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## OVER 40

**Byki 3 : 2 Celtics Green**

PSLC Over 40 Blue Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 26 Aug 2012

### Byki snatch points at the death

The Over 40 Team continued to stake their claim as one of the contenders in the Over 40 Blue Division when their comeback effort versus St Charles Celtics Green culminated in Jim Jacobs's last-gasp winner at rainy Oak Brook on August 26. The Byki have 28 points from 14 matches, good for third place in the table. Torino FC lead the group with 32 points from 14 matches, while Pampas have 28 from 13. Villains SC (28) and Real FC (27) are in the hunt, but have played 15 matches. MOFG are within striking distance, with 26 points from 14 matches. The Byki have one game left versus both Torino and Pampas.

Celtics Green have become the bogey team for the Byki, having spanked them 5:2 in July. In previous seasons, the Celtics, despite a relatively low position in the standings, found ways to be a thorn in the side of the Byki.

This latest encounter kicked off according to form. In the eighth minute, a long throw-in from the Celtics wound up in front of the Byki goal. James Vlahakis did well to react to a snap header and the Byki cleared the ball away.

Eleven minutes later, the Celtics snatched the lead. A weak turnover by the Byki in their half of the field left Vlahakis exposed and the Celtics converted handily.

The Byki quickly came into the match and established a solid attacking rhythm. In the 28th minute, Dave Safford's pass put Ade Ekundayo into open space behind the defense. He dribbled towards the goal and his shot flashed just wide.

The equalizer came four minutes before the interval. Steven Pedlow culminated a dangerous run along the right flank with a cross to the left side of the box. Kris Zadlo met the ball with a leaping header that spun past the keeper.

The Celtics were not about to lie down. Only moments after the second-half whistle, a shot inside the box clanged off the goalpost and Vlahakis made a terrific save on the rebound.

In the 57th minute, another Byki turnover made it easy for the Celtics. Vlahakis made a valiant save on the initial

shot, but was powerless to stop the rebound for a 2:1 Celtics lead.

The Byki forged an equalizer midway through the second half and took advantage of a bit of bad luck for the Celtics. Pedlow crossed the ball from the deep left wing into the penalty area. A Celtics defender slipped in the rainy conditions and the ball hit his arm as he fell back, prompting the referee to point to the spot. Pedlow did the honors to make it 2:2.

Being satisfied with a draw was not going to be good enough for the Byki. They continued to push forward and got their reward in the 89th minute. Dave Fink won the ball deep in the Byki end and spotted Jim Jacobs making a run at midfield. He played the ball immediately to Jacobs, who gained control of the ball before an oncoming defender could challenge. His first touch led to the breakout and Jacobs converted with the coolness and calmness of a true veteran, slotting past the onrushing goalie. The score was vindication for Jacobs, who was not happy with squandered opportunities in previous matches.

## RED

**Brusfa 3 : 3 Byki**

NSL Major Division - Calumet Park - 24 August 2012

### Stopka's double leads comeback

The Red Team engineered a dramatic turnabout in their August 24 match versus Brusfa FC on the strength of two well-taken goals by Jordan Stopka to claim a share of the points in a 3:3 draw at Calumet Park in Chicago. The Byki gained on fifth-place FC Steaua, and trail the Romanians by four points in the race to avoid finishing bottom of the Major Division's Blue Section. Steaua's advantage is bolstered by the fact that they have played one fewer match than the Byki.

The first half of the contest was anything but memorable. The Byki, despite snatching the early lead, spent the majority of the time coming back on defense after squandering possession of the ball. Brusfa applied significant pressure on the Byki, who struggled to find a way out. Brusfa went out to a 3:1 lead and the Byki frustration level began to boil over.

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Marek Ciszewski got things going in the second minute of the match with his own brand of high pressure defending. He came hard when a Brusfa player passed the ball back to his goalie. The keeper was flustered to find Ciszewski all over him and the two players got tangled into a heap on the turf as they fought to control the ball. Ciszewski got the better of the encounter, and the ball lazily rolled into the empty net.

Brusfa carved up the Byki backline with dangerous through balls in the seventh and ninth minutes. Byki goalie Martin Bertels saved the day on the first one, but no miracles were around the second time, and the game was level in the blink of an eye.

Stopka stole the ball at midfield in the 12th minute and sent the ball to Todd Trowbridge, who sped in unmarked into open space. He tried to chip the ball past the oncoming goalkeeper and sent the ball wide of the target.

In the 24th minute, the Byki lost a heading duel and poor defensive positioning resulted in a breakaway for Brusfa, which they converted into a 2:1 lead. Twelve minutes later, Brusfa doubled their advantage when a shot from outside the box found the back of the net.

