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**RED**

**Byki 3 : 3 Byki**

NSL Major Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 11 September 2011

## Byki split points in see-saw battle

When the Red Team had to play the first 20 minutes of last Sunday's match versus SAC Wisla with just 10 men and conceded a goal in the first minute of the match, it looked like the Byki were going to be in for a long day. Things only got worse when Wisla took a 2:0 lead in to the break. Whether the Byki would be capable of righting the ship was very uncertain. The team regrouped, however, and scored three times in the second half. Only a controversial goal in the late stages allowed Wisla to escape with a 3:3 draw at Oak Brook Sports Core. The Byki remain in third place in the Blue Section at 5-2-6.

The Byki had to dig deep to get something out of this match and there's a lot to be said for a team that can roll up their sleeves and get the job done. In that second half, the Byki worked much harder and much smarter than they had in the first half, and they full deserved their 3:2 lead.

The ten who started the match included the hobbled Joe Gambino, who was forced to step in at goalkeeper, despite a nagging knee injury. Gambino held his own under tough circumstances.

Wisla wasted no time showing the Byki how speed kills. They raced down the right flank in the game's opening seconds in a blazing counterattack and the flat-footed Byki had no answers. When the winger cut back into the middle as he dribbled to Gambino's left, he dropped the ball off for a teammate, who blasted a shot off of Gambino. Wisla pounced on the rebound to grab a 1:0 lead before the Byki had even worked up a sweat. Wisla were inches away from doubling their lead six minutes later, but Gambino's desperate foot save kept the ball out of the net.

Once the Byki had their full complement of 11, they started playing up to standard. In the 25th minute, Martin Herholdt won the ball in a scrum in the Wisla penalty area. He fired a half-volley that the Wisla keeper did well to block.

But Wisla's counterattack was irrepressible. A striker

mis-hit an open shot from the top of the box in the 31st minute and the pressure really got cranked up two minutes later. Gambino made a spectacular save on a shot from the left side of the area and then had to save the rebound with his face. The ricochet looked destined for the back of the net, but the Byki scrambled the ball to safety.

Wisla made it 2:0 in the 42nd minute when they played a simple ball over the top of the defense. The back four, convinced that the play was surely offside, stood and waited for the referee's whistle. When no whistle came, Gambino was left hung out to dry on a breakaway.

The refocused Byki came out for the second half on a mission and got right to work. In the 48th minute, new sweeper Lazaro Uriza launched a long ball down the left wing for Mike Stamatinos. The hustling Stamatinos got to the ball first and crossed to the far side for Josh Taylor. He arrived a tad late, but his run caused the goalie to nervously flap at the ball. Gabi Dziekiewicz eventually gained control and fed Ryan Russ, who converted from short range and the Byki were right back in the game.

In the 55th minute, Stamatinos drilled a free kick from the top of the arc. The keeper made a tremendous save and was in hot water again four minutes later. He smothered Ammin Mehreioskouei's shot from the left side of the box after the Byki found a gap in the Wisla defense.

The Byki made it 2:2 in the 68th minute. Stamatinos sent a free kick from the left side into the mixer. The ball hit the post and the resourceful Mehreioskouei pounded home the rebound.

The Byki needed just three minutes to snatch an improbable lead. A rapid sequence of passes initiated by Russ and Taylor on the right flank ended with Marek Ciszewski astutely laying off a pass for Herholdt on the left side of the penalty area. The midfielder picked his spot and the Byki were 3:2 to the good.

But Wisla were not about to go down easily. They passed the ball through the heart of the Byki defense, and neither



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Uriza nor Herholdt could gain control of the ball. The Wisla striker came in alone on Gambino and his shot nestled into the far post. The Byki thought they had gotten a reprieve when the assistant referee raised his flag, detecting a foul on the Wisla player. After the referee consulted with his assistant, he allowed the goal to stand.

The point earned helps the Byki maintain their hold on the final playoff spot in the Blue Section. Because the teams still chasing the Byki have played fewer games, the Byki will need more than draws to secure their spot in the postseason.

**BLUE**

**Byki 1 : 2 NK Prijedor**

NSL 1st Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 11 September 2011

## Prijedor too tough for Byki

The Blue Team bounced back from a lackluster performance versus CKS Warta B and went toe to toe with NK Prijedor last Sunday at Oak Brook Sports Core. The Bosnians came away with a crucial 2:1 victory that goes a long way towards nailing down the final playoff spot in the 1st Division's Red Section. The Byki stand at 5-0-7 for the season.

