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OVER 40 TEAM

Byki have the look of champions

The Over 40 Team were on the brink of their second consecutive league title on the heels of impressive wins over International SC and MANA SC the last two weeks of August. The Byki have 33 points from 13 matches and lead Windy City United, who have 28 points from 14 matches, followed by Chicago Pampas, who have 25 from 13. With two matches against Pampas in the final three weeks of the season, the Argentines could make things interesting. But only a clean sweep of the nine remaining points would even put them in the title conversation.

The Byki are hitting on all cylinders once again, not having lost since a fluke 2:1 defeat to Itasca on June 14. The Byki are humming along during the current eight-game winning streak.

They dispatched International 4:2 with relative ease on August 23. International were once one of the more competitive squads in Over 40, but have fallen through the ranks rather rapidly. After being relegated from the A Division in 2014, they have just 10 points from their 11 matches in the B1 Division this season. They clearly have not replenished their roster very effectively, as too many of their players have been seen playing in the Over 48 competition, where they have struggled as well.

Goalkeeper James Vlahakis made a point-blank save early in the contest and his teammates responded with the opening salvo after 15 minutes. Mitch Posada crossed the ball in from the right wing for Steven Pedlow, whose low shot found the back of the net for a 1:0 lead.

The Byki kept up the pressure. Jim Jacobs sent the ball in for Pedlow. The keeper saved Pedlow's hard shot and then doubled things up when he also saved the rebound.

International clawed their way back into the match following a Byki turnover at midfield. A winger ran freely along the left flank and crossed to a striker, whose header nestled inside the left post to make it 1:1.

A rash foul by an International defender resulted in a Byki free kick just outside the area. Midfielder Ade Ekundayo artfully swung the ball over the defensive wall and made it dip just in front of the goalkeeper to put the Byki 2:1 up just before the break.

With International now reeling and squabbling, the Byki took full advantage moments later. A slick passing combination opened up the International defense. Fullback Rick Arcos went off on a long romp along the left wing and found Posada in the middle. He quickly slid the ball to Gabriel Rodriguez, who immediately sent it to Diego Penafiel. The midfielder hit pay dirt as he tumbled to the ground.

With a comfortable 3:1 lead at the interval, the Byki went out and dominated the affair in the second half. Penafiel's virtuoso play put the result beyond any doubt when juked the keeper and slipped the ball behind him.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Vlahakis – Towsey, Arcos, Fink, Safford – Tower, Lane – Pedlow (c), G. Rodriguez, Ekundayo – Posada. **Bench:** Fukar, Huck, Jacobs, Penafiel, Muehlbauer, Thompson.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

- 1:0 – Pedlow 5 (Posada); 15th.
- 2:1 – Ekundayo 4; 40th.
- 3:1 – Penafiel 10 (Rodriguez); 43rd.
- 4:1 – Penafiel 11; 65th.

Byki Man of the Match: None given.

The train kept rolling for the Byki a week later, as they got past pesky MANA 3:1 in a match played at Windemere Park. Ekundayo and Penafiel led the charge for the Byki, each delivering a goal and an assist.

MANA sought the early lead, as a striker broke in alone on goalkeeper Dean Fukar. Unfazed by the threat, Fukar blocked the shot attempt and then was in good position to force the MANA player to shoot wide on the rebound.

Eight minutes later, it was the Byki who took control. Ekundayo slid a pass to Penafiel, who very efficiently took two quick dribbles and fired home low, to the left side, for his team-leading 12th goal of the season.

The Byki doubled the lead when MANA tried to clear

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away a corner kick. The headed clearance bounced to Ekundayo, positioned at the top of the arc. Ekundayo took aim and made no mistake, crushing a shot to the upper left corner.

MANA got an opening two minutes before halftime, but were unable to close the deal. A high, spinning ball went off of Fukar's chest, and as he went for rebound, he tripped a MANA player, prompting the referee to point to the spot. The MANA player sent the penalty kick wide left, a brutal error that proved to be incredibly costly to his team.