The Byki were full of vitriol at halftime, annoyed that mistakes stemming from inattention had landed them in a deep hole. Captain Mike Stamatinos exhorted his teammates to put their differences aside and play the kind of soccer needed to get back into the game.

The halftime speech must have had an effect because the Byki were no longer chasing the game and began putting

doubts in the minds of the home side. Bertels kept his team in the game with two magnificent saves in the 51st and 70th minutes. The Byki defense also tightened things up in the second half. The central pairing of Brett Suhayda and Kyle Stefankiewicz were the glue that held things together. Stamatinos and Jeremy Slate shut down the wing play from Brusfa, and suddenly, the Byki were knocking at the door.

In the 72nd minute, Kristian Buur made a long run down the right side to chase down a pass. From the byline, he zinged a low cross past everyone in front of the Brusfa goal. The speedy Rassan Sampson chased down the loose ball on the left side of the area and played a simple square pass for Stopka, who first-timed it to bring the Byki to within 3:2.

The final five minutes of the match were frantic at both ends of the field. The Byki leveled the score on 85 minutes when Chris Koenig sent a diagonal pass for Trowbridge on the right wing. Trowbridge lofted the ball into the mixer, where Stopka's header eluded everyone.

Two minutes later, Stopka split the defense at midfield with a spectacular pass to release Trowbridge on a breakaway. A Brusfa defender was desperate to corral Trowbridge, shoving him in the Brusfa penalty area. The referee, however, saw no foul and allowed play to continue.

Moments later, Stefankiewicz pushed a Brusfa forward 25 yards from goal and was incredibly sent off for having denied a scoring opportunity. The decision hardly seemed appropriate, but the Byki held out the remaining minutes to salvage the point.

# Byki Stats

## RED TEAM, NSL MAJOR DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Ciszewski	4	3	7
Stopka	4	1	5
Trowbridge	2	3	5
Geraghty	3	1	4
Mehreioskouei	2	1	3
Sampson	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	900	44	4.40
Najera	180	11	5.50

Current record: 1-1-10

## BLUE TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
LaConte	2	3	5
Stopka	3	0	3
Barcnas	1	2	3
Gonchar	2	0	2
Buur	1	1	2
Garnon	1	1	2
Onaissi	1	1	2
Mehagic	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
Stopka	83	1	1.08
Najera	180	3	1.50
Khankari	810	40	4.44

Current record: 3-0-9

## O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Maruska	1	3	4
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
Najera	720	37	4.63
Uriza	90	5	5.00

Current record: 0-1-10

## O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Pedlow	8	5	13
Rodriguez	5	7	12
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	3	4
Dahlquist	1	0	1
Jacobs	1	0	1
Zadlo	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	1077	26	2.17

Current record: 9-1-4

**OVER 30**

**Tarnovia 1 : 0 Byki**

PSLC Over 30 Division - Woodland Meadow - 25 August 2012

### **Tarnovia squeeze past Byki**

The Over 30s fought hard against FC Tarnovia as they sought their first victory of the season on August 25, but one goal was enough for Tarnovia to claim the points. For their part, the Byki looked coherent and creative with the ball, a characteristic not often seen this season with the Over 30s.

After a scoreless and tightly contested first half, the Byki came into the break confident that they could maintain the momentum that they had built to that point. It was Tarnovia, however, who seized the advantage two minutes into the second half. A costly miscue by sweeper Dan Jdrzejowski led to a counterattack for Tarnovia. Their striker shot past Ray Najera from 20 yards.

Three minutes later, Najera pulled a rabbit out of his hat. Tarnovia led an attack down the left wing and Najera protected his near post from a hard shot, thanks to superior positioning.

The Byki made their bid to equalize at the hour mark. Mike Stamatinos floated a free kick from the corner for Laz Uriza, whose sharp header went directly at the goalkeeper.

A stylish combination play in the 64th minute left Tarnovia's defense unhinged. Maciek Kekus, back in action after a long absence, passed off to Alex Maruska, who dropped the ball back for Alex Guzman. Seeing the opportunity closing, Guzman drilled one from 25 yards, forcing the keeper to go full stretch to knock the ball wide.

Stamatinos received a throw-in 15 yards from goal in the 74rd minute and fired a shot that narrowly missed the post.

**BLUE**

**Lancer FC 3 : 0 Byki**

NSL 1st Division - Lake Park HS - 26 August 2012

### **Byki shoot blanks again**

Lancer FC got their revenge on the Blue Team on August 26, administering a 3:0 shutout at soggy Lake Park HS in Roselle. The Byki had squeezed past the Lancers 2:1 in June and it was the last time that the Byki had won a game. That's five consecutive defeats, for people keeping score. At 3-0-9, the Byki are stuck in a rut.