"Prijedor were slightly better than we were today and that was the difference," said coach George Gorecki. "Our players knew that they were in a real battle and they fought for 90 minutes. It simply wasn't enough. Outside of a couple of early defensive mistakes, I liked how we played today. We need this kind of effort every week."

With no regular goalkeeper available, the Blues turned to Pedro Simas on Sunday. Simas, normally part of the Byki attack, claimed previous experience between the pipes and acquitted himself admirably against Prijedor. Because the Byki defense have relied so heavily on the heroics of Martin Bertels, playing a compact, organized style would be essential to help protect Simas.

That strategy went out the window after only six minutes. Slack marking by the Byki inside their penalty area allowed an open shot from 15 yards and Prijedor scored the crucial first goal. Prijedor had plenty of attacking opportunities on their right wing for a good portion of the first half. Once the Byki made some positional adjustments and improved their communication, they were able to keep Prijedor's flank players in check.

The Byki needed just two minutes to level the score. Alan Stevens heaved a throw-in into the penalty area, where Jeremy Slate won the ball. Slate's shot was saved, but the rebound was loose in front of goal and the opportunistic Kazim Mirza knocked the ball into the net for his first goal of the season.

Prijedor scored a spectacular goal in the 18th minute to

go up 2:1. A ball crossed in from the right wing found an open striker, and he hit a tremendous volley from 12 yards that gave Simas no chance.

Another equalizer for the Byki was not far from the target midway through the first half. Kristian Buur astutely put a free kick into play quickly and the ball found JP Padda alone in the box. The keeper had come out to challenge, but arrived too late. Seeing the goalie in no-man's land, Padda went for the lob and sent the ball just over the bar.

Prijedor went into lockdown mode in the second half to protect their lead. Always known for a disciplined brand of soccer, the Bosnians had the correct mentality to protect their goal effectively. They conceded the middle third of the field to the Byki, practically daring them to find a crack in their backline. The Byki ultimately failed in this task, but not for lack of effort.

When Prijedor established their picket fence in front of the 18, the Byki had opportunities to widen the field, thereby creating gaps in the defense. The Byki failed to exploit this opportunity to create new space and it allowed Prijedor to dig in their heels to protect their territory.

The best chance for the Byki came 15 minutes from the end, when Jordan Stopka's header found the back of the net, but the play was ruled offside.

"This type of performance is the path to getting points every week," said Gorecki afterwards. "Prijedor have a very good team and we were just a bit short today. But if we bring this kind of game to field consistently, the points will come."

**OVER 30**

**Byki 0 : 6 Hellenic Utd**

PSLC Over 30 Division - Olympic Park - 10 September 2011

## Hellenic trounce Byki

It was a game that everyone in the Over 30 Team would rather forget. Last Saturday, the Byki were staring at a 2:0 halftime deficit to Hellenic United. Although two goals are not impossible to make up, the Byki weren't exactly playing flowing football. The situation went from bad to worse in the second frame, as Hellenic ran rampant en route to a 6:0 victory.

Nothing went right for the Byki and they were second-best on the field in nearly every aspect of the game. No matter what they tried in an effort to turn the match around, their woes snowballed, as fundamental errors littered their game everywhere they looked.

Two goals in a five-minute span midway through the first half put Hellenic in the driver's seat. The Byki consistently coughed up possession and Hellenic took full advantage. In the 22nd minute, the Byki failed to clear a throw-in and a

shot from the left wing sneaked under the crossbar for a 1:0 lead. The second tally came on a free kick from 30 yards that beat the Byki defensive wall.

The Byki came close to scoring when Kieron Inalsingh roped a corner kick into the goal area. Andy Lane connected with a header, but the ball simply fell on the doorstep of the goal before Hellenic cleared it away.

Hellenic went up 3:0 just four minutes into the second half and the odds of a Byki comeback were getting steeper and steeper. A shot from inside the box in the 67th minute deflected off of a Byki player to make it 4:0.

Hellenic padded their goal total with two more in the final 18 minutes to put an exclamation point on a thoroughly dominating performance.

## OVER 30

Byki 0 : 2 Tarnovia

PSLC Over 30 Division - Kuba Sport Center - 14 September 2011

### Byki fall short in rematch

The Over 30 Team played a fast and aggressive pace versus FC Tarnovia last Wednesday, but could not find the back of the net in a 2:0 defeat. The lively encounter produced good scoring opportunities for both sides, but Tarnovia's finishing was just a bit better than that of the Byki. The result drops the Byki to 4-1-9.

