



# BOUNCINGS



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MANA Utd	<b>2</b>	Premier Soccer League Over 40 B Division
Byki O-40	<b>3</b>	Prairie Lakes Park 9 September 2018

## Byki show the value of teamwork

The Over 40 Team won their second game in a row last Sunday, once again knocking off a team ahead of them in the standings. This time it was MANA United, a comprehensive 3:2 victory that pushed the Byki past the break-even mark for the first time this season.

The small field at Prairie Lakes Park was very wet and the grass was long, so the game was played at a fairly slow pace. After an even first 20 minutes, MANA struck first from a corner kick. The Byki failed to clear the ball and a MANA player executed a nice flick into the back of the net. "I think half our goals against [this season] are off set pieces," groused player-coach Doug Towsey afterwards.

Stopper Dave Fink was in the right place in the 30th minute, when he cleared the ball right before it crossed the goal line.

The Byki created the equalizer in the 35th minute. Dave Safford sent a beautiful through pass to a streaking Diego Penafiel, who glided past the last defender and placed his fifth goal of the season into the back of the net.

Just before the halftime whistle, Gregorio Siervo launched a deep throw into the MANA penalty area. The ball bounced all the way across the goal and the resourceful Gabriel Rodriguez hustled to the ball first, beating the goalie and sending it home calmly for a 2:1 lead.

In the second frame, MANA pushed more players forward and ramped up the pressure. The Byki smartly utilized the "bend, don't break" strategy to perfection. They allowed MANA to control most of the possession in the first 20 minutes, but nothing dangerous would get through.

In the 70th minute, Penafiel stroked a free kick from 40 yards out, placing it perfectly, ten yards from goal. Andy Lane got there first and pushed the ball to Siervo,

who finished with it no problem.

MANA kept the Byki back on their heels for the rest of the match. All that came of it, however, was a questionable handball by Safford in the Byki penalty area. MANA converted from the spot

to bring the score to 3:2, but would get no closer.

The Byki may be finding their normal groove a bit too late to get into trophy contention, but this is certainly a familiar feeling. "This was a really good win," said Towsey. "Everyone played well."

*Doug Towsey contributed to this report.*

**BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1):** Vlahakis – Towsey, Safford, Fink, Fukar – Lane, Penafiel – Pedlow, G. Rodriguez, Ekundayo (c) – Siervo. **Bench:** Brough, Carrillo, Marquez, J. Park

### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

- 1:1 – Penafiel 5 (Safford); 35th.
- 1:2 – G. Rodriguez 3 (Siervo); 43rd.
- 1:3 – Siervo 1 (Lane); 70th.

**Byki Men of the Match:** Ade Ekundayo and Dave Fink.

Stare Byki	<b>1</b>	National Soccer League Major Division
Winged Bull	<b>6</b>	Oak Brook Sports Core 9 September 2018

## 10-Man Byki fail to keep pace

When the Byki made their return to the NSL's Major Division this season after a five-year absence, they were buoyed by their fast start: three wins in their first three matches, which included a 3:1 victory over CKS Warta,

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# 2017

**NSL FIRST DIVISION  
 PSLC OVER 30 B DIVISION**

# CHAMPIONS

the team who eventually won the 2018 Illinois State Cup. The Byki earned just one point in their next seven matches, culminating in a 6:1 defeat to AAC Winged Bull last Sunday at Oak Brook.

That the Byki were only able to dress ten players goes a long way in explaining the team's downward spiral. "We had a team meeting in January to discuss the difficulty of the task ahead of us," said coach George Gorecki. "We talked about the necessity of maintaining a committed attitude, even when things aren't going our way. Ultimately, we learned that too few players on our roster have that type of commitment."

The Byki had to dig deeply just to find ten players. Gorecki called in Kuba Banbor from the Over 40s, and Pete Chronowski, finally back from knee surgery, made his first appearance of the season.

The Byki competed gamely versus Winged Bull, but the visitors eventually found smart ways to find spaces against a shorthanded opponent and broke the contest wide open in the second half.

Winged Bull opened the scoring in the 14th minute when they executed a short corner in the left-wing channel. A player sent a wickedly curling shot towards goal, finding the back post for a 1:0 lead.

Two minutes later, Winged Bull benefitted from a dubious penalty decision by the referee. As a Winged Bull player slashed into the Byki penalty area, he ran in JD Joiner, who was standing perfectly still. The referee ruled that Joiner's lack of motion was an infringement and the Byki now had two goals to make up.

Winged Bull did a good job of patient ball possession, but the Byki retained their shape quite nicely. The match had evened out in the last 15 minutes of the first half and the Byki pulled one back right at the end. Francesco de Felice controlled a loose ball in the middle and slid the ball to Mike Stamatinos on the left side. Stamatinos fired a brilliant shot from long range with the outside of his foot, giving the keeper no chance.