With just four goals scored in those five matches, the Byki find themselves in the unenviable position of having to be perfect defensively if they want to be competitive in games. That perfection eluded them against the Lancers and a couple of specific errors were the difference.

The Lancers had the better of possession in the early going, although neither goalkeeper was seriously tested. They broke through midway through the first half after some shoddy marking by the Byki as the Lancers came forward on the break. The Byki lost possession at midfield and a Lancers player sprinted with the ball along the right flank. As the Byki tracked back to defend, no one stepped up to meet the Lancer, who sped into the Byki penalty area, firing past Amit Khankari from short range.

The Lancers made a bid to break the game open at the end of the first half. Khankari was well positioned for a free kick driven low and hard in the 41st minute. He cleaned up a huge defensive mess moments later when he slid hard at the feet of a Lancer forward to block a shot.

The Byki created a couple of decent chances in the early portion of the second half. In the 50th minute, Luis Ruiz played a long pass from midfield for Sam Onaissi, who raced behind the Lancer defense. He tried to find the far post with a diagonal shot across the face of goal, but the ball rolled wide.

A brief moment of creative play in the 65th minute along the right wing allowed Jeremy Slate to dribble to the goal line. Slate's low cross found Jordan Stopka alone in the middle

# BYKI SCOREBOARD

## RED

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**BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1):** Bertels – Stamatinos (c), Stefankiewicz, Uriza, Dziekiewicz – Buur, Stopka – Sampson, Slate, Trowbridge – Ciszewski.  
**Bench:** Koenig, Suhayda.

### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

0:1 – Ciszewski 4; 2nd.  
2:3 – Stopka 3 (Sampson); 72nd.  
3:3 – Stopka 4 (Trowbridge); 85th.

**Byki Men of the Match:** Mike Stamatinos and Jordan Stopka

## BLUE

Lancer FC 3 : 0 Byki

NSL 1st Division - Lake Park HS - 26 August 2012

**BYKI LINEUP (5-4-1):** Khankari – Jedrzejowski, Fleming, Jordan Jacobs, White, Slate – Barcenas, Buur (c), Stopka, Ruiz – Onaissi.  
**Bench:** Garnon, Gonchar

### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

**Byki Man of the Match:** None given

## OVER 30

Tarnovia 1 : 0 Byki

PSLC Over 30 Division - Woodland Meadow - 25 August 2012

**BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2):** Najera – Jedrzejowski (c), King, Uriza, Garnon – Kekus, Hodge, Stamatinos, Guzman – Inalsingh, Maruska. **Bench:** Afshari

### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Lazaro Uriza

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

### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – Zadlo 1 (Pedlow); 41st.  
2:2 – Pedlow 8 (pk); 68th.  
3:2 – Jacobs 1 (Fink); 89th.

**Byki Men of the Match:** Jim Jacobs and Kris Zadlo

## Big winners at the Byki Golf Outing!



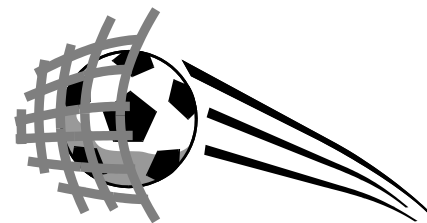
Heavy hitter Alan Stevens was Long Drive champion.



Paul Gibbs showed off his accuracy by winning the Closest to the Pin competition.

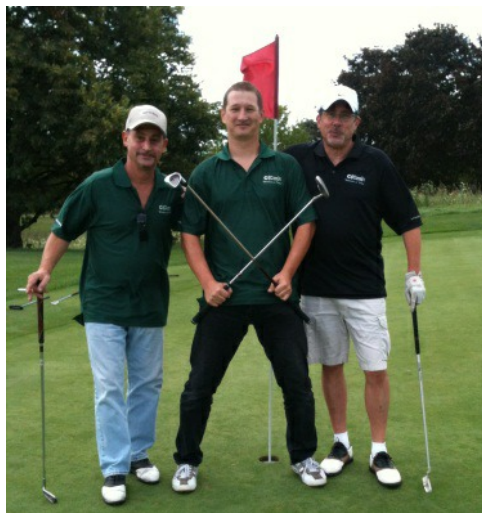


# BYKI bits & pieces



**The Byki had their first-ever golf outing** on August 10, and from the looks of things, this could be an annual event. A total of 32 golfers hit the links at Maple Meadows in Addison on a breezy, sun-kissed day. The club had formed a Golf Committee last winter to organize this fundraiser, led by 13-year Byki veteran **Jeff Samp**. Jeff was joined by **Ohad Garnon, Amit Khankari, Chris Koenig** and **Paul Mansur**, who contributed in various ways to make the event a success.