The match was unprecedented in Byki annals. The official result from this match, originally scheduled for June 18, was a 3:0 forfeit win for the Byki. But the teams agreed to an unconventional arrangement that would wipe out the previous result and play the game from scratch. The PSLC gave their blessing and history was officially rewritten.

Tarnovia, looking to avenge a 4:3 loss to the Byki two weeks ago, began the match trying to establish a possession style by patiently playing the ball through the back. This tactic lasted for only a few minutes because Byki strikers Maciek Kekus and Roman Kramarz began putting pressure on Tarnovia's backline and the easy passes started spraying all over the field instead.

For their part, the Byki also sought to match that high pace at the offensive end. The Tarnovia defense looked like a tough nut to crack, but the Byki at least looked like they had an idea of how to attack. This was a welcome contrast to the communal brain fart that stained their previous match against Hellenic United.

The Byki had a great chance to grab the lead in the 20th minute when Gabi Dziekiewicz threaded the needle with a pass to Kekus in the Tarnovia penalty area. With the keeper out, Kekus crossed to Kramarz, whose header flashed barely wide.

Tarnovia got behind the Byki defense in the 29th minute, but the Byki got the ball out for a corner. The Byki had trouble clearing the corner kick out of danger and a shot from 12 yards found the mark to give Tarnovia a 1:0 advantage.

Two minutes later, Paul Gibbs made a slick overlapping run on the right and crossed into the middle. The keeper spilled the ball, and Enda McGrath was a step too late to knock the loose ball home. Three minutes before the break, Tomek Worek made a dazzling run down the left side and sent the ball in for Kramarz, who sent his shot just wide of the post.

The Byki continued to search for the breakthrough in the second half, but generally came up empty. Their best opportunity came at the hour mark, when Kekus was one-on-one with the keeper. The goalie made a miracle save on Kekus' shot. Kramarz was in the right spot to clean up the rebound, but the keeper had another miracle up his sleeve and parried Kramarz's line-drive blast.

Tarnovia put the game away in the 81st minute. They brought the counterattack down the right wing and caught the Byki outnumbered. A cross went in to the left side of the box and keeper Ray Najera was powerless to stop the open shot.

## OVER 40

Byki 0 : 1 Wilmette

PSLC Over 40 Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 11 September 2011

### Late strike breaks Byki hearts

The Over 40 Team fought tooth and nail with Real Wilmette last Sunday and came away with nothing when Real scored a fluke goal in the waning moments to win 1:0. The Byki were shut out for the seventh time in 16 matches this season, the most damning statistic of a frustrating season. Their record falls to 1-6-9, ensuring relegation to the Over 40 Blue Division for 2012.

It is a puzzle and an enigma to try to analyze how the Byki, a championship squad in 2009, have fallen from the ranks of the contenders so quickly. One thing is for certain: winning soccer matches is impossible if a team can't score goals. Deeper investigation may yield other reasons for the decline of the Byki, but the fundamental lack of scoring punch has been a crippling blow for the team.

The match was an even battle and a draw would have been a fair result for both sides. There were chances for goals at either end, and only a deflected shot with seven minutes left gave the Byki their cruel outcome.

In the 10th minute, Brian Huck had the ball near the Wilmette goal line and made a diagonal pass back to the top of the box for Mark Weslar, whose shot missed the post by inches.

Goalkeeper James Vlahakis, who was really on top of his

game, was in great position to snuff out a Wilmette breakaway in the 20th minute. The Byki back four, convinced that the play was offside, were out of position to help and Vlahakis made a tremendous stop.

Five minutes later, Wilmette thought that they had scored the first goal of the match. The Byki were late to cover on a counterattack and mayhem ensued inside the area. A shot beat Vlahakis, but clanged off of the near post. With the ball loose, a Wilmette striker fired again and the celebrations began. The ball had actually entered the net from the outside and the referee correctly called the goal back after consulting with his assistant. In a display of sportsmanship rarely seen in the cynical world of competitive soccer, it was refreshing to see the Wilmette striker point out immediately that the goal was invalid.

The Byki attack had their chance for glory in the 59th minute when Steven Pedlow made a forceful run down the right flank. He spotted Eric Muehlbauer supporting him on the left and made the smart pass. Muehlbauer fired right away and saw his shot smack off of the post.

