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Byki prevail in goalfest

The Over 40 Team clawed their way to third place in the standings following a back-and-forth tilt in St Charles against Celtics Green last Sunday. The Byki prevailed 6:4 on the strength of a pair of goals each from Ade Ekundayo and Eric Tower. Single strikes from Andy Lane and Sven Dahlquist rounded out the scoring in a contest that was not put to bed until the final ten minutes. The red-hot Byki have 19 points in their last eight matches.

The match was an opportunity to renew some old friendships, as Byki alumni Manou Chahmirzadi and Mariusz Gorski now compete for the Celtics. And on the other side of the coin, former Celtic Eric Muehlbauer had the opportunity to help the Byki nab three points.

The Celtics needed just five minutes to grab the lead. A Celtics player made a strong run down the left wing and crossed the ball through to the right side. The ball then came back to the penalty spot, where a Celtics player hammered a first-time shot past Muehlbauer, who was the deputy for James Vlahakis on Sunday.

Two minutes later, Charlie Cohen latched onto a through ball and was tripped in the box. The Celtics strangely argued that the call was unjustified because the ball was going out anyway. The referee did not buy into that lame reasoning and issued a yellow card to boot. Andy Lane stepped up and drove the spot kick into the left corner to make it 1:1.

The Byki took the lead in the 14th minute when Cohen laid a pass off to Ekundayo, who deftly created his own shot from inside the box. The shot skimmed off the inside of the left post and into the net.

The Celtics equalized in the 25th minute when a long cross from the left side found an unmarked player at the top of the box. He headed the ball towards goal, and after a tricky bounce or two, the ball somehow found the side netting to level the affair at 2:2.

The Byki continued to apply pressure to the Celtics defense, who had to work hard to keep their heads above

water. Gabriel Rodriguez had two great chances before the break. His header of a tipped ball in the box went narrowly over the bar, and then a shot from the edge of the box was saved after having deflected off of a defender. Rodriguez nearly set up Fukar for the go-ahead goal. Fukar's one-touch shot went barely wide of the target.

Player-coach Eric Tower was pleased that the Byki rebounded from a shaky start to the match. "We seemed to be content to lump the ball forward a lot," he noted. "Once we calmed down, there were times that it seemed as if we were playing keepaway with the Celtics. This frustrated them to no end, and they were yelling at each other a fair amount about needing to close down the short passing game."

The Byki made great use of the wings. Fullback Jim Kuch was highly involved and got forward quite often when the Byki switched the field. The confident Byki came out for the second half seeking to put the game under control.

After just five minutes, Ekundayo found Fukar with a long cross and his header was saved well by the keeper. In the 55th minute, Tower concluded a run down the left side with a rocket of a shot that found the near post. Tower had to shed two Celtics defenders in the process and picked his spot with surgical precision.

Two more chances in the next three minutes had the Celtics on the ropes. In the 56th minute, Jim Jacobs crushed a shot from the left side that barely missed the far post. A couple of minutes later, Fukar's chip went over the top.

The plucky Celtics conjured their second equalizer of the day midway through the second half. A series of unlucky bounces ended with the ball squirting out to the lower corner of the goal to knot the score at 3:3.

Tower got that one right back when he worked a give-and-go with Ekundayo and uncorked a drive from 30 yards that roared into the top corner and the Byki were up 4:3.

But the seesaw continued in the 72nd minute, as the Celtics tied things up yet again. They worked the ball down the left flank and a cross served up to the right wing resulted in a header that eluded Muehlbauer.

The Byki settled matters in the 81st minute. Cohen played a ball to the overlapping Kuch, who skillfully wound his way into the box and fired a shot that the keeper could only deflect. The hustling Sven Dahlquist, in his first game back following injury, alertly pounced on the rebound to give the Byki a lead they would never relinquish.

The Byki added a cushion goal in the 86th minute. Sweeper Doug Towsey sent a long pass up the wing to

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Rodriguez, who cut into the box. Rodriguez dished off to Ekundayo, who blasted a first-timer into the back of the net.

Brian Huck and Eric Tower contributed to this story.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Muehlbauer – Towsey, Kuch, Fink, Safford – Tower, Lane – G. Rodriguez, Cohen, Ekundayo (c) – Fukar. **Bench:** Dahlquist, Jacobs.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – Lane 3 (pk); 7th.
1:2 – Ekundayo 7 (Cohen); 14th.
2:3 – Tower 2; 55th.
3:4 – Tower 3 (Ekundayo); 69th.
4:5 – Dahlquist 1; 81st.
4:6 – Ekundayo 8 (Rodriguez); 86th.

