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Park Ridge	1	Premier Soccer League Over 40 B Division
Byki O-40	2	Woodland Park 26 August 2018

Byki, Rogues wilt in steambath

When Over 40 player-coach Doug Towsey gathered his teammates at halftime, he wasn't kidding around when he said, "We've got them right where want them," referring to the Park Ridge Rogues and their 1:0 lead. Towsey was convinced that the Byki would be ready to pounce on an opponent who would eventually run out of gas. He turned out to be right, as the Byki parlayed counterattacking situation into two second-half goals, just enough to snare all three points.

While the Rogues might have run out of gas on a day of energy-sapping humidity, the Byki were also running on fumes by the time the whistle blew for 90 minutes. Every one of the 14 players in uniform clearly had nothing more to give.

The Rogues controlled the tempo for most of the first half and were probably disappointed to have just one goal to show for their efforts. Park Ridge created a flurry of chances in the first 15 minutes of the contest. Byki keeper James Vlahakis thwarted a near-post blast in the 13th minute.

Moments later, the Rogues incredibly failed to score when an unmarked player shot from close range, only to see his shot clang off of both goalposts, before Dean Fukar cleared the ball to safety.

A Park Ridge corner kick caused mayhem in the Byki penalty area. Vlahakis got his hand to a free header, and then managed to deflect the rebound, with the ball glancing off of the crossbar. The Byki scrambled that ball out of the area.

Midway through the first half, the Rogues got behind the Byki defense and took the ball straight to goal. Vlahakis came up big yet again, blocking a near-post attempt.

Park Ridge eventually broke through at the half hour. They overloaded the left side of the field and sent a

booming cross to the far side. An unmarked player headed the ball past a diving Vlahakis.

The Byki responded in the 33rd minute when Steven Pedlow tried to redirect Diego Penafiel's corner kick with a one-touch shot. The shot had everyone beaten, but went narrowly wide of the far post.

Four minutes before halftime, Ade Ekundayo measured a free kick from 30 yards and missed by inches, his shot whizzing over the bar.

The Rogues were ever so close to doubling their lead in the 64th minute. A player ran onto a long ball over the Byki defense and looked certain to be offside. The assistant's flag stayed down, however, and Vlahakis charged out of his box to challenge the shooter. He blocked the initial shot, but the ball came right back to the shooter, who tried to lob into the empty net from 25 yards. The hustling Towsey saved the day when he cleared the ball off the line.

The tiring Rogues got caught by a Byki counterattack two minutes later. Penafiel ran past the defense, who were standing still as the pass came over the top. Penafiel took the ball straight at the keeper, who did well not to come out too early. Penafiel dribbled to find an opening, but wound up shooting right into the goalie's legs. The ball rebounded to Sean Marquez, who had astutely followed the play. He slotted just inside the left goalpost to knot the affair at 1:1.

In the 76th minute, a Rogues player shot from 10 yards, but Vlahakis got a finger to that attempt, sending it off the crossbar.

The Byki nabbed the winner three minutes later. Towsey won the ball at the halfway line and pushed the ball to BK Park. The game had become stretched out due to fatigue

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on both sides, so Park played the ball into space for the hard-charging Penafiel. He made no mistake with this breakaway, smashing the ball just underneath the bar for a 2:1 lead.

The Byki did enough to make that goal stand up to clinch victory, but they got a little help from the referee, who shortened the match by about four minutes total after having failed to add all of the stoppage time resulting from water breaks in each half.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Vlahakis – Towsey, Zarate, Fink, Fukar – Brough, Penafiel – Pedlow, Marquez, Ekundayo (c) – BK Park. **Bench:** Banbor, Carrillo, Muehlbauer.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – Marquez 1; 66th.

1:2 – Penafiel 5; 79th.

Byki Man of the Match: Sean Marquez.

of time and they overwhelmingly agreed to reject Calumet Park. “The league had apparently told Concordia not to use Calumet Park,” said Gorecki. “But they did it anyway and now the schedule is in a shambles as a result.” The Byki urged Concordia to find a new venue and the teams amicably agreed to play at Hawthorne, which had been Concordia’s home field for the last two seasons.

The Byki ignited a flurry of activity in the Concordia end of the field at the start and it paid off in the ninth minute. John Kosmas carried the ball through the middle and laid off a pass to John Park on the right flank. Park crossed the ball into the box and the short clearance found Brian Huck 25 yards from goal and unmarked. He picked his spot perfectly and floated one over the goalie’s outstretched hand.