Four sponsors were on board for the day. The North American Spine Society



**First-time golfer Roman Kramarz (center) had a blast with co-workers.**

sponsored the beverage cart and their support was secured by Over 40 player **Eric Muehlbauer**.

NASS has already been a Byki sponsor for the last two years and Eric's effort to get them involved in the outing benefitted the club significantly. Eric also put together two foursomes to participate in the outing.

Byki Vice President **Joe Gambino** also stepped up and brought in a hole sponsorship from Zeppe's Italian Market, which is the highly successful business that he owns.

Amit laid the groundwork for Golfsmith's sponsorship, an in-kind donation of gift cards that every golfer received in their tee bag.

**Don Robertson** of Score Soccer, an ardent supporter of the Byki, donated two soccer gear



**Tifanie Treter shows off her Blackhawks swag from the raffle.**

bags for the post-golf raffle.

Prizes were awarded in three competitions: Best Score (foursome), Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin.

Many positive comments and constructive suggestions will help the Byki organize a better event in 2013. "The 32

golfers that came out today is our starting point," said Jeff. "Next year, we have to double that." The club netted over \$900 from this event and the money will be used to help defray some of the expenses from the outdoor season.

More photos from the golf outing can be found on the Byki Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.465057750202076.97189.145395415501646&type=1#!/media/set/?set=a.465057750202076.97189.145395415501646&type=3>



**Byki Golf Committee members Amit Khankari, Chris Koenig, George Gorecki, Jeff Samp and Ohad Garnon are all smiles after the golf outing.**

**NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS**

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**MAJOR DIVISION**

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Gazelle SC	11	9	0	2	35	15	27
Jahbat FC	12	6	0	6	25	25	18
RWB Adria	8	5	1	2	24	13	16
Albanian Stars	7	5	0	2	20	9	15
Brusfa FC	9	3	2	4	19	19	11
CKS Warta	9	2	1	6	16	36	7

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Hellenic United Blue	8	7	0	1	35	7	21
Deportivo Colomex	10	6	0	4	31	14	18
SAC Wisla	11	5	0	6	24	30	15
Hellenic United White	10	4	1	5	23	35	13
FC Steaua	11	2	2	7	16	32	8
Stare Byki FC Red	12	1	1	10	22	55	4

**FIRST DIVISION**

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Jamstar FC	11	8	2	1	38	17	26
Bosphorus FC	11	8	2	1	39	19	26
West Indies Jets SC	10	5	2	3	25	18	17
Das Magic	9	5	2	2	27	17	17
Khaboor FC	9	4	2	3	17	15	14
FC Moldova	11	4	1	6	23	34	13
Independiente FC	9	2	2	5	14	26	8
Shlama FC	10	1	1	8	16	33	4
NK Prijedor	10	0	2	8	19	39	2

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Assyrian FC	12	8	1	3	41	20	25
Gremio FC	11	6	2	3	25	17	20
FC Kosova	11	6	2	3	32	20	20
Lancer FC	11	6	1	4	21	20	19
Raiders FC	10	6	1	3	25	17	19
FK Republika Srpska	10	5	1	4	32	28	16
Chicago Dynasty FC	12	3	2	7	21	34	11
Stare Byki FC Blue	12	3	0	9	15	44	9
Lamaso FC	8	2	2	4	16	17	8
Winged Bull	11	2	2	7	14	25	8

**PREMIER SOCCER LEAGUE of CHICAGOLAND**

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**OVER 30 RED DIVISION**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Romania SC	11	11	0	0	55	15	33
Pampas	13	11	0	2	59	22	33
Bulgaria FC	12	10	0	2	57	27	30
FC Tarnovia	11	8	0	3	26	16	24
Jahbat FC	14	6	2	6	34	38	20
Balkan	11	6	1	4	31	23	19
Hellenic United AC	10	6	0	4	29	20	18
St Charles Celtics Red	12	5	0	7	35	38	15
La Granate	11	3	1	7	29	48	10
Chicago Celtic	12	3	0	9	20	40	9
SAC Wisla	12	2	1	9	28	50	7
Black Eagle	13	1	2	10	30	61	5
Stare Byki FC	10	0	1	9	10	45	1

**OVER 40 BLUE DIVISION**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Torino FC	14	10	2	2	48	20	32
Pampas OT	13	9	1	3	46	21	28
Stare Byki FC	14	9	1	4	47	28	28
Villains SC	15	9	1	5	36	31	28
Real FC	15	8	3	4	46	31	27
MOFG	14	8	2	4	29	25	26
Naperville Strikers FC	15	5	1	9	44	38	16
St Charles Celtics Green	15	4	0	11	36	50	12
Windy City United	13	3	1	9	33	35	10
St Charles Celtics Orange	14	0	0	14	4	90	0