



# BYKI BOUNCINGS

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OVER 30

Wisla 1 : 2 Byki

NSL Over 30 Division - River Rd - 29 August 2009

## David finally slays Goliath

The Over 30 Team recorded the most significant victory in their 11-year history of outdoor play in the NSL when they toppled Wisla 2:1 at River Road last Saturday. In a match filled with thrills and tense moments, the Byki held their nerve, as Andy Lane's winner four minutes from the end proved to be the difference. The win lifts the Byki to 6-1-5, solidifying their ever-improving playoff situation.

The players were elated at the final whistle, and why not. The Byki and Wisla had met in 22 previous old-timers matches and Wisla had prevailed in every one, often in lopsided fashion. The goal difference in those matches was a staggering aggregate of 119 goals for Wisla and 14 for the Byki. In fact, the first time that the Byki had scored more than one goal in a Wisla match came last August in a narrow 3:2 win for Wisla. When Wisla squeezed out a 3:2 comeback win over the Byki in June, the players circled August 29 on their calendars.

Playing against a powerhouse like Wisla is never easy, but the rest of the Over 30 Division may be catching up. Wisla have already lost twice to Lake Shore SC this season and dropped a 2:1 decision to Hellenic United on August 22. Wisla took note of the improvements of their opponents and sought out younger players to renovate their roster.

The changes for Wisla produced a side that played a faster and more aggressive style than normal. But the patient offensive build-up that is a fundamental characteristic for Wisla was somehow missing on Saturday, as the home side relied more on counterattacks than in previous matches.

The Byki threw the first salvo after less than a minute had elapsed. Sweeper Chris Cardenas cleared the ball long to Kieron Inalsingh on the left wing. Inalsingh passed to Maciej Kekus, who quickly found Brett Frischmann at the top of the area. Despite three defenders closing in on him, Frischmann somehow threaded a pass to the sprinting Kekus on the left side of the area. Kekus stroked the ball past the advancing

keeper for a shock 1:0 lead. Kekus nearly doubled the lead a minute later, but the goalie tipped his long ball from the flank over the bar.

Wisla, however, shook off the early cobwebs and equalized in the 14th minute. The Byki defense mixed up their marking assignments, allowing Wisla an open player at the far post, who headed past Dean Fukar to make it 1:1.

The Byki thought that they had regained the lead in the 23rd minute. Frischmann had weaved through two defenders and laid off to Inalsingh, who was alone with the goalkeeper. The referee, however, whistled for offside, a decision that mystified both teams.

The teams went into the break knotted up, but Wisla had clearly won the battle for territory. The Byki were on the back foot for much of the first half and did not work hard enough to keep possession of the ball. Coach George Gorecki switched the formation to a 4-4-2 in hopes of getting Kekus more support up front.

The change paid instant dividends, as the Byki moved the ball around with confidence. In the 52nd minute, Kuba Banbor sent a free kick from the right side into the mixer. After a scramble, Kekus was 1 v1 with the keeper, who made a miracle save.

Kekus was in alone 11 minutes later. The goalie desperately left his box to block Kekus' shot, but the referee failed to see the infraction. The non-call balanced a similar situation 20 minutes earlier, when Fukar did essentially the same thing to thwart a Wisla breakaway.

Wisla ramped up the pressure and had two great chances in the span of three minutes. After the Byki had cleared the ball to midfield, a Wisla fullback walloped a shot from 45 yards that hit the underside of the crossbar. Fukar punched away the rebound. Moments later, Wisla came on the counter and an open shot from short range hit the near post and ticked off of the far post before Cardenas arrived to kick the ball away.

The Byki snatched the points with their own counterattack in the 76th minute. Marek Ciszewski flicked Fukar's goal kick along to Lane on the right wing. Lane accelerated past his man and slid the ball past the onrushing goalie to make it 2:1.

As the players celebrated afterwards, Kekus suggested that the club make a plaque to commemorate the occasion. Gorecki preferred to wait. "The NSL hands out plaques at the end of the season," he said. "Let's see what we can do in the playoffs and maybe we'll get a real plaque."

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**WHITE****Byki 4 : 1 Khaboor**

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## Byki climb into 1st-place tie

The Red Team spent 90 minutes trying to solve a packed and disciplined Das Magic defense last Sunday and it looked as though neither side would find the break they would need to win the game. But the resourceful Alex Safford took care of the business in the 80th minute, when his curling shot found the far post to give the Byki the only goal they would need. Coupled with Khaboor FC's shock defeat to the White Team later in the day, the Reds climbed into a first-place tie with Khaboor and NK Prijedor atop the 1st Division's Blue Section.