Concordia equalized six minutes later. As the Byki struggled to get the ball out of their end, Concordia players were buzzing all around and converted a shot from 15 yards.

The Byki tried to hold their shape defensively, but it was an uphill climb, especially with a bench devoid of any substitutes. In the 27th minute, a Concordia player sent a diagonal pass to the far post. Eric Tower stuck his leg out and the deflection sent the ball off of the upright.

Two minutes later, the Byki committed a costly turnover deep in their defensive third and Concordia slid the ball into an empty net for a 2:1 lead.

The floodgates opened in the final ten minutes of the first half, as Concordia pounded home four more goals to put the game out of reach. In all four cases, the Byki were beaten for speed on Concordia counterattacks. “We simply could not contain the play in the midfield and Concordia were just ruthless,” noted Gorecki.

The Byki tried to stabilize things to start the second half, but fatigue became a factor and the home side kept pushing to the tune of four more goals in the final half hour.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Vlahakis – Javaras, Jacobs, Tower, J. Park – Kosmas, Huck (c) – Muehlbauer, Sisson, Rodriguez – Ochoa.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

0:1 – Huck 4; 9th.

Byki Man of the Match: None given.

Concordia	10	Premier Soccer League Over 48 Division Hawthorne 29 August 2018
Byki O-48	1	

Concordia bring heavy artillery

The Over 48 Team suffered their worst defeat of the season on August 29 when they were demolished 10:1 by HNK Concordia at Hawthorne. The Byki took the early lead, but were no match for Concordia’s outstanding counterattacking capabilities.

The match was originally scheduled for August 15, but the Byki refused to travel to Calumet Park, which had been Concordia’s home field from the start of the season. The Byki were not the only team in the Over 48 circuit to reject Calumet Park and its ridiculously remote location. By the middle of August, Concordia had yet to play a home match, all because of opponents concluding that driving to Calumet Park was not worth it.

Byki President George Gorecki polled his players ahead

NSL MAJOR DIVISION**6 September 2018****www.nslchicago.org**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Vikings AA	9	5	3	1	45	15	18
Gazelle SC	7	6	0	1	19	5	18
Wisloka Chicago	8	5	1	2	29	19	16
RWB Adria	7	5	1	1	19	10	16
CKS Warta	8	5	0	3	30	16	15
SAC Wisla	7	4	2	1	16	8	14
FC Guadalajara	8	3	1	4	19	21	10
AAC Winged Bull	8	3	1	4	11	18	10
Stare Byki FC	9	3	1	5	20	28	10
Das Magic	9	0	0	9	10	44	0
Dundalk FC	8	0	0	8	7	41	0

PSLC OVER 30 WHITE DIVISION**26 August 2018****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Levski Chicago 2014	11	11	0	0	76	16	33
FC Oasu	11	8	1	2	54	19	25
International SC	10	7	1	2	47	25	22
Stare Byki FC	13	7	1	5	48	31	22
Tricolorii FC	12	6	2	4	45	16	20
Celtics	12	6	1	5	34	44	19
AEK FC Chicago	8	6	0	2	42	12	18
FC Igloopol	11	4	3	4	46	23	15
Chicago Rangers FC	12	3	1	8	29	50	10
FC National	11	2	0	9	28	44	6
Shogun	11	2	0	9	23	49	6
Adventists United FC	12	0	0	12	4	147	0

PSLC OVER 40 B DIVISION**26 August 2018****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Olympiacos Chicago	12	10	2	0	52	14	32
FK Danubia	12	8	3	1	35	15	27
MANA United SC	12	9	0	3	33	14	27
Park Ridge Rogues	12	6	3	3	32	17	21
Deerfield	12	6	1	5	35	19	19
Stare Byki FC	11	3	3	5	17	26	12
Atletico Torino FC	9	3	0	6	9	34	9
Real FC Blues	12	2	1	9	16	48	7
International SC	16	0	1	15	2	44	1

PSLC OVER 48 DIVISION**5 September 2018****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Jakes Stars Villains	13	12	1	0	51	6	37
Park Ridge Rogues	13	9	1	3	48	9	28
HNK Concordia	9	7	1	1	36	5	22
Sofia BG	11	5	4	2	38	16	19
St Charles Celtics	13	5	2	6	32	44	17
Stare Byki FC	13	2	2	9	19	55	8
Atletico Torino FC	14	1	3	10	13	41	6
St. Charles Celtics Silverbacks	14	1	2	11	17	78	5