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Byki O-40	3	Premier Soccer League Over 40 Blue Division
St C Green	1	Oak Brook Sports Core 14 September 2014

Byki on top of the world

It has been an arduous, but steady climb for the Over 40 Team to reach first place in the PSLC's Over 40 Blue Division and they finally reached the pinnacle on the heels of their 3:1 victory over St Charles Celtics Green last Sunday at Oak Brook. The Byki have 30 points from 14 matches and lead MOFG by one point, and Chicago Pampas and Naperville Strikers by two. The Byki and Pampas tangle this Sunday in a battle for Over 40 supremacy.

The top two teams in the Blue Division qualify for promotion to the Green Division, which is the upper tier of the Over 40 competition. The Byki, after having won the Over 40 Cup in their inaugural season in the League in 2009, were relegated to the Blue Division at the end of the 2011 season. They have finished in third place in each of the last two seasons.

The Byki have 22 points from their last eight matches and have won seven in a row. After a wobbly start to the campaign with just five points from their first four contests, the Byki have been on a roll, having lost just twice all season, and boasting the League's best defensive record, with only 16 goals conceded.

The Byki started strongly against the Celtics, holding their opponent in their end in the early minutes. Things started to get disorganized after about 10 minutes, but the Byki turned that around right away, grabbing the lead after 17 minutes. Diego Penafiel played a long ball to Gabriel Rodriguez on the right side. Rodriguez sent the ball into the middle, where Steven Pedlow nailed his shot accurately for his team-leading ninth goal of the season.

The Celtics continued to press the issue, however, and the Byki had problems keeping things together. The Celtics were denied by the crossbar in one instance and flubbed a great opportunity when a striker missed a sitter from six yards. The Celtics finally found their equalizer in the 36th

minute when a long pass got behind the Byki defense and a Celtics forward lobbed the ball over goalkeeper James Vlahakis.

That goal became a wake-up call for the Byki, who regained control of the match. No further goals came before halftime, but the signs were there to indicate that the Byki were ready to break the game open.

They accomplished that with two well-taken goals in the span of just five minutes early in the second stanza. Striker Mitch Posada blasted a brilliant shot from 20 yards into the upper 90 to give the Byki the lead.

Ade Ekundayo and Penafiel combined to break down the Celtics defense and set up the clinching goal. The two executed a series of give-and-go passes and Ekundayo held the ball just long enough on the final pass to release Penafiel into a 1 v 1 with the goalie. Penafiel was on target, netting his first goal of the season for a 3:1 advantage.

With all three points safely in the bank, the Byki established themselves as the team to beat. Their test versus Pampas will be the sternest of the season. In the first match between the sides, the Byki reversed a 2:0 deficit into a wild 4:3 victory, despite playing down a man for most of the game, due to a first-half red card. A good result in the rematch will put the Byki one step closer to significant hardware.

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BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Vlahakis – Kuch, Tower, Fink, Fukar – Lane, Penafiel – Muehlbauer, Pedlow (c), Ekundayo – Posada. **Bench:** Cohen, Nelson, Rodriguez, Safford, St Clair.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Pedlow 9 (Rodriguez); 17th.
2:1 – Posada 8; 56th.
3:1 – Penafiel 1 (Ekundayo); 61st.

Byki Man of the Match: None given.

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Das Magic	3	National Soccer League 1st Division Marist HS 14 September 2014
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Byki bring scoring shoes

The goals were plentiful last Sunday at Marist HS, as the Byki and Das Magic banged home a combined total of seven before halftime. The Byki had let a 4:1 lead slip to 4:3, but put their stamp on the match after the break to secure a 6:3 win. The victory keeps the Byki in sixth place, as the top five teams in the 1st Division all won their matches.

Cyril Zachariah and Marek Ciszewski each knocked home a pair of goals, leading a balanced attack that saw seven players add their names to the scoresheet.

The Byki roster was tossed into last-minute turmoil, as only 11 of the 15 players expected to play turned up at Marist. Goalkeeper Amit Khankari's late injury was a complicating factor, as no other experienced goalkeeper was available. Tony Sabo started between the pipes and was relieved by Gil Calleros late in the first half. "Our pre-game preparations were quite a jumble," noted coach George Gorecki. "It was gratifying that the guys were flexible, which minimized the problems."

