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OVER 40

Windy City 1 : 3 Byki

PSLC Over 40 Blue Division - Woodland Meadow - 9 September 2012

Byki roll into 2nd place

The Over 40 Team put on a dominating performance in their 3:1 dismantling of Windy City United last Sunday at Woodland Meadow. The Byki muffed a plethora of scoring opportunities, but were in control throughout. After Windy City had taken a 1:0 lead midway through the first half, it was only a matter of time before the Byki would show their true colors.

The victory, coupled with a fortuitous scoreless draw between Torino FC and Chicago Pampas, placed the Byki squarely in second place in the Over 40 Blue Division. The Byki trail leaders Torino by two points and lead Pampas by two, although Pampas have played one fewer match than the Byki and Torino. The Byki will face both opponents in their next two matches and those results will determine whether the Byki can earn promotion back up to the Over 40 Green Division.

The Byki pulled out the big guns right from the start. Mark Weslar's long pass out of midfield sprang Mitch Posada into space, with only the keeper to beat. The keeper dove at Posada's feet to block the attempt. Moments later, Ade Ekundayo dribbled his way past the lumbering Windy City back four and let the goalie off the hook when he shot wide.

Windy City tried to hit the Byki off the break. Goalkeeper James Vlahakis was equal to the task, knocking one shot over the bar and diving to block a second seven minutes later.

Despite the slanted possession advantage for the Byki, it was Windy City who broke through for the first score. A winger found space in the box and was tripped. The referee pointed to the spot and the subsequent conversion put Windy City into an unlikely lead on 27 minutes.

The Byki shook off their disappointment quickly. In the 32nd minute, Jim Jacobs came in alone on the keeper and his shot smacked off of the face of the crossbar.

The equalizer came five minutes later. Gabriel Rodriguez won the ball on the right flank, cut to the inside to unbalance the defense, and laid the ball square for Nick Elmkinssi. The

midfielder made no mistake, firing a first-time shot into the back of the net.

The Byki scored a crucial goal just before halftime. Rodriguez led the charge with a long dribbling run down the right wing. A deft fake turned the defender inside out, creating a 2 v 1 situation with Steven Pedlow in the middle of the penalty area. Rodriguez gave the ball up at just the right moment and Pedlow drilled a monster shot into the opposite corner of the goal for a 2:1 lead. The assist was the ninth of the season for Rodriguez, breaking the club record for outdoor competition. The previous record of eight was held jointly by Dan Jedrzejowski (1997, NSL 2nd Division) and Maciek Kekus (2010, PSLC Over 30 Division). With at least six games left in the campaign, Rodriguez has the opportunity to put the record in unreachable territory.

The second half saw more of the same. Windy City continued to give the ball away frivolously and the Byki kept squandering chances.

But the clincher came in the final quarter of an hour. The Byki suffered several fouls in the second half that presented them with free kick opportunities near the penalty area. After having blown a few sitters from these situations, it was left for striker Brian Huck to put the finishing touch on the last such chance and secure the points. A dangerous cross from the dead ball rattled around inside the box and Huck handily knocked the ball home for a 3:1 lead.

The Byki have slowly built momentum all season long and have amassed ten victories so far. Crunch time comes over the next two matches.

Steven Pedlow contributed to this story.

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OVER 30

Byki 4 : 4 Byki

PSLC Over 30 Division -Olympic Park - 8 September 2012

Byki score into both goals

An avalanche of goals overwhelmed the Olympic Park pitch last Saturday when the Over 30s took on Black Eagle in a clash of PSLC bottom-feeders. The game ended 4:4, even though the Byki did most of the scoring. An incredible two own goals from the Byki, resulting from bad touches, bad bounces and just plain bad luck, prevented the team from recording its first win of the season.

Black Eagle grabbed the lead in the 17th minute, when the lax Byki defense allowed a player to drop an easy pass back to a teammate at the top of the arc. With no pressure whatsoever, he easily fired past James Vlahakis.

Vlahakis came up big with two difficult saves a few minutes later. The Byki were on the back foot for most of the first half, due to a lack of coordinated ball movement. With players testing out their one-on-one moves and consistently failing, Black Eagle kept putting up the pressure.