Shortly after the break, the Byki earned a free kick following a MANA handball. Posada's feint on the restart caused a defender to encroach, but Ekundayo went for it anyway. The goalie came up with a tough save, but no Byki were there to clean up the rebound.

The score swelled to 3:0 later in the second half. A Posada breakaway resulted in a corner kick for the Byki. Penafiel found Brian Huck, who flipped the ball past the goalie.

MANA got their consolation goal in the 86th minute, when a deflected ball fell right to a MANA player, who did well to beat Fukar at the right post.

Eric Muehlbauer contributed to this report.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Fukar – Towsey, Arcos, Fink, Cohen – Tower, Penafiel – Zarate, Pedlow (c), Ekundayo – Posada. **Bench:** Huck, Jacobs, Muehlbauer, Thompson.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Penafiel 12 (Ekundayo); 15th.

2:0 – Ekundayo 5; 35th.

3:0 – Huck 2 (Penafiel); 55th.

Byki Man of the Match: None given.

FIRST TEAM

Streak ends, Byki still in title hunt

The Byki saw their ten-game unbeaten run come to an end on August 30 when they dropped a disappointing 3:1 decision to Das Magic. The chase for the Red Section championship, however, still remains in play for the Byki, who are tied on points with frontrunners FC Kosova, but are in second place, based on tiebreakers. The sides meet in a highly anticipated rematch on Sunday.

The ten-game unbeaten streak was the fifth-longest in club history and came on the heels of a 6:0 shellacking of Olympiacos Chicago on August 23 at Oak Brook. Olympiacos brought just ten players for the match, and were further hampered when a player went off injured early in the second half.

Striker Nanmin Kone had his best game in a Byki uniform, bagging a hat trick in the first half and then adding a fourth in garbage time. The Byki were dominant in all phases of

the game and the final score reflected how well they played.

Kone opened his account on 13 minutes, following a spell of patient ball movement by the Byki. Marek Ciszewski charged through the middle and laid off for Kone, who sprinted into the box beyond the last defender and coolly slid a diagonal ball past the keeper.

Kone nearly got his second eight minutes later. Ben Rodriguez, making his first appearance after a lengthy absence due to injury, played a through ball for Kone. The keeper came out to challenge and Kone tucked the ball underneath him, only to see it roll barely wide of the post.

Moments later, Mclain Roth intercepted a weak pass in the back and came in alone on goal. The keeper blocked his attempt and a poor clearance went right to Brendan Flynn, who had only the keeper to beat. The goalie came out hard and smothered the ball at Flynn's feet.

The Byki made it 2:0 in the 27th minute. Gil Calleros swung the ball into the six-yard box, where Kone hit a delicate header that floated over the rooted goalkeeper.

Six minutes later, a long clearance found Kone streaking on a breakaway. A defender hauled him down in the area, leading to a penalty kick. Kone converted from the spot and the Byki were in command at 3:0.

Flynn had two more excellent opportunities before the half ended and was repelled only by some extraordinary goalkeeping.

The Byki made it 4:0 early in the second half when Ben Rodriguez took a pass from Mike Stamatinos, dribbled past two defenders, and ripped a tremendous shot past the keeper.

With Olympiacos now down to nine players and their confidence in tatters, the hungry Byki went wild on the attack. That they could only find the back of the net twice more was the result of poor marksmanship.

Kone had no problems with his marksmanship. He took off on the dribble along the left flank in the 71st minute and concluded his long run by dinking the ball underneath the onrushing keeper for a 5:0 lead.

Byki keeper Pete Chronowski had a largely uneventful day, but did the job when he thwarted a breakaway in the 78th minute. Olympiacos cleared the ball long down the right wing to a player who looked really, really offside. Even the other Olympiacos players stopped running as they saw the play develop. The man with the ball kept coming, however, and Chronowski came out and blunted the play with ease.

Ben Rodriguez capped off his return to action in style, notching his second tally of the day in the 81st minute.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Chronowski – Zachariah, J. Rodriguez, Calleros, Stamatinos (c) – Flynn, Sauerman – Roth, C. Rodriguez, Ciszewski – Marmo. **Bench:** Herholdt, Kone, Sabo.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Kone 9 (Ciszewski); 13th.