The match started disastrously for the Byki, who lacked cohesion for the first ten minutes. Whether it was the positional switches or the extra-long grass on the field, the Byki consistently gave the ball away and the opportunistic Magic players were ready to pounce. They snatched the lead after just five minutes when a through ball caught the Byki flat-footed. A Magic player scooted into the open space and made easy work to slot the ball past the hapless Sabo.

But the Byki quickly righted the ship, and the Magic players were suddenly on the back foot. The Byki earned a corner kick in the 11th minute and Devin Freitag curled a dangerous ball to the back post. The Magic keeper barely got a hand to it, leading to another corner. Mike Stamatinos crossed the ball into the middle for Zachariah, who drilled a powerful header past the defense to knot things at 1:1.

From that point forward, it was one-way traffic towards the Magic goal. Willy Sanchez dribbled along the left wing and found Víctor Salazar, whose long blast clanged off of the near post in the 18th minute.

The Byki then set off on a scoring rampage, netting three times in a span of eight minutes. In the 26th minute, Freitag played a long pass into space into the left corner. Zachariah hustled to chase the ball down and lofted a cross towards the goal. The trajectory of the ball, however, transformed the cross into a genuine shot, finding the inside of the far post.

Two minutes later, Bryan de Rama controlled the ball in the deep corner and laid a pass back for Ciszewski 25 yards from goal. Ciszewski wasted no time and fired past a stationary goalie for a 3:1 lead.

Stamatinos got in on the scoring parade in the 34th minute when he collected a cross from KC Gronke and boomed a

shot into the back of the net.

Das Magic got a lifeline in the 37th minute when Gronke bumped a Magic player in the Byki penalty area. The Magic player cynically dropped to the ground, goading the referee into awarding a penalty kick. A Magic player barely sent the spot kick past Calleros, whose achy hamstring forced him to swap places with Sabo in the goal six minutes earlier.

The score went to 4:3 just three minutes before halftime when Das Magic capitalized on some slack marking by the Byki. They finished off a counterattack on the right side by sending a cross to the left post and an unmarked Magic player made easy work of a simple header.

Stamatinos made a bid for a second goal in the waning moments of the half when his 40-yard rocket from the left wing was desperately parried away by the keeper.

The Byki survived a scare just four minutes after the break when Calleros dove to block a shot from distance. A Magic player could not put away the rebound, denied by the crossbar.

The breakthrough goal for the Byki came in the 73rd minute. A patient build-up allowed the Byki to move the ball from the left wing to the right. Salazar found Gronke on an overlap on the right side and he dished inside to Ciszewski, who deposited his ninth tally of the season into the back of the net.

Two minutes later, Freitag charged down the right flank on the counter and culminated the long run with a pinpoint cross for de Rama, who shot the ball first-time from eight yards. The ball was well struck, but the goalie's save was even better.

After Calleros executed a tough save on an open shot in the box, the Byki capped off the offensive onslaught five minutes from the end. Freitag tried to sneak a free kick from the left-wing channel at the near post when the defensive wall gave him all kinds of space to shoot. The keeper made a very difficult save, but the ball remained loose in the box. De Rama controlled the ball and sent it back to Freitag, now unmarked on the left side of the box. He made no mistake on the second try, side-footing his shot inside the far post.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Sabo – Stamatinos (c), J. Rodriguez, Calleros, Gronke – Zachariah, V. Salazar – Sanchez, Ciszewski, Freitag – De Rama.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – Zachariah 4 (Stamatinos); 11th.
1:2 – Zachariah 5 (Freitag); 26th.
1:3 – Ciszewski 8 (De Rama); 28th.
1:4 – Stamatinos 1 (Gronke); 34th.
3:5 – Ciszewski 9 (Gronke); 73rd.
3:6 – Freitag 4 (De Rama); 85th.

