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Byki salvage a point at the death

The Over 40 Team came back twice against an opportunistic MOFG team last Sunday to scrape out a 2:2 draw, thanks to a late goal by Jim Jacobs. MOFG didn't do a lot to come up with two goals, but they did just enough with the chances that they created. The Byki will regret not taking better advantage of the significant edge in possession that they enjoyed. With 21 points from 15 matches, the Byki sit in sixth place in the table, but are only three points away from third place.

The players left the match with a bitter taste in their mouths after the Byki had demonstrated that they were the better side. Soccer, however, is all about scoring goals, and in the end, MOFG were better at it than the Byki, despite how little of the ball that MOFG saw on the day.

Mitch Posada put the MOFG defense on notice after just five minutes. He dribbled deep into the corner on the right, juked past a defender near the goal line and sent a pass into the middle of the box for Brian Huck. It was a great shooting position, but Huck's attempt went straight at the keeper.

Jim Kuch spotted Dean Fukar in the clear in the 18th minute and served up a dandy cross from the flank. Fukar steered his header wide.

After absorbing a goodly amount of pressure, MOFG then struck out of nowhere. A long ball along the left wing sent a striker in alone on James Vlahakis. The lanky keeper cut off the angle and stuffed the scoring attempt, but he got no help on the trailing striker, who knocked the rebound into the empty net.

The Byki knotted the score at 1:1 in the 37th minute. Posada tracked down Doug Towsey's long pass and glided past a defender in the box. The defender's late challenge sent Posada tumbling and the referee pointed to the spot. Andy Lane banged home the penalty and the Byki were back in business.

In the 48th minute, Gabriel Rodriguez made a forceful run down the right side and drilled a hard shot that was turned

away by the goalie.

MOFG executed a set piece to perfection in the 55th minute to take an unexpected 2:1 lead. They launched a free kick from the right side at midfield towards the far post. The ball found a MOFG player and the Byki could not control the ensuing scramble on the doorstep of their goal.

Five minutes later, Rodriguez tore into the MOFG box and was hauled down by a slow defender, leading to the second Byki penalty kick of the day. The foul was also the second bookable offense for the MOFG player, who was sent packing by the referee. But Lane sent the ensuing spot kick over the bar, leading to 30 minutes of Byki attacking pressure and desperate defending from MOFG.

The Byki rescued a point with two minutes to go. Huck crossed a ball into the mixer from the right-side channel. Lane slightly redirected the ball to an unmarked Jacobs, who was calm and cool as he booted the ball home for his third goal of the campaign.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Vlahakis – Towsey, Kuch, Fink, Safford – Tower, Lane – G. Rodriguez, Cohen, Huck – Posada. **Benches:** Fukar, Gorecki (c), Jacobs, Muehlbauer.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY
 1:1 – Lane 2 (pk); 37th.
 2:2 – Jacobs 3 (Lane); 88th.

Byki Man of the Match: Mitch Posada

NSL		
Khaboor	1 : 0	Byki
09-07-13		

Bizarre defeat leaves Byki speechless

When the Byki hooked up with 10-man Khaboor FC last Sunday at Olympic Park, the Byki expected to impose their will on a team struggling to compete in the Major Division. When two red-card offenses reduced Khaboor to eight players early in the second half, a mauling by the Byki should have been the only outcome. Instead, Khaboor clung to a precarious 1:0 lead and made the lone goal stand up. Afterwards, Marek

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Ciszewski, the most senior player in the squad, was succinct in his summary: "We have hit rock bottom."

The Byki had clobbered Khaboor 5:1 in the first meeting between the sides. But that match was played on the expansive field at Oak Brook. The cramped confines of the 105 x 62 yard field at Olympic Park worked to the advantage of a shorthanded team whose only offensive tactic was hit-and-hope.

"It was up to us to find a way to get through their packed defense," said coach George Gorecki. "And we fell short. Having a big advantage in manpower was not enough when we failed to move the ball efficiently and create spaces for open shots. Khaboor played their tactics perfectly."

Sweeper Kristian Buur urged his teammates to place Khaboor under high pressure and get them to capitulate early. The flurry resulted in three excellent scoring chances. In the fourth minute, Enrique Barcenas found Daniel Zielinski with a pass, and Zielinski laid the ball off for Chris Koenig on the right side of the box. Koenig's shot barely missed the far post.

Three minutes later, Ciszewski's through pass freed Zielinski on the left side of the area. He drilled a shot from

a sharp angle and the keeper did well to tip the ball away from his near post. Moments later, Barcenas controlled a short Khaboor clearance and crossed the ball for Sergio Torres, whose first-time shot went inches wide.