The Byki were unable to parlay that boost in momentum into a second-half turnaround. Getting the next goal would be crucial and it was Winged Bull who conjured some magic in the 50th minute. They won a free kick near the byline to the right of Chronowski's goal and sliced a sharp-angle shot past the wall and inside the near post for a 3:1 lead.

The Byki responded promisingly two minutes later. Justin O'Bryan heaved a long throw-in from the left touchline into the middle of the box, where Alan Stevens glanced a header off of the crossbar.

As fatigue set in, Winged Bull pounced and counterattacked the Byki left and right. They converted three such opportunities in the last 27 minutes to put the result beyond any doubt.

"We've got a lot of work to do to be competitive at this level," Gorecki said afterwards. "We've got to make

changes in how we run this team."

**BYKI LINEUP:** Chronowski – Joiner, O'Bryan, Stevens, Banbor – C. Kirk, Sokolowski, Stamatinos (c), Parker – De Felice.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

1:2 – Stamatinos 1 (De Felice); 45th.

**Byki Men of the Match:** Colin Kirk and Justin O'Bryan.

AEK Chicago	<b>2</b>	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White B Division
Byki O-30	<b>1</b>	Old Orchard Jr HS 9 September 2018

### Byki do lots of chasing

The Over 30 Team remain in the hunt for a spot in the top three, but a 2:0 setback last Sunday to AEK FC Chicago only made things tighter in the standings. The Byki have 22 points from 14 matches, good for fifth place. Levski Chicago, undefeated after 12 games, are running away with the title. FC Oasus are second, with 28 points from 12 matches, while Tricolorii jumped into third spot, 23 points in 13 matches. International are level with the Byki on 22 points, but have played three fewer games. The two sides will meet one more time before season's end.

The match was played on a small field at Old Orchard Jr HS, so play was compact and fast, and allowed AEK to play quick passes. AEK are good at probing and then making one-time passes to the side and back from a striker to wing or vice versa to break through pressure. With the wind at their backs in the first half, they created openings several times and peppered Byki goalkeeper Ray Najera with shots. AEK, however, weren't as good at finishing as they were at the one-two pass and must have squandered seven or eight opportunities that didn't even go on frame. Najera did the job on everything else that came his way.

The Byki played most of the first 45 minutes on the back foot and had only a couple of half chances to show for it. The best opportunity for the Byki came through Carlos Jaramillo in the 35th minute, whose shot from 25 went wide of the post. Jaramillo and Paul Gibbs each put probing crosses into the AEK area, but nothing came of them.

**Weekly Training**

**TUESDAYS**

**Olympic Park, Field 8**

**Schaumburg, IL**

**8.00 - 10.00 PM**



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

	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
RWB Adria	9	7	1	1	27	12	22
Vikings AA	9	5	3	1	45	15	18
Gazelle SC	7	6	0	1	19	5	18
Wisloka Chicago	9	5	1	3	30	24	16
CKS Warta	8	5	0	3	30	16	15
SAC Wisla	8	4	2	2	17	11	14
AAC Winged Bull	9	4	1	4	17	19	13
FC Guadalajara	8	3	1	4	19	21	10
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>10</b>
Das Magic	9	0	0	9	10	44	0
Dundalk FC	8	0	0	8	7	41	0

**PSLC OVER 30 WHITE DIVISION****9 September 2018****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Levski Chicago 2014	12	12	0	0	85	17	36
FC Oasu	12	9	1	2	68	19	28
Tricolorii FC	13	7	2	4	47	17	23
International SC	11	7	1	3	48	27	22
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>22</b>
AEK FC Chicago	9	7	0	2	44	12	21
Celtics	13	6	1	6	36	47	19
FC Igloopol	12	4	3	5	46	24	15
Chicago Rangers FC	13	4	1	8	32	52	13
FC National	13	3	0	10	32	53	9
Shogun	12	3	0	9	24	49	9
Adventists United FC	14	0	0	14	4	164	0

**PSLC OVER 40 B DIVISION****9 September 2018****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Olympiacos Chicago	14	11	2	1	53	15	35
FK Danubia	14	10	3	1	44	15	33
MANA United SC	13	9	0	4	35	17	27
Park Ridge Rogues	13	7	3	3	33	17	24
Deerfield	13	6	1	6	35	20	19
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>15</b>
Atletico Torino FC	10	3	0	7	9	40	9
Real FC Blues	13	2	1	10	16	51	7
International SC	16	0	1	15	2	44	1

**PSLC OVER 48 DIVISION****FINAL STANDINGS****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
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
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>8</b>
Atletico Torino FC	14	1	3	10	13	41	6
St. Charles Celtics Silverbacks	14	1	2	11	17	78	5