Byki Man of the Match: Eric Tower



Late goal downs soggy Byki

CKS Warta overcame a shorthanded situation last Sunday and snatched a winning goal in the 88th minute to send the Byki to 1:0 defeat at rainy Oak Brook. The wet conditions were an equalizing factor in the match, as Warta played most of the game with just 10 players. Both teams lost players to red cards in the second half.

The Byki attack failed to find a rhythm and the decisions to send long passes into space led to numerous goal kicks for the Warta keeper. “We were far from cohesive today,” grumbled coach George Gorecki. “Playing balls over the top never has been a successful strategy for us and the wet field makes that approach all the dumber. There are occasions when that pass can be effective, but the team has to know when to use it and when to keep possession.” The Byki have scored a meager two goals in their last seven competitive matches (not including the 3:0 forfeit win over Brusfa FC in August).

The best aspect for the Byki was their defensive play. They limited Warta to the space in the middle third of the field and protected the area in front of their goal. The back three did well to break up any incursions into the penalty area by Warta.

Marek Ciszewski had the first chance of the match in the 28th minute. He raced into space with the ball along the right side, outpacing the Warta defender. He spied an opening at the near post, but the keeper made a tough save on a hard shot.

Three minutes later, Nanmin Kone received a long ball over the top on one of the rare occasions where the Byki found their striker unmarked. Kone had only the keeper to

beat, but Warta’s netminder was equal to the task.

Warta executed a nice passing sequence in the 40th minute to free a player in the box. Amit Khankari read the play and knocked the ball away with a diving save.

The Byki looked sure to grab the lead in the 43rd minute. Rigo Ortiz lined up a free kick from 25 yards on the left side and drove the ball to right goalpost. The goalie, who initially positioned himself behind his defensive wall, leaped across the face of goal to knock the ball to safety.

An outstanding scoring opportunity went begging in the 53rd minute. Daniel Zielinski carried the ball deep into the Warta penalty area and dropped a pass back into the middle. The ball deflected off of a player, as both teams were frantically trying to gain control of the ball. Ortiz got the last touch in and the keeper managed to tip the shot from close range over the bar.

The rest of the game devolved into a tug of war in the middle portion of the field. Fatigue and the wet conditions affected both sides and a scoreless draw appeared to be the inevitable result. Khankari came up with two terrific saves to keep the Byki in the hunt.

Warta went down to nine players with 20 minutes to go when their player-coach was sent off for excessive dissent. The Byki were reduced to ten when stopper Tony Sabo received his second caution in the 81st minute.

Warta created the winning goal two minutes from the end when the Byki reacted slowly to a series of passes inside the penalty area. When the ball finally found its way to an unmarked player in the middle of the box, Khankari was powerless to stop him.

BYKI LINEUP (3-5-2): Khankari – Buur, Suhayda, Sabo – Torres, Ortiz, Alfaro, Onaissi, Szymkowiak (c) – Zielinski, Ciszewski. **Bench:** Koenig, Kone.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

Byki Men of the Match: Kristian Buur, Tony Sabo, Brett Suhayda



Byki can't find the net

The Over 30 Team fell 2:0 to Igloopol last Saturday in a match that featured lots of action in front of the Igloopol net, but nothing to show for it. Igloopol opportunistically capitalized on their scoring chances and the Byki can only shake their heads at an opportunity missed.

The Byki put pressure on Igloopol right at the start. In the third minute, Thomas Lakemeyer stole the ball from an

Igloopol defender and dribbled into the box. The keeper did well to grab Lakemeyer's hard shot.

Three minutes later, a Byki corner kick resulted in mayhem in the Igloopol area. After a scramble, the ball landed at Ray Najera's feet and the keeper was forced to go full stretch to repel Najera's shot.

In the 21st minute, Lakemeyer lofted a free kick from 30 yards into the box for the sprinting Chris Hurley on the left side. Hurley's first-time blast narrowly went over the crossbar.

Igloopol broke into the lead thanks to sloppy marking by the Byki on a corner kick. The Igloopol player jumped high to head the ball in at the far post.

The visitors had a tremendous chance to double their lead two minutes before the break. A long ball over the Byki defense caught them a bit flat-footed, leaving an Igloopol striker to come in alone. Keeper Dean Fukar came out to the top of the box to confront the striker and stood his ground. The striker made a feint and dribbled to Fukar's right. The delay allowed defenders Jim Kuch and Nick Bianchi to hustle back to help. In the end, the Igloopol player shot wide.

Alex Guzman fired a free kick from 30 yards in the 48th minute, but the keeper had things measured.

The Byki maintained their solid defensive stance. The back four were well organized and Fukar controlled his penalty area with aplomb. All they needed was a goal to get back into the match.