Khaboor scored what would be the decisive goal in the 13th minute when a long goal kick sailed over the heads of the Byki defense to a waiting striker. He sped in alone on the Byki goal and slotted past Amit Khankari.

The Byki continued to press forward and a nice combination on the right flank unlocked the Khaboor defense in the 34th minute. Barcenas passed off to Tony Sabo, who sent Torres into the clear. Torres was poised to equalize, but sent his shot wide.

Just before the break, Zielinski boomed a cross in from the right side for Koenig, whose blast was repelled by the goalkeeper.

The Byki went right to work in the second half. Three minutes in, a cross by Barcenas was cleared to the left side of the Khaboor area, where Andrews Alfaro corkscrewed a crazy shot that the keeper did well to tip over the bar.

Things turned ugly a few minutes later. Alfaro suffered a reckless tackle by a Khaboor player, who was ejected by the

Byki Stats

FIRST TEAM, NSL MAJOR DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Bollinger	3	3	6
N'Guettia	4	0	4
Kone	3	1	4
Szymkowiak	0	3	3
Ciszewski	2	0	2
Koenig	1	0	1
Zielinski	1	0	1
De Rama	0	1	1
Llamas	0	1	1
Onaissi	0	1	1
Ortiz	0	1	1
Suhayda	0	1	1
Team goals	3	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Khankari	90	1	1.00
Casson	45	1	2.00
Salazar	495	17	3.09
Najera	270	19	6.33
Diallo	90	8	8.00

Current record: 2-1-9

O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Hurley	4	0	4
Bollinger	2	0	2
Gibbs	2	0	2
St Clair	2	0	2
Ciszewski	1	0	1
Inalsingh	1	0	1
Lakemeyer	1	0	1
Guzman	0	1	1
Kuch	0	1	1
Siervo	0	1	1
Suhayda	0	1	1
Uriza	0	1	1
Team goals	3	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Gorecki	24	1	3.75
Najera	674	35	4.67
Bertels	90	6	6.00
Uriza	90	7	7.00
King	22	2	8.18

Current record: 1-1-12

O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Posada	9	4	13
Ekundayo	6	3	9
Pedlow	4	4	8
Nelson	5	2	7
Rodriguez, G.	3	4	7
Huck	4	2	6
Positano	4	0	4
Jacobs	3	1	4
Fukar	2	2	4
Lane	2	2	4
Tower	1	2	3
Elmkinssi	0	3	3
Fink	0	1	1
Kuch	0	1	1
Safford	0	1	1
Towsey	0	1	1
Team goals	1	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Fukar	270	1	0.33
Muehlbauer	180	2	1.00
Vlahakis	900	26	2.60

Current record: 6-3-6

referee immediately in the 54th minute. It didn't take long for the Khaboor player to get some company on the bench. A hard tackle on Martin Herholdt forced another send-off just two minutes later.

The Byki came right after Khaboor, who circled the wagons and tried every delaying tactic in the book. In the 58th minute, Sabo's insightful diagonal ball found Zielinski unmarked at the post, but his tap-in missed the target.

At the hour mark, Barcenas dropped the ball back for Torres at the top of the area. A defender blocked the shot and the rebound fell to Barcenas, who shot immediately. The diving keeper read the shot perfectly.

The Khaboor keeper made a terrific play in the 63rd minute. Koenig's diagonal pass sent Barcenas into the right corner. Barcenas sent a ball to the near post for Torres, who could not convert.

Those sorties should have been the beginning of an offensive explosion for the Byki. Instead, the attack seemed to grind to a halt and it became increasingly likely that the equalizer would never come. The best chance for the Byki came nine minutes from the end, when Koenig hit a sharp header from Barcenas' corner and was denied by another amazing save from the goalie.

BYKI LINEUP (3-5-2): Khankari – Buur, Herholdt, Sabo – Stamatinos (c), Torres, Alfaro, Barcenas, Ciszewski – Zielinski, Koenig.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

Byki Man of the Match: Chris Koenig



Precise Jahbat gun down Byki

The Over 30 Team created a boatload of chances last Saturday, but it was a highly efficient Jahbat side that found the back of the net with a high level of frequency. The end result was a 6:1 Jahbat victory that was closer than the score indicated.

The match was the first action for the Over 30s in five weeks. Since their thrilling 3:3 draw versus Romania SC in late July, the Byki have won one match and lost another by forfeit and two others were postponed. This string of cancellations essentially gave the Byki an unscheduled mid-season break that no one really wanted.

Coach George Gorecki was heartened to see 16 players on his lineup sheet going into the match, but optimism quickly plummeted when only nine players were at the field at kickoff. Four late arrivals rounded out a roster that eventually totaled

13 players.