The score went to 2:0 in the 32nd minute. Ari Pirillis got his foot in the way of a Black Eagle through ball in the area, but wound up deflecting the ball right to an unmarked opponent, who knocked it into the empty net.

The Byki began to climb back into the match in the final ten minutes of the first half. Ohad Garnon served in a cross from the right side for Alex Guzman, whose volley from 15 yards went narrowly over the bar.

The deficit was cut in half just before the break. The Byki maintained patient possession along the right side, culminating with a natty one-two combination between Guzman and Mike Stamatinos. The winger played the final ball in for Guzman, who slotted underneath the advancing goalkeeper.

The Byki kept up the momentum to begin the second half. Kieron Inalsingh fired from the right side of the area and was denied by the goalpost.

Moments later, a long ball by Black Eagle bamboozled Vlahakis and sweeper Dan Jdrzejowski. The two failed to communicate, leaving the net unguarded. Jdrzejowski hustled back to clear the ball off the line.

Black Eagle went up 3:1 in the 54th minute when a Byki clearance ricocheted past a helpless Vlahakis.

The Byki responded three minutes later. Stamatinos chased after a Black Eagle player to win the ball, leaving it for Maciek Kekus, who fired into the back of the net to bring the Byki to within 3:2.

Another blooper on defense restored Black Eagle's two-goal margin a minute later. Vlahakis came off his line to kick a ball to safety and the ball rebounded off of Pirillis to make it 4:2.

The Byki sliced the deficit to one at the hour mark. Kekus

chased a speculative Black Eagle pass across the top of the box and touched the ball for Guzman, who stepped up and drove a crushing shot past the goalie.

The equalizer agonizingly escaped the Byki in the 70th minute. Garnon beat a poorly positioned Black Eagle offside trap set at the halfway line with an excellent pass for a sprinting Stamatinos, who raced in on a breakaway. The keeper made a miraculous foot save and Alex Maruska's rebound attempt from close range was blocked.

The game turned on its head in the 79th minute when a Black Eagle player bumped Garnon after the whistle, prompting a caution from the referee. The yellow card was the second of the game for the player, who then set off on a profane tirade. The referee came close to terminating the match before the player settled down.

The Byki leveled the score in the 83rd minute. Inalsingh dribbled along the right flank and sent a cross to the left side of the box for an unmarked Matt Fleming. With plenty of time to settle and shoot, Fleming picked his spot and fired home to make it 4:4.

RED

Albanian Stars 6 : 3 Byki

NSL Major Division - Elmhurst College - 6 September 2012

Sloppy Byki fall in shootout

A scoring bonanza broke out at Elmhurst College on September 6, as the Albanian Stars doubled up the Red Team 6:3. Newcomer Patrick Bollinger had a notable debut, scoring two goals, while Jordan Stopka added a goal and an assist.

The defeat obviously did nothing to help the team's foundering chances of staying in the Major Division in 2013. The Byki have just four points from 13 matches and trail fifth-place FC Steaua by seven points. With just three games left in the season, only a miracle will allow the Byki to avoid the drop zone.

"Fundamental mistakes are killers at this level of play," commented coach George Gorecki. "Three of the goals that we conceded were the result of these mistakes. It was great that we scored three goals, but no team can be expected to score enough goals to make up for the silly ones that are given away."

The scoring chances were flying wildly at both ends of the field right from the opening kickoff. Marek Ciszewski's speculative shot from the right side in the fourth minute glanced off the crossbar. Shortly thereafter, Ciszewski combined with Rasan Sampson and Jordan Stopka to send Stopka in alone on the keeper. The goalie came out hard and forced Stopka wide enough that his shot attempt missed the target.

The Albanians intercepted a poor pass across the middle of the Byki defense in the sixth minute. An Albanian player dribbled the ball to the end line and centered to a teammate for the simple tap-in.

The score went to 2:0 after 25 minutes when the Albanians came fast on the counter on the right wing. Jeremy Slate got in the way of a low cross and the ball wound up in the back of the Byki net.

The Byki scored twice in three minutes to pull level. In the 27th minute, Gabi Dziekiewicz sent Bollinger into space on the right side. With only the keeper to beat, Bollinger coolly slipped the ball underneath him.

