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Byki O-40	5	Premier Soccer League Over 40 Blue Division
Villains SC	0	Oak Brook Sports Core 17 August 2014

10 Villains no match for Over 40s

By Steven Pedlow

The Over 40 Team continued their quest to the top of the Premier Soccer League Over 40 Blue Division with an easy 5:0 win over 10-man Villains SC last Sunday at Oak Brook. With only one loss in their last ten games, the Byki Veterans are now in second place, three points ahead of the Villains and Naperville Strikers, and trailing MOFG by just a point. The top two will be promoted to the Green Division for 2015.

In their first meeting of the season, the Villains also played most of the game with only ten players due to an injury, but escaped with a 1:1 home draw, as the Byki failed to take advantage. The two points lost in that match kept the Byki in the middle of the table.

Once again, the Villains started the game shorthanded, but this time with only nine men, and the Byki dominated the game, even after Villains manager Claudio Frigo joined the game to bring the Villains up to ten men. Frigo had previously retired from active duty in 2013.

The Byki kept the ball in the Villains' zone and created chance after chance, missing shot after shot. It took 34 minutes for the Byki to finally score, and it was the toughest chance of the first half. Mitch Posada looped a beautiful header at the penalty spot from Dave Safford's cross, leaving the Villains goalkeeper with no chance.

This goal came right after the Villains had created two chances against the run of play. The first came on a shot on goal from distance that was easily caught by Byki goalkeeper James Vlahakis. The second situation was a bit more dangerous, as Vlahakis cut down the angle on a long shot from a wide-open Villains forward, forcing the attempt to go wide.

At halftime, the team was confident, even as they counted their missed chances: two each by Posada, Ade Ekundayo, and Steven Pedlow, plus one other, made for seven possible additional goals. None were sitters; they were just shots that went over, wide, or right to the goalkeeper. Pedlow, who was

coaching the team in the absence of Eric Tower and Doug Towsey, encouraged the team to play slow, not fast, "We played slow part of the time and created chance after chance," noted Pedlow. "We played fast part of the time and gave the ball right to the Villains defense. Let's play slow more in the second half."

After a few fast plays fizzled out, the Byki got the all-important second goal ten minutes into the second half. Like most of the game, the play was deep in Villains territory. The Villains gave away control when they committed an illegal throw-in. Charlie Cohen then threw the ball to Ekundayo, who won a contested header and sent the ball into the center of the penalty area. With a defender closing him down, Pedlow curled a shot just inside the far post to double the Byki lead.

After the second goal, the Byki continued to earn chance after chance, but it took until the 70th minute for the third goal that made the points safe. The ball was pinging around the Villains' box when Jim Jacobs won a 50/50 challenge to the goalkeeper's right. With defenders blocking his shooting angle, Jacobs fed the wide-open Eric Muehlbauer, who made no mistake by smashing the ball into the far corner to make it 3:0.

Chances kept flowing, and in the 78th minute, Brian Huck took a long shot that was parried by the goalkeeper. Charles St. Clair was first to the rebound and clinically placed the ball into the net to make it 4:0.

With seven minutes left, Dan Nelson was bundled over in the penalty area. Nelson dispatched the penalty himself into the center of the net to swell the lead to 5:0. That goal was too much for the Villains to bear and they asked for the game to end early. The referee obliged and blew the final whistle after 85 minutes, marking the second time this season that a Byki opponent has cried uncle.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Vlahakis – Kuch, Cohen, Fink, Fukar – Lane, Nelson – Penafiel, Ekundayo, Pedlow (c) – Posada. **Bench:** Huck, Jacobs, Muehlbauer, Safford, St Clair.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

- 1:0 – Posada 7 (Safford); 34th.
- 2:0 – Pedlow 8 (Ekundayo); 55th.
- 3:0 – Muehlbauer 1 (Jacobs); 69th.
- 4:0 – St Clair 1; 78th.
- 5:0 – Nelson 3 (pk); 85th.

Byki Man of the Match: None given.

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Stare Byki	2	National Soccer League 1st Division
Macedonia	3	Oak Brook Sports Core 17 August 2014

Byki disappoint in 2nd straight loss

A six-game unbeaten streak might have had the Byki believing that they could run with the big dogs of the NSL's 1st Division. But last Sunday's maddening 3:2 defeat to FC Macedonia resulted in more questions than answers. The Byki remained in the clump of teams fighting for second place, thanks to a loss at the hands of a team behind them in the standings.

The Byki have been fighting the injury bug lately and it has affected the team's depth. Only 12 players were dressed for the Macedonia match, but that quickly went to 11 when Jordan Stopka reinjured a hamstring that had kept him out of the last two matches. Ryan Kaeseberg was nursing a hamstring injury as well and not available, and captain Mike Stamatinos was sidelined with a severely bruised knee. At least veteran Marek Ciszewski shook off his own hamstring issues. And it could not have come at a better time, as Ciszewski bagged both of the Byki goals on Sunday.