Despite being shorthanded, the Byki held their own in the early minutes of the match because Jahbat inexplicably started the match with nine players as well. Their set-up was bizarre, given that they had four substitutes sitting on their bench.

Jahbat grabbed a 1:0 lead after 12 minutes when a long shot eluded goalie Ray Najera's reach. The Byki nearly leveled the score six minutes later when Alex Guzman's adroit through pass put Thomas Lakemeyer in the clear. The keeper came out quickly and made a kick save at the top of the box to deny Lakemeyer.

Chris Hurley conjured an equalizer out of nothing in the 24th minute. After stealing the ball from a Jahbat player in his own end, Hurley took the ball straight to goal. He bulled his way past a defender and coolly slotted the ball past the onrushing keeper to make it 1:1.

A slick combo of passes resulted in a great opportunity in the 35th minute. Jim Jacobs dropped a pass back for Guzman, who played a 1-2 with Hurley inside the box. Guzman's shot from 15 yards whizzed past the post.

Jahbat snatched the lead just before the halftime whistle, catching the Byki napping in their penalty area. Unable to clear the ball out of danger, the Byki failed to find their marks and a shot from close range gave Najera no chance.

Jahbat upped the lead to 3:1 in the 48th minute on a brilliantly struck shot from 30 yards. The Jahbat striker timed the bounce of the ball perfectly and hit a rocket past Najera.

The Byki had their moments in the second half, but their accuracy was not up to standard. Lakemeyer turned his marker at the top of the arc in the 51st minute and drilled a shot that forced the keeper to make a diving stop.

A goal appeared imminent in the 61st minute. Hurley dribbled deep in the Jahbat area and sent the ball back for Guzman, who let loose from long range. The keeper blocked that one and Nick Bianchi pounced on the rebound. A kick save sent that shot to safety. Moments later, Lakemeyer's header seemed destined for the upper corner, but the keeper swatted that one away.

Hurley had two outstanding opportunities a minute apart with 15 minutes to go. He took a pass from Enrique Barcenas and drilled one from 25 yards. The keeper got that one, but needed help from the goalpost on Hurley's hard shot from the left side.

Not surprisingly, Jahbat shrugged off the Byki pressure and had sufficient motivation to bang home three more goals in the final 13 minutes to put the result beyond any doubt.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Najera – Jedrzejowski, King, Hodge, Fleming (c) – Guzman, Pirillis, Barcenas, Hurley – Lakemeyer Jacobs. **Bench:** Bianchi, Siervo.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – Hurley 4; 61st.

Byki Man of the Match: Chris Hurley

NSL MAJOR DIVISION**September 7, 2013****www.nslchicago.org**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria	9	8	1	0	42	10	25
Gazelle SC	10	8	1	1	19	5	25
FC Uta Chicago	11	5	4	2	27	17	19
Jamstar FC	13	5	2	6	36	25	17
CKS Warta	10	5	2	3	24	21	17
Assyrian FC	11	5	1	5	26	27	16
SAC Wisla	10	4	3	3	30	18	15
Stare Byki FC	12	2	1	9	17	46	7
Brusfa FC	11	2	1	8	16	42	7
Khaboor FC	11	2	0	9	9	35	6

PSLC OVER 30 RED DIVISION**September 6, 2013****www.pslchicagoland.com**

Group A	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Tarnovia	14	11	2	1	48	25	35
Balkan	14	9	1	4	54	22	28
St Charles Celtics Red	14	6	3	5	45	35	21
Romania SC	13	6	2	5	32	27	20
Chicago Celtic	16	4	2	10	32	46	14
SAC Wisla	15	3	2	10	32	61	11
Group B	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Bulgaria FC	14	12	0	2	67	25	36
La Granate	15	10	4	1	41	25	34
Jahbat FC	14	7	2	5	43	38	23
Chicago United	16	4	1	11	23	51	13
Igloopol	15	3	2	10	36	50	11
Stare Byki FC	14	1	1	12	16	64	4

PSLC OVER 40 BLUE DIVISION**September 7, 2013****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
MOFG	16	9	4	3	28	20	31
Villains SC	14	10	0	4	45	21	30
Windy City United	14	7	3	4	39	30	24
Real FC	13	8	0	5	28	21	24
St Charles Celtics Green	12	7	1	4	36	21	22
Stare Byki FC	15	6	3	6	44	29	21
Sporting Cristal	15	6	3	6	41	37	21
Naperville Strikers FC	13	5	2	6	30	29	17
Pampas OT	15	4	2	9	28	41	14
St Charles Celtics Orange	15	0	0	15	5	75	0