Wilmette snatched their victory in the 83rd minute when they executed a slick counterattack. Vlahakis found himself in another 1 v1 situation and played the angle perfectly, blocking the shot. The ball caromed into the middle of the area, where another Wilmette player was in position to put the ball away. He muffed his attempt by slicing underneath the ball, but Vlahakis had enough time to recover and got a piece of the ball. That was enough to divert the ball into the net, killing off the game.

# 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
Mehreioskouei	5	2	7	Del Priore	2	2	4	Kekus	10	3	13	Huck	5	0	5
Ciszewski	4	2	6	Koenig	3	0	3	Kramarz	3	2	5	Pedlow	3	1	4
Herholdt	3	2	5	Slate	3	0	3	Samp	3	0	3	Dec	1	2	3
Stamatinos	1	4	5	Stevens	1	2	3	Torossian	2	1	3	Posada	1	2	3
Torossian	3	0	3	Garnon	0	3	3	Pirillis	1	1	2	Cruickshank	2	0	2
Trowbridge	1	2	3	Karam, L	2	0	2	Fleming	0	2	2	Dahlquist	2	0	2
Dziekiewicz	0	3	3	Simas	2	0	2	Lane	0	2	2	Jacobs	1	1	2
Taubman	2	0	2	Havlat	1	0	1	Worek	0	2	2	Sambou	0	2	2
Temmerman	2	0	2	Mirza	1	0	1	Banbor	1	0	1	Fukar	1	0	1
Russ	1	1	2	Pirahmadi	1	0	1	Zaskowski	1	0	1	Gorski	1	0	1
Lupou, Mike	0	2	2	Gambino	0	1	1	Dec	0	1	1	Zygmunt	1	0	1
Barsotti	1	0	1	Kosinski	0	1	1	Gibbs	0	1	1	Muehlbauer	0	1	1
Gambino	1	0	1	Mansur	0	1	1	McGrath	0	1	1				
Geraghty	1	0	1					Team goals	3	x	x	<b>Goalie</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>GAA</b>
Buur	0	1	1	<b>Goalie</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>GAA</b>					Vlahakis	1260	31	2.21
Taylor	0	1	1	Padda	5	0	0.00	<b>Goalie</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>GAA</b>	Muehlbauer	90	3	3.00
Team goals	3	x	x	Bertels	810	16	1.78	Najera	270	10	3.33	Fukar	90	6	6.00
				Simas	85	2	2.12	Bertels	540	21	3.50				
<b>Goalie</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>GAA</b>	Gambino	135	6	4.00	Vlahakis	270	14	4.67	Current record: 1-6-9			
Bertels	180	2	1.00	Barsotti	45	3	6.00	Fukar	90	5	5.00				
Lupou, Marty	540	9	1.50	Current record: 5-0-7				Current record: 4-1-9							
Barsotti	225	7	2.80												
Gambino	225	8	3.20												
Current record: 5-2-6															

# BYKI SCOREBOARD

**RED**

Byki 3 : 3 Byki

NSL Major Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 11 September 2011

**BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2):** Gambino – Uriza, Dziekiewicz (c), Mike Lupou, Suhayda – Herholdt, Russ, Stamatinos, Ciszewski – Mehreioskouei, Taylor.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

1:2 – Russ 1 Dziekiewicz; 48th.  
2:2 – Mehreioskouei 5 (Stamatinos); 68th.  
3:2 – Herholdt 3 (Ciszewski); 71st.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Martin Herholdt

**BLUE**

Byki 1 : 2 NK Prijedor

NSL 1st Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 11 September 2011

**BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2):** Simas – Mansur, Kosinski, Stevens (c), Garnon – Havlat, Mirza, Padda, Buur – Koenig, Slate. **Bench:** Ahmad, Pirillis, Stopka.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

1:1 – Mirza 1; 8th.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Tim Havlat and Paul Mansur

**OVER 30**

Byki 0 : 6 Hellenic Utd

PSLC Over 30 Division - Olympic Park - 10 September 2011

**BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2):** Vlahakis – Lane (c), Fukar, Jedrzejowski, Dec – Kramarz, Worek, Inalsingh, Fleming – Zaskowski, Kekus. **Bench:** McGrath, Najera.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

None.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Matt Fleming

**OVER 30**

Byki 0 : 2 Tarnovia

PSLC Over 30 Division - Kuba Sport Center - 14 September 2011

**BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2):** Najera – Gibbs, Dziekiewicz, Lane (c), Dec – McGrath, Banbor, Samp, Fleming, – Kramarz, Kekus. **Bench:** Brough, Casey, Inalsingh, Jedrzejowski, Rose, Worek, Zaskowski.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