Although Das Magic don't play the prettiest soccer, they have a knack for getting the job done. They started the match with ten players and were content to whack the ball out of their end anytime the Byki got too close to their goal. The Byki could have helped themselves with better ball movement, as their individual efforts were constantly repelled by the Magic defense.

The Byki had two openings in the first half. Both were great chances, but both were squandered due to poor marksmanship. In the 13th minute, Mike Stamatinos played the ball behind the Magic defense for Ivan Torossian, who sprinted alone into the box. With the keeper at his mercy, Torossian blasted high over the goal. Twelve minutes later, Alex Freidine alertly intercepted a weak pass back to the Magic keeper. Freidine shot quickly and it went straight at the goalie.

The Byki continued to dominate possession in the second half, but kept coming up empty. In the 53rd minute, Freidine ran onto a long pass over the top and drilled a shot at the near post that the goalkeeper did well to save.

In the 74th minute, Luis Arredondo crossed a corner kick into the middle and the ball was cleared to the 18. PJ Klacko stepped in and fired a first-time shot that beat the keeper, but not the crossbar.

As the match was reaching a nervous conclusion, it was clear that the first goal could win the game. Arredondo created space in the area and was bowled over from behind. The referee inexplicably allowed play to go on and Safford controlled the loose ball and fired home from 15 yards. But the referee blew the whistle just as Safford was shooting and confusion took over. The referee later admitted that he should have whistled the foul suffered by Arredondo and then erred again when he whistled during Safford's shot. The goal stood, however. The Byki survived a frantic endgame by Das Magic, who poured players forward.

At 7-1-2, the Byki are in the driver's seat in the Blue Section. Khaboor and Prijedor currently hold tiebreaker advantages over the Byki, but the Byki still have to play Khaboor twice and Prijedor once, and the Byki have played fewer games than either of these opponents.

## Byki shock Khaboor

The White Team notched their fourth win of the season in impressive fashion, knocking off Khaboor FC 4:1 at Conkey Forest Preserve on Sunday. The victory allowed their Red Team lodge brothers to barge their way into the Blue Section title race. The Reds, NK Prijedor and Khaboor are level on points.

But the real story was the hard-working attitude of the Whites, who held firm in the face of Khaboor's onslaught in the first half. Ammin Mehreioskouei was the hero of the second half, knocking home three goals to put away Khaboor for good.

Khaboor began knocking on the door in the 13th minute. A Khaboor player fired a free kick from 25 yards on frame and Dave van Howe made an outstanding save at his near post. "Dave just keeps getting better and better," noted coach Joe Gambino. Three minutes later, Khaboor were awarded another free kick in almost the same spot and van Howe was equal to the task, lunging full stretch to his far post to prevent the ball from going in.

The Byki responded with a splendid strike against the run of play in the 18th minute. Jason Sphar lofted a free kick from the touch line on the left side into the goal area. Newbie Alan Stevens had pushed forward from his sweeper spot and slammed home a first-time shot past the stunned Khaboor defenders. It was Stevens' second goal in as many games since joining the Byki.

Khaboor kept up the pressure, and before long, the Byki were constantly on the back foot. Khaboor finally equalized just after the half hour from a free kick outside the arc. Proving that the third time is the charm, a Khaboor player masterfully curled the ball past the defensive wall and into the upper corner, giving van Howe no chance.

In the second half, the Byki played a more physical style to disrupt the one-twos being played by Khaboor. The switch was the perfect tonic and the Byki regained the lead in the 65th minute. With a free kick at the corner of the area, Klemens Kuqi played a simple ball to Mehreioskouei, who blasted the ball home.

Five minutes later, Kuqi won the ball in the deep corner and sent a cross into the middle. The goalkeeper, having misjudged the ball, let it sail over his head and Mehreioskouei was waiting at the far post to tap home. The Byki closed the book in the 74th minute when Khaboor turned the ball over in front of their penalty area and Mehreioskouei stepped in, fainted past the keeper and slid the ball home for an unassailable 4:1 lead.

*Joe Gambino contributed to this story.*

**OVER 39**

**Byki 2 : 0 Wheeling**

PSLC Over 39 Division - Windemere Park - 30 Aug 2009

### **Byki send Wheeling reeling**

The Over 39 Team won their fifth game in a row last Sunday, when they downed pesky Real Wheeling 2:0 at Windemere Park. Despite missing two starters, the Byki played a smart possession style to break down the disciplined Wheeling side. The Byki improved their record to 9-4-2, good for third place in the table.

The early portion of the match did not go the way the Byki would have liked. Errant passes and poor decisions with the ball gave Wheeling a lot freebies that they had not earned. But the Byki defense remained steady as ever, preventing Real from getting a sniff of the goal. The Byki have conceded just 18 goals in their 16 matches, making them the stingiest team in the PSLC.