The Byki staged a furious rally in the final ten minutes. Enrique Barcenas dribbled towards the byline on the left side

and zinged a cross through the six-yard box. Hurley won the ball in a crowd at the far post and looked set to score. He took a small touch to get free, but his shot lacked power and the keeper gratefully snared the ball.

In the 85th minute, Barcenas crossed the ball to the left side for Guzman, whose open header from four yards clanged off of the post.

Three minutes later, it appeared that Byki perseverance was about to pay off. Hurley was tripped in the box and the referee pointed to the spot. Guzman's penalty attempt went wide of the target, leaving the Byki to wonder what else could go wrong. Byki coach George Gorecki took blame for the penalty kick mishap. "Matt Fleming is our designated penalty guy," explained Gorecki. "When the penalty was given, my head was down at the time. Dan Jdrzejowski suggested that Alex take the kick. If I had been paying attention, I would have made sure that Matt took that kick."

Igloopol added window dressing to the final score when they converted a second corner kick into a goal just before the final whistle.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Fukar – Jdrzejowski, King, Bianchi, Fleming (c) – Najera, Inalsingh, Lakemeyer, Barcenas – Hurley, Siervo. **Bench:** Guild, Guzman, Kuch.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

Byki Man of the Match: Paul King

FIRST TEAM, NSL MAJOR 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
Bollinger	3	3	6	Hurley	4	0	4	Posada	9	4	13
N'Guettia	4	0	4	Bollinger	2	0	2	Ekundayo	8	4	12
Kone	3	1	4	Gibbs	2	0	2	Pedlow	4	4	8
Szymkowiak	0	3	3	St Clair	2	0	2	Rodriguez, G.	3	5	8
Ciszewski	2	0	2	Ciszewski	1	0	1	Nelson	5	2	7
Koenig	1	0	1	Inalsingh	1	0	1	Huck	4	2	6
Zielinski	1	0	1	Lakemeyer	1	0	1	Lane	3	2	5
De Rama	0	1	1	Guzman	0	1	1	Tower	3	2	5
Llamas	0	1	1	Kuch	0	1	1	Positano	4	0	4
Onaissi	0	1	1	Siervo	0	1	1	Jacobs	3	1	4
Ortiz	0	1	1	Suhayda	0	1	1	Fukar	2	2	4
Suhayda	0	1	1	Uriza	0	1	1	Elmkinssi	0	3	3
Team goals	3	x	x	Team goals	3	x	x	Dahlquist	1	0	1
								Cohen	0	1	1
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Fink	0	1	1
Khankari	180	2	1.00	Fukar	90	2	2.00	Kuch	0	1	1
Casson	45	1	2.00	Gorecki	24	1	3.75	Safford	0	1	1
Salazar	495	17	3.09	Najera	674	35	4.67	Towsey	0	1	1
Najera	270	19	6.33	Bertels	90	6	6.00	Team goals	1	x	x
Diallo	90	8	8.00	Uriza	90	7	7.00				
Current record: 2-1-10				King	22	2	8.18	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
				Current record: 1-1-13				Fukar	270	1	0.33
								Muehlbauer	270	6	2.00
								Vlahakis	900	26	2.60
								Current record: 7-3-6			

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria	11	8	3	0	45	13	27
Gazelle SC	10	8	1	1	19	5	25
CKS Warta	11	6	2	3	25	21	20
FC Uta Chicago	11	5	4	2	27	17	19
Jamstar FC	13	5	2	6	36	25	17
SAC Wisla	12	4	5	3	33	21	17
Assyrian FC	11	5	1	5	26	27	16
Stare Byki FC	13	2	1	10	17	47	7
Brusfa FC	11	2	1	8	16	42	7
Khaboor FC	11	2	0	9	9	35	6

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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
Romania SC	14	7	2	5	37	30	23
St Charles Celtics Red	14	6	3	5	45	35	21
Chicago Celtic	16	4	2	10	32	46	14
SAC Wisla	16	3	2	11	35	66	11
Group B	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Bulgaria FC	15	13	0	2	78	25	39
La Granate	15	10	4	1	41	25	34
Jahbat FC	15	7	2	6	43	49	23
Igloopol	16	4	2	10	38	50	14
Chicago United	16	4	1	11	23	51	13
Stare Byki FC	15	1	1	13	16	66	4

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Villains SC	16	12	0	4	54	25	36
MOFG	17	9	4	4	29	22	31
Stare Byki FC	16	7	3	6	50	33	24
Sporting Cristal	16	7	3	6	44	37	24
Windy City United	15	7	3	5	39	33	24
Real FC	14	8	0	6	30	27	24
St Charles Celtics Green	13	7	1	5	40	27	22
Naperville Strikers FC	15	6	2	7	37	32	20
Pampas OT	16	5	2	9	30	42	17
St Charles Celtics Orange	16	0	0	16	5	80	0