Byki Man of the Match: Cyril Zachariah

Byki 0-30	9	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White Division
Shogun	2	Oak Brook Sports Core 14 September 2014

Byki trounce Shogun, move up to 3rd

When Shogun arrived at Oak Brook last Sunday with just eight players at kickoff, it was easy to predict that it would be a long day for a team with just one win on the season. The Byki made sure that misery would be thorough and complete, administering a 9:2 hammer job. The win, coupled with the news later in the week that the Byki had racked up a forfeit win over Itasca, moved them to within one point of second-place DePaul FC. The Byki have played one more match than DePaul. No one is catching runaway leaders Levski Chicago, who clinched top honors long ago.

Eight Byki found their way on to the scoresheet, led by Alan Stevens, with a goal and two assists. Alex Guzman assisted on three goals, while Maciek Kekus and Ryan Russ each contributed a pair of goals. The rout started early, as the Byki were 3:0 up before the half hour.

Kekus wasted no time, giving the Byki the lead after just five minutes. Stevens crossed a ball in from the right wing that bamboozled a Shogun defender. An unmarked Kekus did the rest, slotting home from six yards.

Stevens scored his first goal of the season at the 20-minute mark, calling off his teammates as he homed in on Guzman's corner kick. Stevens's header found the inside of the far post for a 2:0 lead.

The third goal came five minutes later. Gregorio Siervo, making his comeback after missing 12 weeks with an ankle injury, passed inside to Guzman in the box. Guzman teed up Roman Kramarz to drill home a first-time shot into the roof of the net.

The score swelled to 4:0 just before the interval. Russ ran down a long clearance by Stevens was first to the ball. With only the keeper to beat, Russ finished nicely, zinging home a low shot.

Things went from bad to worse for Shogun in the second half, despite the fact that they finally had assembled a full squad. A Shogun defender handled the ball in his own penalty area and Paul Gibbs converted the spot kick to make it 5:0.

Kuba Banbor registered an impressive goal in the 65th minute to put the Byki 6:0 up. Reggie Champagne sent a pass to Banbor, who turned and fired from 25 yards. The shot could not have been hit more precisely, a curling ball that kissed the upper 90 before hitting back of net.

Shogun bagged a consolation goal in the 70th minute. Byki goalie Bill Raidt made a fine save on a breakaway situation, but no teammates could clear the rebound, which was chipped over everyone into the open net.

The Byki, however, were not done scoring. In the 75th minute, Champagne and Kramarz worked the left wing in tandem to create the opening for Champagne, who fired home from 18 yards.

Russ volleyed home Guzman's corner kick five minutes later for his second goal of the day. Russ was unmarked on the doorstep of the goal and made no mistake for an 8:1 lead.

Shogun made it 8:2 late in the contest when the Byki lost their concentration when trying to clear a corner kick. The play was recycled back into the box and an unmarked Shogun forward found the far post with a well-taken shot.

The Byki completed the scoring in the dying moments when Kekus was in the right place to head home the rebound of Guzman's shot. The keeper had parried Guzman's blast and the resourceful Kekus buried his header.

Alan Stevens contributed to this story.

BYKI LINEUP (4-5-1): Raidt – King, Fleming, Jedrzejowski, Marquez – Stevens, Champagne, Gibbs, Kramarz, Banbor – Kekus (c). **Bench:** Guzman, Russ, Siervo.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Kekus 7 (Stevens); 5th.
 2:0 – Stevens 1 (Guzman); 20th.
 3:0 – Kramarz 2 (Guzman); 25th.
 4:0 – Russ 8 (Stevens); 40th.
 5:0 – Gibbs 2 (pk); 50th.
 6:0 – Banbor 2 (Champagne); 65th.
 7:1 – Champagne 1 (Kramarz); 75th.
 8:1 – Russ 9 (Guzman); 80th.
 9:2 – Kekus 8; 90th.

Byki Man of the Match: Alex Guzman

Matches of September 7

Byki 0-30	2	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White Division
Rangers	1	Oak Brook Sports Core 7 September 2014

Gibbs keeps his cool & delivers

The Over 30s kept alive their ambition to finish in the top three on September 7 when they grabbed all three points in a 2:1 win over Chicago Rangers FC. The result was decided at the death when midfielder Paul Gibbs, tasked with converting a 90th-minute penalty kick, did the job in thrilling fashion. The victory was the first for the Byki in their last five outings, after scuffling through two draws and two losses since the end of July.

The match was evenly played in the first half. Goalkeeper Alan Stevens was tested early in first half, but tipped a well driven shot from distance over the bar.