2:0 – Kone 10 (Calleros); 27th.

3:0 – Kone 11 (pk); 33rd.

4:0 – B. Rodriguez 1 (Stamatinos); 55th.

5:0 – Kone 12; 71st.

6:0 – Marmo 8 (C. Rodriguez); 34th.

7:0 – B. Rodriguez 2; 81st.

Byki Man of the Match: Nanmin Kone.

OVER 30 TEAM

After outscoring the opposition by an audacious 42-8 margin during the streak, the Byki understandably came into their match versus Das Magic flying high. Amid the hoopla, however, they lost focus and discipline. The outcome was a stark reminder that just showing up is not enough in a competition like the NSL.

Das Magic are a veteran group, who, despite their ragtag appearance, always seem to be in the playoff mix every season. One cannot discount the value of a team who know how to play together and make all of the disparate parts be a good fit.

The Byki lost sight of this factor and got sucked in some poor discipline. Das Magic are also a mouthy team and some Byki players felt the need to inject themselves into these useless conversations. No good can ever come from this type of banter, and the Byki were clearly thrown off their game, despite Stamatinos trying to reel everyone in. "Quite frankly, it seems as though we had several guys that were more interested in the trash talking element versus concentrating on the match," Stamatinos commented afterwards.

The match started off well enough for the Byki, who created some chances, but failed to capitalize. Das Magic then opportunistically grabbed the lead in the 25th minute after a moment of sloppiness by the Byki in the back third. An unmarked runner ripped through the midfield and knocked the ball home for an easy finish.

The visitors made it 2:0 ten minutes into the second half when they played a ball over the top. Goalkeeper Pete Chronowski came out to try to close down the angle, but the Das Magic forward made a nice juke and capped it off with a clinical finish.

Rather than recall all of the positive aspects of their game that resulted in their long unbeaten skein, the Byki let emotions get in the way, making the uphill climb to get back into the contest all the steeper.

Hope surfaced in the 65th minute, when Kone racked up his team-leading 13th goal of the season. The Byki won a 50-50 ball in the midfield and swung it out to the left flank for Cristian Rodriguez. The winger crossed in for Kone, whose acrobatic volley made for a brilliant finish.

Das Magic put a vise grip on the affair five minutes from the end when they earned a penalty kick following a scramble inside of the box during a corner kick. At 3:1, the Byki comeback was doomed.

Stamatinos was sanguine afterwards. "In the end, we did not play to the level that we're capable of and we let our emotions get the best of us. Also, I didn't see the tenacity, determination, team-play and commitment that we're used to seeing."

Mike Stamatinos contributed to this report.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Chronowski – Mehagic, J. Rodriguez, Calleros, Stamatinos (c) – Flynn, Sauerman – B. Rodriguez, C. Rodriguez, Ciszewski – Kone. **Bench:** Champagne, Roth, Zachariah.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:2 – Kone 13 (C. Rodriguez); 65th.

Mid-table Byki still on the seesaw

The Over 30s split a pair of matches to close out the month of August. They went down 4:1 to Levski Chicago on August 23 and rebounded to give cellar-dwellers Shogun a thorough 5:0 trouncing.

Against Levski, the teams competed on level terms for much of the first half. Fundamental errors led to a Byki downfall after the break and Levski ran away with the three points.

Striker Sergio Benavides had the first good chance of the contest, but his shot from the top of the box sailed high and wide.

Midfielder Martin Herholdt was in prime position to give the Byki the lead. He was unmarked at the back post on a corner kick and struck a side volley that clanged off the upright. The Byki would come to regret not being able to break out on top in a very competitive and physical first half.

Levski snatched the lead in the 40th min when a forward collected a ball at the top of the box and wasted no time to turn and fire. His shot incredibly caught the inside of both posts before rolling over goal line.

The score went to 2:0 a few minutes into the second half. A weak Byki turnover gifted Levski a 3 v 2 situation. The Levski winger crossed low and hard to the near post. Goalkeeper Alan Stevens saved the initial effort, but was powerless to block the rebound. No teammates were in range to prevent a Levski player from tapping home from close range.