None.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Roman Kramarz

**OVER 40**

Byki 0 : 1 Wilmette

PSLC Over 40 Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 11 September 2011

**BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2):** Vlahakis – Towsey, Geng, Fukar, Safford – Tower, Dec, Weslar, Elmkinski – Huck, Pedlow. **Bench:** Cooper, Gorecki (c), Muehlbauer, Zygmunt.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

None.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Steven Pedlow

# NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

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## MAJOR DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria	9	9	0	0	37	8	27
SAC Wisla	9	5	3	1	36	18	18
Jahbat FC	12	4	3	5	28	30	15
FC Steaua	11	4	2	5	25	34	14
Albanian Stars	6	3	2	1	16	10	11
Khaboor FC	13	0	2	11	14	56	2

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Hellenic United Blue	11	9	0	2	46	21	27
Gazelle SC	11	8	0	3	36	19	24
Stare Byki FC Red	13	5	2	6	28	26	17
Hellenic United White	10	3	1	6	14	22	10
CKS Warta A	9	2	3	4	11	23	9
FK Republika Srpska	12	1	2	9	13	37	5

## FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Brusfa FC	14	9	3	2	50	21	30
Assyrian FC	12	9	0	3	51	28	27
NK Prijedor	14	7	2	5	33	25	23
Independiente FC	14	5	1	8	33	35	16
Stare Byki FC Blue	11	5	0	6	15	23	15
Gremio FC	14	1	1	12	17	62	4

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Deportivo Colomex	13	11	1	1	45	18	34
Das Magic	14	7	2	5	47	33	23
Chicago Thunder	14	6	3	5	37	36	21
CKS Warta B	13	4	1	8	14	31	13
West Indies Jets SC	13	3	4	6	24	35	13
Winged Bull B	14	3	2	9	21	40	11

## SECOND DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Bosphorus FC	10	8	1	1	28	5	25
Lamaso FC	11	7	2	2	32	18	23
Chicago Dynasty FC	12	5	3	4	17	14	18
FC Moldova	11	5	1	5	21	19	16
FK Podrinje	10	0	1	9	5	34	1

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Kosova	13	10	3	0	57	21	33
Lemont FC	11	7	2	2	41	20	23
Turkish FC	11	4	1	6	28	29	13
Chicago Thunder B	12	4	0	8	29	62	12
DePaul FC	8	3	0	5	22	20	9
West Bosnia SC	11	0	0	11	5	43	0

## OVER 30 DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Jahbat FC	1	1	0	0	5	2	3
Affirmative Insurance FC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hellenic United AC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SAC Wisla	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Indies Jets SC	1	0	0	1	2	5	0

# PREMIER SOCCER LEAGUE of CHICAGOLAND

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## OVER 30 RED DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Bulgaria FC	13	12	0	1	42	11	36
St Charles Celtics Red	12	10	0	2	56	18	30
Torino FC	10	8	0	2	33	11	24
Balkan	13	7	0	6	29	29	21
Stare Byki FC	14	5	1	8	27	48	16
Hellenic United AC	14	3	2	9	20	34	11
Chicago Celtic	14	2	2	10	17	45	8
FC Tarnovia	14	2	1	11	18	46	7

## OVER 40 GREEN DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Champions FC	14	11	0	3	83	22	33
International SC	13	10	0	3	36	24	30
Botev Chicago	14	9	1	4	35	20	28
FC DePaul	14	8	0	6	29	44	24
Real Wilmette	14	6	4	4	26	20	22
Park Ridge Rogues	16	6	3	7	33	43	21
Hellenic United AC	13	5	4	4	35	26	19
St Charles Celtics Blue	14	5	2	7	28	42	17
Stare Byki FC	16	1	6	9	18	40	9
St Charles Celtics Green	16	0	2	14	10	52	2

## OVER 40 BLUE DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Gato Verde	14	12	0	2	59	12	36
Real FC	15	9	4	2	39	30	31
MOFG	15	8	3	4	35	23	27
Pampas OT	15	8	1	6	31	31	25
Villains SC	14	7	2	5	36	22	23
Windy City United	14	6	1	7	30	30	19
Naperville Strikers FC	14	4	1	9	24	35	13
Torino FC	12	3	1	8	33	45	10
St Charles Celtics Orange	15	0	1	14	9	68	1