Ryan Russ thought he had scored to finish off a corner kick, but the play was wiped out after the assistant ruled that the ball had swerved outside of the field and then back in when the ball was crossed.

The Rangers were a much bigger and physical side, but the Byki played well defensively and created more opportu-

nities, thanks to their possession advantage in midfield.

The Byki grabbed the lead five minutes into the second half. Stevens started the play when he threw the ball to Roman Kramarz on the right flank. Kramarz found Sergio Benavides near the halfway line and the striker ignited things with a delightful through ball for Russ, who sprinted behind the defense. Russ was clinical on the finish with a low shot that found the far post, leaving the Rangers keeper no chance.

That goal looked like it might stand up, but the Rangers knotted things at 1:1 in the 80th minute, thanks to a penalty kick. Two Byki defenders pulled down a Rangers forward from behind just inside the box. Stevens guessed correctly on the spot kick, but could not come up with the save.

The referee apparently believed that one good turn deserved another and awarded a late penalty for the Byki. Given the time left in the match and a tied score, it took a lot of courage to give a penalty in that situation. More than one referee has been known to swallow his whistle in such circumstances.

Mitch Posada went past two defenders inside the area and was taken down for an obvious foul. Gibbs maintained his

composure and drilled a low shot past the Rangers netminder for the critical score in the contest. The Rangers, none too happy with the referee's decision, inundated the arbiter with a fusillade of verbal abuse, which earned the goalkeeper a red card.

The Rangers fought to the very end. Chris Hurley cleared a ball off the goal line in stoppage time following a scramble in front of Stevens. It was the second heroic act by an outfield player, as Kuba Banbor backed up his keeper earlier in the match with a goal-line clearance.

Alan Stevens contributed to this story.

BYKI LINEUP (4-5-1): Stevens – Banbor, Fleming, Hurley, Marquez – Russ, Champagne, Kramarz, Penafiel, Gibbs – Benavides. **Bench:** King, Pinkham, Posada.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Russ 7 (Benavides); 50th.

2:1 – Gibbs 1 (pk); 90th.

Byki Man of the Match: Kuba Banbor

Byki Stats

FIRST TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Ciszewski	9	2	11
Zachariah	5	0	5
Freitag	4	1	5
Gronke	1	3	4
Stamatinos	1	3	4
De Rama	1	2	3
Salazar, C	1	2	3
Banbor	1	1	2
Herholdt	1	1	2
Sabo	1	1	2
Calleros	0	2	2
Rodriguez, J	0	2	2
Stopka	0	2	2
Rodriguez, C	1	0	1
Salazar, V	1	0	1
Zielinski	1	0	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Avalos	18	0	0.00
Fukar	180	2	1.00
Salazar, J	720	14	1.75
Calleros	62	2	2.90
Sabo	28	1	3.21
Khankari	165	9	4.91

Current record: 6-2-5

O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Benavides	10	2	12
Kekus	8	4	12
Russ	9	0	9
Hurley	2	6	8
Gibbs	2	5	7
Kramarz	2	4	6
Guzman	1	4	5
Siervo	3	1	4
Champagne	1	3	4
Stevens	1	3	4
Boeckeler	1	2	3
Banbor	2	0	2
Vullo	1	0	1
Jedrzejowski	0	1	1
Team Goal	3	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Stevens	900	25	2.50
Raidt	270	8	2.67

Current record: 8-3-3

O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Ekundayo	7	8	15
Pedlow	9	4	13
Posada	8	1	9
Rodriguez, G	4	2	6
Nelson	3	1	4
Jacobs	1	3	4
Huck	1	2	3
Lane	1	2	3
Fink	0	2	2
Fukar	1	0	1
Muehlbauer	1	0	1
Penafiel	1	0	1
St Clair	1	0	1
Cohen	0	1	1
Dahlquist	0	1	1
Kuch	0	1	1
Safford	0	1	1
Tower	0	1	1
Team Goals	3	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Muehlbauer	90	1	1.00
Vlahakis	1080	15	1.25

Current record: 7-3-2

Stare Byki	1	National Soccer League 1st Division
Dynasty	2	Oak Brook Sports Core 7 September 2014

Missed chances prove costly

The Byki had a chance to break open a tight game versus Chicago Dynasty, but their finishing was not up to standard, and Dynasty walked away with a 2:1 victory on September 7.