Levski took a dominant position just after the hour mark. In a scenario that was similar to the second goal, a Levski winger crossed into the box, where an unmarked forward slotted into the far side netting to make it 3:0.

The Byki responded when centerback Mo Elshafie won a tackle in midfield and continued with a run up the middle. After beating a defender, Mo sent a through ball for Maciek Kekus, who beat the keeper handily with a low shot at the far post.

Levski shrugged off that effort and banged home a fourth tally late in the match. The right winger slipped in behind the defense, carrying all the way to the goal line and squeezing in a shot near post for an insurmountable 4:1 advantage.

BYKI LINEUP (4-5-1): Stevens – Marquez, Elshafie, Fleming, King – Boeckeler, Banbor, Herholdt, Kekus (c), Najera – Benavides. **Bench:** Chudyba.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

3:1 – Kekus 7 (Elshafie); 75th.

Byki Man of the Match: None given.

The Byki took out their frustrations on Shogun a week later, led by Ray Najera's two goals. Paul Pinkham and Herholdt each added a goal and an assist, improving the Byki to 6-1-4 for the season.

The Byki started the match with just ten players and played down a man for about 20 minutes. The pitch at Hamilton Lakes was nothing short of terrible, with long grass and muddy, beat-up goalmouths.

Shogun looked the brighter of the sides early, after a couple of decent opportunities. A Shogun winger blasted high from a volley after receiving a cross at the back post. Shortly thereafter, Stevens was forced to save at the near post from an attempt inside the six-yard box.

But it was the Byki who took the lead on 35 minutes when fullback Paul King let one go from 40 yards out and lashed a half-volley high into the net. He meant every bit of it, as a recycled corner kick found King, the ball setting up well for him to rip past a sprawling Shogun goalie.

Shogun threatened with a couple of dangerous free kicks late in the first half, but the Byki defense held strong. Stevens was equal to the task on both occasions.

The Byki gained significant momentum after the break, thanks to some great passing spells.

The second goal came when Herholdt tackled a Shogun midfielder and carried the ball into space. When nobody stepped up to challenge him, Herholdt laced a shot from the right edge of the penalty area. The keeper got a palm to the ball, but couldn't stop the shot from finding the top corner of the net.

The third goal came just five minutes later and was a result of patient and quality passing. Herholdt started the move, releasing Pinkham down the left wing. Pinkham took a few touches towards the goal, then saw Najera in a dangerous area

and squared a low, hard cross. Najera made no mistake, and buried the cross for a 3:0 advantage.

Having no substitutes available, the Byki began to rearrange their formation on the fly. Elshafie, normally in the center of defense, took on a Shogun fullback with a run down the right wing. Elshafie rounded the defender and took a touch, forcing the keeper to come off his goal line. Elshafie nipped a foot in early and sent the ball towards the goal. Elshafie's attempt may well have trickled over the goal line on its own, but Najera took no chances and slammed the ball home to give the Byki a commanding 4:0 lead.

The Byki put the result to bed in the 85th minute. Herholdt curled a through ball for Pinkham on the left wing, who collected the pass in stride. He raced toward the goal and drilled a shot past the Shogun goalie to cap off a fine Byki performance.

Alan Stevens contributed to this report.

BYKI LINEUP (4-5-1): Stevens – Marquez, Hurley, Elshafie, King – Boeckeler, Banbor (c), Herholdt, Gibbs, Pinkham – Najera.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

0:1 – King 1; 35th.

0:2 – Herholdt 2; 60th.

0:3 – Najera 2 (Pinkham); 65th.

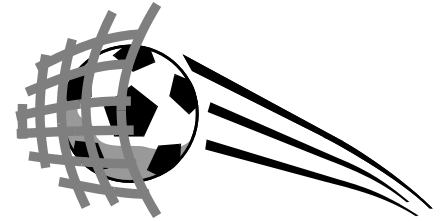
0:4 – Najera 3 (Elshafie); 70th.

0:5 – Pinkham 3 (Herholdt); 85th.

Byki Man of the Match: Paul King.



