In a rare sequence of intelligent ball movement and spacing, the Byki created an opening on the right flank. Maruska was at it again, winning possession and centering for Adam Hodge. The goalie boldly came out for the ball, but Hodge stabbed it past him for his first goal of the season.

The game went wide-open for the remaining time and shots rained down on both goals. Bulgaria made it 7:2 in the 85th minute and the referee added insult to injury when he called an unnecessary penalty kick against the Byki in the dying seconds of the match. With both sides satisfied to go home at that point, all he did was serve to irritate everyone involved. The Bulgarians converted the spot kick to finally finish off the game.

BYKI SCOREBOARD

RED

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BYKI LINEUP: Najera – Gibbs, Dziekiewicz, Uriza, Guzman, Stamatinos (c) – Soegaard, Stopka, Ciszewski – Herholdt.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY
1:2 – Herholdt 1 (Stopka); 53rd.

Byki Men of the Match: Ray Najera, Jordan Stopka

BLUE

Byki 2 : 8 Rep Srpska

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

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY
1:0 – Mehagic 1 (Barcenas); 2nd.
2:4 – Barcenas 1 (Buur); 56th.

Byki Men of the Match: Enrique Barcenas, Mike Kosinski, Sam Onaissi

OVER 30

Byki 2 : 8 Bulgaria

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BYKI LINEUP (5-4-1): Najera – Jedrzejowski (c), Valdivia, Buur, Kamalinia, Afshari – Meneghel, Hodge, Inalsingh, Fleming– Maruska.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY
1:5 – Maruska 1; 61st.
2:6 – Hodge 1 (Maruska); 80th.

Byki Man of the Match: None given

OVER 40

Byki 4 : 2 Strikers

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

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY
1:0 – Zygmunt 2 (Weslar); 3rd.
2:1 – Pedlow 7 (Huck); 28th.
3:1 – Ekundayo 3 (Cohen); 54th.
4:1 – Huck 7 (Zygmunt); 56th.

Byki Man of the Match: Gabriel Rodriguez

Byki Stats

RED TEAM, NSL MAJOR DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Ciszewski	3	3	6
Geraghty	3	1	4
Trowbridge	2	2	4
Stopka	2	1	3
Mehreioskouei	1	1	2
Cardenas	1	0	1
Guzman	1	0	1
Gyuricza	1	0	1
Herholdt	1	0	1
LaConte	1	0	1
Soegaard	0	1	1
Uriza	0	1	1
Young	0	1	1
Team goals	1	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Bertels	630	30	4.29
Najera	180	11	5.50

Current record: 1-0-9

BLUE TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
LaConte	2	3	5
Stopka	3	0	3
Barcenas	1	2	3
Gonchar	2	0	2
Buur	1	1	2
Garnon	1	1	2
Onaissi	1	1	2
Mehagic	1	0	1
Najera	1	0	1
Slate	1	0	1
Koenig	0	1	1
Wood	0	1	1
Team goals	1	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Garnon	7	0	0.00
Najera	90	1	1.00
Stopka	83	1	1.08
Khankari	720	37	4.63

Current record: 3-0-7

O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Maruska	0	2	2
Buur	1	0	1
Gibbs	1	0	1
Inalsingh	1	0	1
Kadzielawa	1	0	1
Penafiel	1	0	1
Uriza	1	0	1
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Uriza	90	5	5.00
Najera	630	36	5.14

Current record: 0-1-9

O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Rodriguez	5	7	12
Pedlow	7	4	11
Huck	7	2	9
Posada	6	3	9
Weslar	2	6	8
Cohen	3	2	5
Ekundayo	3	2	5
Elmkinssi	2	2	4
Zygmunt	2	2	4
Fink	1	2	3
Dahlquist	1	0	1
Mazmanian	0	1	1
Tower	0	1	1
Team goals	5	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Rodriguez	45	0	0.00
Zadlo	3	0	0.00
Muehlbauer	135	2	1.33
Vlahakis	987	24	2.19

Current record: 8-1-4

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

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MAJOR DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Gazelle SC	8	7	0	1	27	11	21
RWB Adria	7	5	1	1	24	10	16
Albanian Stars	6	4	0	2	18	9	12
Jahbat FC	10	4	0	6	17	23	12
Brusfa FC	7	3	1	3	14	12	10
CKS Warta	8	2	1	5	15	31	7

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Hellenic United Blue	7	6	0	1	30	7	18
SAC Wisla	8	5	0	3	20	16	15
Deportivo Colomex	8	4	0	4	18	11	12
FC Steaua	9	2	2	5	16	25	8
Hellenic United White	8	2	1	5	17	32	7
Stare Byki FC Red	10	1	0	9	17	46	3

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Bosphorus FC	9	6	2	1	32	16	20
Jamstar FC	8	5	2	1	22	14	17
West Indies Jets SC	8	5	2	1	23	14	17
FC Moldova	9	4	1	4	21	25	13
Das Magic	7	3	2	2	19	14	11
Khaboor FC	7	3	2	2	12	10	11
Independiente FC	8	1	2	5	11	24	5
NK Prijedor	7	0	2	5	16	27	2
Shlama FC	7	0	1	6	10	22	1

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Assyrian FC	10	6	1	3	33	17	19
Raiders FC	9	6	1	2	22	13	19
Gremio FC	9	5	2	2	20	13	17
FC Kosova	9	5	1	3	29	19	16
Lancer FC	10	5	1	4	18	20	16
FK Republika Srpska	8	5	0	3	30	24	15
Stare Byki FC Blue	10	3	0	7	15	39	9
Lamaso FC	8	2	2	4	16	17	8
Winged Bull	9	2	2	5	13	17	8
Chicago Dynasty FC	10	1	2	7	14	31	5

PREMIER SOCCER LEAGUE of CHICAGOLAND

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OVER 30 RED DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Bulgaria FC	10	10	0	0	54	17	30
Romania SC	9	9	0	0	50	13	27
Pampas	11	9	0	2	46	19	27
FC Tarnovia	10	7	0	3	25	16	21
Hellenic United	8	5	0	3	19	14	15
Jahbat FC	12	4	2	6	23	33	14
Balkan	9	4	1	4	19	18	13
St Charles Celtics Red	11	4	0	7	32	37	12
La Granate	9	3	1	5	25	34	10
Chicago Celtic	11	3	0	8	20	39	9
SAC Wisla	10	2	1	7	24	40	7
Black Eagle	11	1	2	8	26	49	5
Stare Byki FC	9	0	1	8	10	44	1

OVER 40 BLUE DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Torino FC	11	9	1	1	40	13	28
Real FC	13	8	2	3	42	23	26
Stare Byki FC	13	8	1	4	44	26	25
Pampas OT	11	7	1	3	34	20	22
Villains SC	13	7	1	5	30	29	22
MOFG	12	6	2	4	24	23	20
Naperville Strikers FC	13	4	1	8	36	33	13
St Charles Celtics Green	12	4	0	8	29	38	12
Windy City United	12	3	1	8	32	29	10
St Charles Celtics Orange	12	0	0	12	4	81	0