A Byki lineup filled with new players struggled to find a consistent rhythm. Dynasty's solid, disciplined approach was the perfect answer. The Byki however, had a chance to share the points late in the contest, but could not convert a penalty kick. The result propelled Dynasty into the 1st Division's top three, while the sixth-place Byki clung precariously to the final playoff spot.

The match was an even give-and-take from both sides until Dynasty broke into the lead midway through the first half. The Byki gave the ball away at midfield, leading to a Dynasty breakaway. Goalkeeper Dean Fukar was unable to shut the play down and the Byki had to shift into chase mode.

The Byki were not without their opportunities. Cristian Rodriguez had two tremendous chances to level the score, but was thwarted by some stellar goalkeeping.

After regrouping at halftime, the Byki made their presence felt almost immediately. Mike Stamatinos drove a corner kick into the mixer and Victor Salazar met the ball with a powerful header into the back of the net for his first goal of the campaign.

Dynasty, however, were not ready to back down. They regained the lead in the 65th minute when a striker made a diagonal dribble to create some space between himself and a trailing midfielder. He slotted home into the lower left corner with a nice finish that left Fukar no chance.

The Byki continued to battle and thought that they had clawed their way back into the match with 10 minutes to go. Willy Sanchez lofted a pass into the box for Percy Pineda, who made a nice move to control a difficult pass. Pineda had only the keeper to beat and Dynasty's netminder took the aggressive approach and brought Pineda to the turf, prompting the referee to point to the spot.

Player-coach Mike Stamatinos searched for someone willing to take the penalty, but was rebuffed twice before Curtis Salazar stepped up to do the job. Salazar picked a spot to the keeper's left, but the goalie guessed correctly and knocked the ball to safety.

The Byki felt that they deserved better against Dynasty and they will get a chance to exact revenge in next Sunday's match. Getting the full three points in that encounter will go a long way to ensuring that the Byki will qualify for the post-season.

Mike Stamatinos contributed to this story.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Fukar – Stamatinos (c), J. Rodriguez, V. Salazar, Gronke – C. Salazar, Pineda –De Rama, C. Rodriguez, Freitag – Zachariah. **Bench:** Khankari, Sanchez.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – V. Salazar 1 (Stamatinos); 49th.

Byki Man of the Match: Victor Salazar



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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Moldova	14	11	0	3	56	21	33
FC Kosova	14	9	1	4	43	28	28
Chicago Dynasty FC	13	8	1	4	32	28	25
Lancer SC	14	8	1	5	44	26	25
FC Macedonia	14	8	0	6	48	36	24
Stare Byki FC	13	6	2	5	28	28	20
Das Magic	13	6	1	6	37	40	19
CKS Warta B	13	5	0	8	32	48	15
West Indies Jets	14	4	0	10	28	53	12
Assyrian B	14	0	0	14	19	59	0

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Levski Chicago 2014	14	13	1	0	67	9	40
FC DePaul	13	9	1	3	79	27	28
Stare Byki FC	14	8	3	3	46	33	27
Chicago Rangers FC	13	7	2	4	34	16	23
St Charles Celtics White	12	5	3	4	35	31	18
Olympiacos Chicago	14	5	3	6	33	40	18
AEK FC Chicago	13	4	2	7	34	57	14
Shogun	14	1	2	11	20	63	5
Itasca	15	0	1	14	13	85	1

PSLC OVER 40 BLUE DIVISION**September 14, 2014****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Stare Byki FC	14	9	3	2	41	16	30
MOFG	16	9	2	5	35	26	29
Pampas OT	14	9	1	4	49	27	28
Naperville Strikers FC	15	9	1	5	46	25	28
St Charles Celtics Green	14	6	3	5	33	24	21
Villains SC	17	6	3	8	26	35	21
Windy City United	14	6	2	6	30	22	20
Sporting Cristal	15	6	2	7	29	36	20
MANA Futbol Club	13	5	3	5	26	23	18
Real FC	15	5	2	8	37	36	17
St Charles Celtics Orange	15	0	0	15	4	86	0