BYKI bits & pieces



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How much does it cost to play?

Ticket donation is \$25 and the ticket is valid for all 17 weeks of the NFL season and playoffs up until the Super Bowl.

How do you win?

There are two ways to win. You win if the two teams listed for a given week combine to score the highest number of points that weekend in the NFL. You also win if the two teams listed for a given week combine to score the lowest number of points that weekend in the NFL.

How much do you win?

For the regular season, you win \$50 if your teams combine to score the highest number of points that week, and \$25 if they combine to score the lowest number of points. For the three weeks of the playoffs, the payouts rise to \$150 and \$75, respectively. A drawing for four cash prizes will be held during the lead-up to the Super Bowl. All tickets are eligible for this drawing.

What happens if a team is on a bye week?

Both teams listed on a ticket for a given week must play that week for the ticket to be valid. The same situation applies for the playoffs; if one or both teams listed for the playoff weeks are not in the playoffs, then the ticket is not valid for that week.

Will I be playing the same two teams every week?

No. The pairs of teams are selected at random. You have to check your ticket every week to see which teams are involved for that week.

Do the teams listed in a given week have to play one another in order to win?

No. In fact, it is highly unlikely that the teams listed will be playing one another. The only thing that counts is how many points are scored by the teams listed in their respective games.

What if someone else has the same teams that I do? Do we both win?

Every ticket is unique, so no other player has your two teams for a given week. There are a total of 496 tickets in play and the approximate odds of winning some kind of prize are 1 in 9.

What if there is more than one winning ticket?

If there is more than one winning ticket in a given week, the prize money will be split equally among the winners.

How do I know if I won?

All winners will be notified via email or phone, so it is important to ensure that you correctly fill out the details on the ticket stub. Details of prize winners will also be posted on this website.

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\$150 - Playoff week, high score
\$75 - Playoff week, low score

\$500 - Cash drawing #1
\$250 - Cash drawing #2
\$125 - Cash drawing #3
\$125 - Cash drawing #4

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Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Kosova	11	8	1	2	33	16	25
Stare Byki FC	12	8	1	3	43	17	25
Das Magic	11	5	2	4	33	23	17
Chicago Dynasty FC	11	3	3	5	19	23	12
Olympiacos Chicago	8	1	0	7	14	36	3
West Indies Jets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Assyrian FC	7	5	0	2	21	14	15
Gremio FC	12	5	0	7	29	42	15
FC Macedonia	10	5	0	5	22	25	15
FC Guadalajra	11	5	0	6	28	26	15
Lancer SC	9	2	1	6	16	36	7

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B1 DIVISION	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Stare Byki FC	13	11	0	2	38	14	33
Windy City United	14	9	1	4	33	17	28
Pampas OT	13	8	1	4	49	27	25
Naperville Strikers FC	14	4	2	8	31	43	14
International SC	11	2	4	5	21	32	10
MOFG	12	3	1	8	20	34	10

B2 DIVISION	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
St Charles Celtics Green	14	8	3	3	53	27	27
Itasca	14	8	2	4	44	30	26
MANA Soccer Club	13	8	0	5	69	40	24
Chicago FC	13	4	3	6	32	37	15
Real FC	13	4	1	8	29	51	13
St Charles Celtics Orange	12	0	0	12	8	75	0

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC DePaul	13	10	1	2	42	16	31
St Charles Celtics	11	9	1	1	41	17	28
Levski Chicago 2014	12	8	2	2	41	18	26
AEK FC Chicago	12	8	1	3	38	17	25
Stare Byki FC	11	6	1	4	32	22	19
Chicago Rangers FC	12	4	2	6	26	22	14
Olympiacos Chicago	12	4	0	8	25	28	12
Real FC	13	1	1	11	17	69	4
Shogun	14	0	1	13	14	67	1

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
HNK Concordia	7	7	0	0	32	5	21
Sofia BG	6	4	0	2	26	15	12
International SC	8	3	1	4	21	25	10
Stare Byki FC	8	2	1	5	9	32	7
St Charles Celtics	7	1	0	6	11	22	3