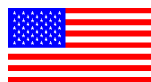




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Jets 1 : 1 Byki

NSL 1st Division - Conkey Forest Preserve - 18 September 2011

Last gasp goal makes Byki sour

The Blue Team approached last Sunday's make-up game with the West Indies Jets as a chance to demonstrate their capability for playing smart soccer. They accomplished half of that goal when they reversed a desultory first-half performance into some intelligent play in the second half. They looked like they were capable of making a 1:0 lead stand up long enough to claim all three points, but the Jets created an equalizer in stoppage time to gain a split of the points. The Byki are now 5-1-7 for the season.

Rainy conditions and a slick field presented a sizable challenge for the Byki, who spent most of the first 45 minutes launching hopeful passes downfield and watching their attack fizzle into irrelevance. Luckily for the Byki, the Jets weren't playing any better and were getting nowhere fast.

"Our team was capable of so much more than they showed in the first half," lamented coach George Gorecki. "The game was ours for the taking and it was like we were refusing to grab it."

The game had plenty of meaning for the Jets, who are in a three-way dance to avoid relegation to the 2nd Division for 2012. It was quite a surprising tumble for the Jets, who have been a consistently competitive team in the 1st Division for many years. Seeing that they tried to beat the Byki with pure speed and very little soccer skill, it was no wonder that they were in such a serious dilemma. A well-organized and balanced defense allowed the Byki to control any Jets player who had designs on dribbling in on the goal.

The Byki won a corner kick in the 13th minute and Chris Koenig crossed the ball towards the far post. Stopper Alan Stevens headed the ball back into the middle for Pedro Simas, whose shot from close range was blocked.

The only other action resembling a scoring chance came right before the halftime whistle. Ricky Ahmad threw the ball into the Jets penalty area for Jeremy Slate. The striker turned

quickly and drilled a shot on goal. The keeper dove to make the save and left the ball loose in front. Ari Pirillis arrived a step too late to send the ball home.

Frustration was evident among the players and Gorecki was eager to have a chat with his squad to help them get back on track. "If I would have had ten substitutes, I would put them all in at once just to get everyone's attention focused properly," he said.

The change in the Byki was immediately evident as the second half began. Aimless passes to nowhere were replaced by short, rapid passes to open players. With everyone working for one another, the Byki started to look like a soccer team. In the 55th minute, Anthony del Priore threaded a pass through a narrow space to Simas in the box. Simas shielded the ball long enough to slide it over to Ahmad on the other side. The keeper made a good save on Ahmad's shot.

The Byki deservedly went into the lead in the 74th minute, although some help from the Jets proved necessary. Maksym Kmit, returning to action after a four-month absence, controlled the ball in the deep left corner and crossed into the middle. The ball deflected off of a Jets player and past the keeper, hopelessly rooted to his line.

The hunt was on for a second goal, one that would surely put the result beyond any doubt. Although that goal never came, Koenig wasn't far off in the 83rd minute, when his free kick from 30 yards was saved.

The Jets were in a hunt of their own and got their reward in stoppage time. A high, arcing corner kick found its way home at the far post and the Byki felt as though they had been punched in the gut. It was unfortunate that the referee ignored the rugby scrum in the Byki goal area as the ball was floating in, but that omission was hardly the reason that two points were lost in the end. The Byki needed to play much better in the first 45 minutes. Had they done that, the result might have been wrapped up at halftime and any stoppage-time shenanigans would have been rendered moot.



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RED

Byki 1 : 12 Adria

NSL Major Division - Kuba Sports Center - 20 September 2011

Speed kills, Byki flattened

It was a night that the Byki would rather forget. NSL powerhouse RWB Adria unleashed the full force of their capabilities at the Kuba Sport Center on Tuesday and gave the Byki a 12:1 pounding that was an accurate reflection of the difference between the two teams. The Byki are now 5-2-7 and have fallen to fourth place in the Blue Section, one point behind resurgent CKS Warta.

Adria's might comes as no surprise to anyone. They are championship contenders in every competition that they enter and this season is no different, as they won the amateur version of the US Open Cup. Based on the way they played Tuesday, it would be hard to imagine any amateur team being able to keep pace with them.

The Byki surely could not. Seven of Adria's goals came from counterattacks and breakaways. They are a team that is opportunistic when converting an opponent's errors into goals. The 12 goals conceded are the most given up by a Byki team at the Senior level. The Byki gave up 10 to BW Poseidon B back in 1996 and the Byki B Team gave up 11 versus FC Romania B in 2004.

In a cruel twist of irony, coach Joe Gambino had more players at his disposal than he has had for any match so far, 18 in total. Two new players were signed earlier in the week, while Gambino requested the transfer of three players from the Blue Team over to Red. Additionally, Gambino called up an extra four Blue Teamers specifically for this match. Although the fatigue issues that have plagued the Red Team all season were lessened by the big roster, the squad was simply second-best to Adria in every aspect of the game.