The Byki took the lead in the 31st minute. Robert Dec hustled to win the ball near the byline on the right side. He fired a shot at the Wheeling goal from a bad angle and the keeper dove to make the save. He couldn't hang on to the ball, however, and Eric Tower strolled to the far post to tap the ball home.

The goal awakened Wheeling, who applied some pressure in the latter stages of the half. With goalie Dean Fukar down, the Byki defense blocked a shot inside the six-yard box. Seven minutes later, the Byki were scrambling as they defended a corner kick. Wheeling had an open shot in the box, but the Byki kicked the ball off the line.

At halftime, the Byki talked about improving their passing and moving the ball faster. It took just five minutes to add to the lead. A slick passing sequence opened up the Wheeling defense. Chris Cardenas dropped a pass to Nick Elmkinssi, who spotted Tower making a run into space. Elmkinssi's killer pass split the defense to free Tower, who was confronted by the goalie. The ball was cleared to the other side of the area, where Cardenas floated a shot over everyone into the upper corner to put the Byki in full control.

The Byki were just warming to the task. Dan Stirrat's shot was saved in the 62nd minute and then Stirrat put Cardenas through in the 69th minute, only to have the goalie intervene. The more the Byki passed the ball around, the more easily they found gaps in the defense. Brian Huck and Jason Freitag both had excellent opportunities in the closing moments.

The combination of smart passing and organized defending made Fukar's day an easy one. A Wheeling counterattack late in the second half was the only real danger and Fukar took care of that with a solid save. Joe Sambou, shifted to sweeper to replace the absent Doug Towsey, marshaled the backline and kept things tidy. Dec and Elmkinssi strangled the Wheeling midfield with their incisive passes and field vision.

"It was impressive to see that we got stronger as the game wore on," said George Gorecki. "We're playing smarter and better every week."

**BLUE**

**Byki 1 : 3 Srpska**

NSL 1st Division - Conkey Forest Preserve - 30 August 2009

### **Byki show heart in tough loss**

The Blue Team looked like they would be able to shake off the effects of a disjointed lineup last Sunday when they faced FK Republika Srpska at Conkey, but the Serbs were too tough and the Byki bench was too thin. Srpska scored two second-half goals to secure a 3:1 win.

Kuba Banbor was pressed into duty at goalkeeper to start the match, as the Byki scrambled to get their positions set. Joe Gambino, not slated to see action on Sunday, relieved Banbor after 13 minutes. Several players were forced into new positions and the adjustment time proved costly.

Srpska scored in the tenth minute when poor communication by the Byki resulted in a turnover in the defensive third of the field. A Srpska player drilled a shot from 25 yards that Banbor deflected, but the ball got behind him anyway.

The Byki leveled the affair ten minutes later. Joe Folliard, moved into the midfield, sent a brilliant through ball for Richard Sodeinde. With the Srpska defense split wide open, Sodeinde hit a bomb from 20 yards that gave the keeper no chance.

The Byki righted the ship and created two promising attacks. Juan Jimenez was the author of both opportunities; one was a first-time shot that was saved by the keeper and the second came on a corner kick, when Jimenez shot from short range, only to see his shot blocked by the goalie.

The Byki created pressure on Srpska to start the second half, but it was Srpska who regained the lead in the 59th minute. A counterattack led to a corner kick, where Srpska played the ball to the near post. The Byki left the post uncovered and Srpska made the Byki pay for their error.

Srpska scored the decisive goal in the 69th minute, but the play was tainted by an obvious offside situation that the referee missed. Srpska played the ball over the top to a striker who was at least five yards behind the defense and easily beat Gambino 1 v 1.

It was a tremendous display of determination by a Byki squad that had too many problems to solve. Srpska took advantage and the Byki still search for their first victory of the season.

*Joe Gambino contributed to this story.*

# BYKI SCOREBOARD

**RED**

Byki 1 : 0 Magic

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**BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2):** McAnally – Frantz, Casey, Hoeper, Mendoza – Klacko (c), Stamatinos, A. Safford, Arredondo – Kozak, Torossian.  
**Bench:** Freidine, Navarro, B. Safford, Taylor, Zuleta

1:0 – A. Safford 1; 80th.

**Byki Man of the Match:** PJ Klacko

**BLUE**

Byki 1 : 3 Srpska

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**BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2):** Banbor – Lupou, Dziekiewicz, Jahn, Baud – Folliard, Lubeck, Onaissi, Boghicev – Sodeinde, Jimenez. **Bench:** Gambino.

1:2 –Sodeinde 3 (Folliard); 20th.

**Byki Men of the Match:** Juan Jimenez, Mike Lupou

**WHITE**

Byki 4 : 1 Khaboor

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**BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2):** van Howe – Stevens, Bant, Habalian, Wilbur – S. Kreydich, Frischmann, Sphar (c), Mehreioskouei – Benavides, Kuqi.  
**Bench:** G. Flood, Garnon, Ogundipe.