Coach George Gorecki expected more from his squad. "We handled Macedonia early in the season on their short, narrow field," he said. "On our big, wide field, we really should have spread them out more." That notion made sense on paper, but the Macedonians brought no fewer than 17 players on their roster, and their frequent rotation of bench players kept everyone fresh.

It took just four minutes for the Byki to force the Macedonians to scramble. The Byki executed two quick passes following a throw-in and newcomer Curtis Salazar let loose with a blast from 30 yards. His shot only found side netting, but the keeper would have been beaten easily had the shot been on target.

The Macedonians replied in the 14th minute. After a striker created space for himself in the Byki penalty area, he dropped a pass for a teammate, whose shot was deflected by a diving Amit Khankari. On the ensuing corner kick, a Macedonian player outjumped everyone and his glancing header found the back of the net.

The Byki reacted poorly to this first incursion and needed Khankari to come up with two huge stops two minutes apart to still stay in the game.

Macedonia made a bid to make it 2:0 right before halftime when the Byki defense was way out of position following a turnover, leading to a breakaway. The striker took a poor angle toward the Byki goal and Khankari gave him little at which to shoot.

During the break, the Byki sought to regroup. They had done a good job of ball possession in the middle third of the field, but seemed to lose their patience once they got close to the goal. If they could continue their patient build-up, they could find openings in the Macedonia backline.

They needed just two minutes to find that opening. Midfielder Martin Herholdt dribbled right up the middle of the defense and sent a soft, floating pass into space for Marek Ciszewski. It didn't take long for Ciszewski to size up his options as the keeper charged off his line. Ciszewski deftly lobbed the ball into the empty net and the Byki were back in business at 1:1.

The Byki began to dominate play and the Macedonians were clearly on the back foot. In the 56th minute, KC Gronke bent a free kick from the right wing into the mixer. A defender headed the ball out of the box, right to Curtis Salazar. He fired immediately from 20 yards and nearly squeezed his shot through the keeper's legs.

But the Byki could not sustain their territorial advantage and the Macedonians came back into the contest. In the 69th minute, they launched a long ball over the Byki defense to an obviously offside striker. The assistant kept his flag down and the striker made easy work of the breakaway to put Macedonia up 2:1.

Macedonia went into full control six minutes from the end when they converted another breakaway opportunity. The Byki were slow to retreat on a counterattack after having pushed extra players forward to seek an equalizer. Two players came in alone on Khankari and things looked bleak at 3:1.

The Byki demonstrated resilience, however. With two minutes to go, Ciszewski finished off a nifty play started by Gronke and Cyril Zachariah, who executed a series of quick passes along the right flank. Zachariah one-timed a pass to Juan Rodriguez, who dished to Ciszewski. Seeking the shortest path to goal, Ciszewski bulled his way past two defenders, and a third, who had a hold of his shirt. Seeing the goalie leaning left, Ciszewski shot right, and the Byki were still clinging to belief at 3:2.

There wasn't enough time to find yet another equalizer. The Byki kept pressing and a corner kick in stoppage time caused a nervous moment in front of the Macedonian goal. But the visitors held firm and the Byki, with 14 points from their 10 matches, have a little more than a month to show that they are a playoff team.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Khankari – V. Salazar, Calleros, J. Rodriguez, Gronke – C. Salazar, Herholdt (c) – De Rama, Stopka, Zachariah – Kostrzewski. **Bench:** Ciszewski.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – Ciszewski 3 (Herholdt); 47th.

2:3 – Ciszewski 4 (Rodriguez); 88th.

Byki Man of the Match: Marek Ciszewski

Levski	4	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White Division
Byki O-30	0	Techny Prairie Park 17 August 2014

Valiant 9-man effort

Levski Chicago 2014 have been running away with the Over 30 White Division in the PSLC this season and extended their perfect record last Sunday with a 4:0 win over the Byki at Techny Park. The Byki struggled to get a full squad together, due to absences and injuries. The situation went from bad to worse right before kickoff when only nine of the eleven players expected to play were at the field.

Levski gave the Byki a thorough 7:1 pounding earlier in the season, so Sunday's result speaks loudly about the pride and discipline shown by the nine players in uniform for the rematch.

The Byki planned to pack it in on defense and hoped to get something out of opportunities on a set piece or counterattack. The first goal conceded was on a rebound, where goalkeeper Bill Raidt got low to save the initial shot, but couldn't stop the rebound from close range. Raidt made his Byki debut on Sunday when regular netminder Alan Stevens sustained a thumb injury in training. Stevens contributed by playing in the back four.

Levski made it 2:0 in heartbreaking fashion when a shot fortuitously found the bottom corner following a deflection. The Byki were not happy with the referee on the play. Fullback Sean Marquez had been bowled over from behind during the build-up and the Byki felt that a free kick in their favor was in order. A Levski corner kick ensued, leading to the quirky goal.