Then, Stopka executed a nifty inside-out move to dispose of a defender at midfield and laid off to Alex Guzman, who immediately played the ball back to Stopka with a defense-splitting pass. Stopka made no mistake this time with the onrushing goalie and the Byki were back in business at 2:2.

The Albanians needed only seven minutes to regain the lead for good, as the flat-footed Byki allowed a pass to go into their box uncontested.

A brilliant goal by the Albanians just two minutes into the second half put them in complete control. A big cross from the left side was finished off with a diving header at the far post to make it 4:2. Another costly turnover in the defensive third led to a quick counter for the Albanians and the score swelled to 5:2 after 69 minutes.

The Byki replied six minutes later with a well-taken goal. Sampson won the ball on the left side and sent it over to

Stopka, who executed an intricate spin move to get away from his defender. Stopka played a simple square ball to Bollinger, who launched a howitzer from 25 yards to bring the Byki to within 5:3.

The Byki gave that one back two minutes later, when they stood still in the area during an Albanian corner kick. Martin Bertels made a terrific save on a shot from close range, but his teammates gave him no help defending the rebound.

BLUE		
Byki	0 : 3	Assyrian FC
FORFEIT		

Byki fail to answer bell

With only six players available and Assyrian FC unable to agree on a new date for a rescheduled match, the Byki Blue Team were forced to forfeit the three points last Sunday.

Byki Stats

RED TEAM, NSL MAJOR DIVISION				BLUE TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION				O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION				O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION			
Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts
Ciszewski	4	3	7	LaConte	2	3	5	Maruska	1	3	4	Pedlow	9	5	14
Stopka	5	2	7	Stopka	3	0	3	Guzman	2	0	2	Rodriguez	5	9	14
Trowbridge	2	3	5	Barcnas	1	2	3	Inalsingh	1	1	2	Huck	8	2	10
Geraghty	3	1	4	Gonchar	2	0	2	Kekus	1	1	2	Posada	6	3	9
Mehreioskouei	2	1	3	Buur	1	1	2	Stamatinos	0	2	2	Weslar	2	6	8
Sampson	1	1	2	Garnon	1	1	2	Buur	1	0	1	Cohen	3	2	5
Cardenas	1	0	1	Onaissi	1	1	2	Fleming	1	0	1	Ekundayo	3	2	5
Guzman	1	1	2	Mehagic	1	0	1	Gibbs	1	0	1	Elmkinssi	3	2	5
Gyuricza	1	0	1	Najera	1	0	1	Hodge	1	0	1	Zygmunt	2	2	4
Herholdt	1	0	1	Slate	1	0	1	Kadzielawa	1	0	1	Fink	1	3	4
LaConte	1	0	1	Koenig	0	1	1	Penafiel	1	0	1	Dahlquist	1	0	1
Soegaard	0	1	1	Wood	0	1	1	Uriza	1	0	1	Jacobs	1	0	1
Uriza	0	1	1	Team goals	1	x	x	Dziekiewicz	0	1	1	Zadlo	1	0	1
Young	0	1	1									Mazmanian	0	1	1
Bollinger	2	0	2	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Tower	0	1	1
Dziekiewicz	0	1	1	Garnon	7	0	0.00	Vlahakis	90	4	4.00	Team goals	5	x	x
Team goals	1	x	x	Stopka	83	1	1.08	Najera	720	37	4.63				
				Najera	180	3	1.50	Uriza	90	5	5.00	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Khankari	810	40	4.44	Current record: 0-2-10				Rodriguez	45	0	0.00
Bertels	900	50	5.00	Current record: 3-0-10								Zadlo	3	0	0.00
Najera	180	11	5.50									Muehlbauer	135	2	1.33
Current record: 1-1-11												Vlahakis	1167	27	2.08
								Current record: 10-1-4							

BYKI SCOREBOARD

RED

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BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Bertels – Stamatinos (c), Stefankiewicz, Soegaard, Slate – Uriza, Koenig – Ciszewski, Bollinger, Sampson – Stopka. **Bench:** Dziekiewicz, Gibbs, Guzman.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

2:1 – Bollinger 1 (Dziekiewicz); 27th.
2:2 – Stopka 5 (Guzman); 30th.
5:3 – Bollinger 2 (Stopka); 75th.