1:0 – Stevens 2 (Sphar); 18th.  
2:1 - Mehreioskouei 1 (Kuqi); 65th.  
3:1 - Mehreioskouei 2 (Kuqi); 70th.  
4:1 - Mehreioskouei 3; 74th.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Ammin Mehreioskouei

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**BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1):** Fukar – Cardenas, Dec, Winter, Pedlow – Gibbs, Lane (c) – Banbor, Inalsingh, Frischmann – Kekus. **Bench:** Brough, Ciszewski, Gambino, Najera, Skruch.

0:1 – Kekus 12 (Frischmann); 1st.  
1:2 – Lane 1 (Ciszewski); 76th.

**Byki Men of the Match:** Brett Frischmann, Kieron Inalsingh

**OVER 39**

Byki 2 : 0 Wheeling

PSLC Over 39 Division - Windemere Park - 30 Aug 2009

**BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2):** Fukar – Sambou, Safford (c), Pruim, Freitag – Tower, Stirrat, Dec, Elkinssi – Huck, Pedlow. **Bench:** Bolesta, Cardenas, Cooper, Silverstein.

1:0 – Tower 4 (Dec); 31st.  
2:0 – Cardenas 4; 50th.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Robert Dec

# NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

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## MAJOR DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Inferno SC	11	8	1	2	28	12	25
Deportivo Colomex	12	6	0	6	22	21	18
RWB Adria	8	5	2	1	25	14	17
SAC Wisla	11	4	3	4	29	22	15
Albanian Stars	11	2	3	6	13	20	9
B-H Lilies	9	2	2	5	15	23	8

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Jahbat FC	13	7	5	1	27	14	26
Deportivo Meridienne	13	6	2	5	28	24	20
Hellenic United Blue	11	4	5	2	26	21	17
Gazelle SC	12	3	4	5	17	21	13
FC Steaua	12	4	1	7	26	30	13
CKS Warta	13	3	0	10	16	50	9

## FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
West Indies Jets	12	6	1	5	22	16	19
FK Podrinje	12	5	1	6	24	29	16
FK Republika Srpska	11	5	1	5	24	28	16
CKS Warta B	11	5	1	5	23	23	16
HNNK Hrvat	10	4	1	5	22	23	13
Stare Byki Blue	11	0	3	8	11	26	3

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Khaboor FC	12	7	1	4	27	25	22
NK Prijedor	11	6	4	1	32	17	22
Stare Byki Red	10	7	1	2	23	11	22
Das Magic	12	6	3	3	34	19	21
Stare Byki White	12	4	2	6	21	31	14
FC Ultras	12	3	1	8	15	30	10

## SECOND DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Gremio A	12	8	1	3	38	19	25
Bosphorus FC	12	7	0	5	26	27	21
West Bosnia SC	11	6	2	3	34	24	20
Independiente FC	12	4	2	6	30	34	14
Hellenic United White	11	3	1	7	28	23	10
Turkish FC	13	2	1	10	22	67	7

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Ho-Chunk Brusfa FC	11	9	1	1	54	22	28
Chicago Dynasty FC	13	7	1	5	40	43	22
FC Kosova	11	6	1	4	33	27	19
Chicago Thunder	11	6	1	4	36	28	19
Gremio B	12	3	1	8	33	49	10
Juanacatlan	11	2	2	7	20	31	8

## OVER 30 DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Hellenic United	11	9	0	2	33	14	27
Jahbat FC	13	6	4	3	25	18	22
Lake Shore SC	12	6	4	2	26	20	22
SAC Wisla	11	7	0	4	28	20	21
Stare Byki FC	12	6	1	5	24	18	19
Atletico Jalisco	11	4	2	5	18	23	14
West Indies Jets	10	3	3	4	14	13	12
Gato Verde	12	3	1	8	19	31	10
Arabian FC	12	0	1	11	10	40	1

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## OVER 39 GREEN DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
St. Charles Celtics Blue 40+	16	12	3	1	72	21	39
International SC 40+	16	10	5	1	44	18	35
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>29</b>
Villains SC	16	8	4	4	37	22	28
Real Wilmette	14	8	2	4	39	26	26
Real Wheeling FC	16	6	7	3	37	36	25
St. Charles Celtics Green 40+	15	5	1	9	27	37	16
Botev Chicago	15	4	3	8	23	40	15
Pampas OT	16	4	2	10	17	29	14
MOFG	14	3	4	7	17	33	13
St.Charles United	15	3	2	10	15	41	11
St. Charles Celtics Clockwork	16	1	3	12	14	55	6