A 2:0 scoreline at the break appeared to be a manageable situation. It would be important for the Byki to maintain what they had and to not succumb to fatigue late and have things fall apart on them.

The Byki made a bid to get back into the contest within the first few minutes of the

second half. Levski's keeper made a poor clearance and Kuba Banbor alertly saw his opportunity and tried to lob a shot from midfield into the unguarded goal. Levski dodged a bullet when Banbor's attempt sailed wide.

The Byki were smarting at the questionable referee decision that led to the second Levski goal and they were absolutely livid at the shambles that the arbiter executed prior to the third goal. Levski caught everyone, including the referee, off-guard when they quickly put a free kick into play. All of this happened while the referee was pacing off 10 yards and he incredibly let the play stand after a Levski through pass found a striker after deflecting off of a Byki player.

Maciek Kekus had a great effort on goal from a set piece, but the Levski goalie saved well at the bottom corner.

The final goal was a tap-in on the doorstep after Raidt had palmed away a hard, low cross. A Levski player reached the loose ball first and bundled the ball home.

The best Byki effort came late on, as Kekus and Sergio Benavides worked an opening towards the goal. Benavides tried to chip the ball into the net, but sent the ball wide.

Alan Stevens contributed to this report.

BYKI LINEUP: Raidt – Banbor, Stevens, Hurley, Marquez – Boeckeler, Guzman, Kekus (c) – Benavides.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY
None.

Byki Man of the Match: Alex Guzman

Byki Stats

FIRST TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION				O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION				O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION			
Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts
Ciszewski	4	2	6	Benavides	10	1	11	Ekundayo	7	7	14
Zachariah	3	0	3	Kekus	6	4	10	Pedlow	8	4	12
Banbor	1	1	2	Hurley	1	6	7	Posada	7	1	8
Gronke	1	1	2	Russ	5	0	5	Rodriguez, G	4	1	5
Herholdt	1	1	2	Siervo	3	1	4	Nelson	3	1	4
Sabo	1	1	2	Kramarz	1	3	4	Jacobs	1	3	4
Stopka	0	2	2	Gibbs	0	4	4	Huck	1	2	3
De Rama	1	0	1	Boeckeler	1	2	3	Lane	1	2	3
Rodriguez, C	1	0	1	Guzman	1	1	2	Fink	0	2	2
Zielinski	1	0	1	Champagne	0	2	2	Fukar	1	0	1
Rodriguez, J	0	1	1	Banbor	1	0	1	Muehlbauer	1	0	1
Stamatinos	0	1	1	Vullo	1	0	1	St Clair	1	0	1
				Jedrzejowski	0	1	1	Cohen	0	1	1
								Dahlquist	0	1	1
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Kuch	0	1	1
Avalos	18	0	0.00	Stevens	810	24	2.67	Safford	0	1	1
Salazar	720	14	1.75	Raidt	90	4	4.00	Tower	0	1	1
Khankari	165	9	4.91								
Current record: 4-2-4				Current record: 5-2-3							
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA								
Muehlbauer	90	1	1.00								
Vlahakis	990	14	1.27								
				Current record: 7-3-2							



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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Moldova	11	11	0	0	55	14	33
FC Kosova	11	6	1	4	35	27	19
Lancer SC	11	6	1	4	38	21	19
Das Magic	10	5	1	4	30	31	16
Chicago Dynasty FC	10	5	1	4	23	24	16
FC Macedonia	11	5	0	6	39	36	15
Stare Byki FC	10	4	2	4	14	23	14
CKS Warta B	9	4	0	5	26	36	12
West Indies Jets	11	3	0	8	23	41	9
Assyrian B	10	0	0	10	18	48	0

PSLC OVER 30 WHITE DIVISION**August 17, 2014****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Levski Chicago 2014	10	10	0	0	52	6	30
FC DePaul	12	9	0	3	77	25	27
Chicago Rangers FC	11	6	2	3	26	14	20
Stare Byki FC	10	5	2	3	30	28	17
Olympiacos Chicago	12	5	2	5	30	35	17
AEK FC Chicago	12	4	2	6	33	50	14
St Charles Celtics White	10	3	3	4	27	30	12
Shogun	9	0	2	7	11	42	2
Itasca	12	0	1	11	12	68	1

PSLC OVER 40 BLUE DIVISION**August 17, 2014****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
MOFG	12	8	1	3	30	18	25
Stare Byki FC	12	7	3	2	35	15	24
Naperville Strikers FC	12	7	0	5	37	24	21
Villains SC	12	6	3	3	26	20	21
Pampas OT	11	6	1	4	38	26	19
St Charles Celtics Green	11	5	2	4	22	17	17
Sporting Cristal	11	5	1	5	23	24	16
Windy City United	11	4	2	5	19	19	14
Real FC	13	3	2	8	32	35	11
MANA Futbol Club	8	2	3	3	14	18	9
St Charles Celtics Orange	11	0	0	11	3	63	0