Byki Men of the Match: Patrick Bollinger and Jordan Stopka

OVER 40

Windy City 1 : 3 Byki

PSLC Over 40 Blue Division - Woodland Meadow - 9 September 2012

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

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – Elkinssi 3 (Rodriguez); 37th.
1:2 – Pedlow 9 (Rodriguez); 43rd.
1:3 – Huck 8; 89th.

Byki Men of the Match: Nick Elkinssi and Dave Mazmanian

OVER 30

Byki 4 : 4 Byki

PSLC Over 30 Division -Olympic Park - 8 September 2012

BYKI LINEUP (4-5-1): Vlahakis – Jedrzejowski, Pirillis, Garnon, Fleming – Guzman, Kekus (c), Inalsingh, Stamatinos, Meneghel – Maruska. **Bench:** Guild, Kadzielawa.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:2 – Guzman 1 (Stamatinos); 44th.
2:3 – Kekus 1 (Stamatinos); 57th.
3:4 – Guzman 2 (Kekus); 60th
4:4 – Fleming 1 (Inalsingh); 83rd.

Byki Man of the Match: Alex Guzman

BLUE

Byki 0 : 3 Assyrian FC

FORFEIT

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
RWB Adria	9	6	1	2	27	13	19
Jahbat FC	13	6	1	6	26	26	19
Albanian Stars	8	6	0	2	26	12	18
Brusfa FC	10	3	2	5	22	25	11
CKS Warta	11	3	1	7	19	41	10

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Hellenic United Blue	9	7	1	1	36	8	22
Deportivo Colomex	10	6	0	4	31	14	18
Hellenic United White	11	5	1	5	26	35	16
SAC Wisla	12	5	0	7	24	33	15
FC Steaua	13	3	2	8	24	38	11
Stare Byki FC Red	13	1	1	11	25	61	4

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Jamstar FC	12	9	2	1	42	20	29
Bosphorus FC	12	9	2	1	42	19	29
West Indies Jets SC	11	5	3	3	28	21	18
Das Magic	10	5	2	3	30	21	17
Khaboor FC	9	4	2	3	17	15	14
FC Moldova	12	4	2	6	26	37	14
Independiente FC	10	2	2	6	14	29	8
Shlama FC	11	2	1	8	19	33	7
NK Prijedor	11	0	2	9	19	42	2

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Assyrian FC	13	9	1	3	44	20	28
FC Kosova	12	7	2	3	36	22	23
Lancer FC	12	7	1	4	25	21	22
Raiders FC	11	7	1	3	29	19	22
Gremio FC	12	6	2	4	26	21	20
FK Republika Srpska	10	5	1	4	32	28	16
Chicago Dynasty FC	13	3	2	8	23	38	11
Stare Byki FC Blue	13	3	0	10	15	47	9
Lamaso FC	9	2	2	5	18	21	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
Pampas	14	12	0	2	65	22	36
Romania SC	11	11	0	0	55	15	33
Bulgaria FC	12	10	0	2	57	27	30
FC Tarnovia	11	8	0	3	26	16	24
Jahbat FC	15	7	2	6	37	38	23
Balkan	11	6	1	4	31	23	19
Hellenic United AC	11	6	0	5	29	23	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	13	2	1	10	28	56	7
Black Eagle	14	1	3	10	34	65	6
Stare Byki FC	11	0	2	9	14	49	2

OVER 40 BLUE DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Torino FC	15	10	3	2	48	20	33
Stare Byki FC	15	10	1	4	50	29	31
Pampas OT	14	9	2	3	46	21	29
MOFG	15	9	2	4	31	25	29
Villains SC	15	9	1	5	36	31	28
Real FC	15	8	3	4	46	31	27
Naperville Strikers FC	15	5	1	9	44	38	16
St Charles Celtics Green	15	4	0	11	36	50	12
Windy City United	14	3	1	10	34	38	10
St Charles Celtics Orange	15	0	0	15	4	92	0