The Byki held their own in the early going, as Adria started the contest with just nine players. By the time the full complement of 11 had arrived, momentum was clearly in Adria's favor. The Byki put a dent in that momentum in the 15th minute, when the hustling Ivan Torossian intercepted an Adria pass 30 yards in front of the goal. Torossian tried to dribble past the last defender, but a solid tackle dislodged the ball. Martin Herholdt swept up the loose pieces and sent a pinpoint shot along the ground that found the inside of the far post, eluding the outstretched arm of the diving goalkeeper.

The early strike buoyed Byki confidence, but it didn't take long for Adria to shrug off that gaffe and get down to business. They equalized in the 21st minute, took the lead five minutes later, and never looked back, as the rout was on. Three more goals in the final 11 minutes of the first half left the Byki to ponder how to right a sinking ship.

Adria ensured that the second half would merely be an extension of the first, scoring three times in the first eight

minutes to go up 8:1. They were aided by a dubious penalty in the 50th minute, when the referee ruled that a Byki player handled the ball in his own area. The Byki were adamant that an Adria player was the one guilty of the infraction. No matter, as that one goal hardly affected the final outcome.

Although the Byki raised their game in the second half, it was hard to tell the difference. Every sloppy trap and misdirected pass became a dangerous opportunity for Adria, and they often executed with surgical precision. Just when the Byki might have thought that their opponents were taking their foot off the gas, Adria piled up three goals in the final nine minutes en route to a 12:1 final score.

Byki playoff chances are no longer in their control. CKS Warta have won three in a row, and now have 18 points, to 17 for the Byki. But Warta have played two fewer games than the Byki, and two more wins by Warta would knock the Byki out any chance of finishing third in the group.

OVER 30

Byki 0 : 6 Bulgaria FC

PSLC Over 30 Division - Olympic Park - 17 September 2011

Third straight goose egg

The scoring drought continued for the Over 30 Team last Saturday at Olympic Park, when league-leading Bulgaria FC put a 6:0 hammer down on them. The Byki have been blanked for the third straight match, conceding 14 goals in that wretched stretch.

The Bulgarians proved to be ace marksmen, building up a 4:0 lead by the break. That should hardly come as a surprise. Bulgaria beat up on the Byki 6:2 in the first match between the sides this season. Overall, Bulgaria FC have scored 48 goals in their 14 matches, on the way to a glittering 13-0-1 record.

If the Byki had any dreams of mounting a comeback, those faint hopes were quashed when the visitors knocked home a fifth tally just two minutes into the second half. At that point, the Bulgarians shifted into cruise control. They added their final tally later in the second half to complete the scoring.

Andy Lane contributed to this story.

OVER 40**Celtics Blue 1 : 2 Byki**

PSLC Over 40 Division - East Side Sports Complex - 18 September

Soggy Byki hang tough

Another Sunday, another tight loss for the Over 40 Team, who held their own versus St Charles Celtics Blue at the East Side Sports Complex. In a game of limited scoring opportunities, it was the Celtics who were a bit more accurate than the Byki, prevailing 2:1.

The match was played in a drizzly mist and both teams struggled to find a rhythm on the slick surface. The struggle was especially difficult for the Byki, who failed to play simple passes to open teammates when they were available.

The rainy conditions nearly helped the Byki open the scoring in the 16th minute. Jim Jacobs passed off to Mitch Posada at the top of the box. Posada shot right away and the goalkeeper could only parry the ball away, setting off a frantic scramble in front of the St Charles goal. No Byki could gain

control and the Celtics knocked the ball to safety.

Slowly, the Celtics began to win the possession battle. They failed to capitalize on their advantage, as things got bogged down in the final third. The Byki maintained their defensive discipline and prevented dangerous situations in front of their goal.

The Celtics played a long ball over the top in the 40th minute. Goalie James Vlahakis came off his line to challenge and although he failed to win the ball, he forced the Celtics forward to dribble wide. By the time the player could set himself to shoot at the empty net, sweeper Doug Towsey saved the day with a well-timed sliding challenge.

Three minutes later, the Celtics were in the lead when a shot from 20 yards from the right side found space underneath the crossbar.

The tug-of-war continued throughout the second half until the 73rd minute. Jacobs found Sven Dahlquist, who played an incisive pass to midfielder Mark Weslar. Wasting no time, Weslar took aim and blasted a 25-yard shot from the right side to level things at 1:1.

The Celtics needed just three minutes to reply. They executed a two-pass sequence through the center of the Byki defense, freeing a striker in the box. With Vlahakis at his mercy, the striker found the back of the net.

Byki Stats

RED TEAM, NSL MAJOR DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Mehreioskouei	5	2	7
Ciszewski	4	2	6
Herholdt	4	2	6
Stamatinos	1	4	5
Torossian	3	1	4
Trowbridge	1	2	3
Dziekiewicz	0	3	3
Taubman	2	0	2
Temmerman	2	0	2
Russ	1	1	2
Lupou, Mike	0	2	2
Barsotti	1	0	1
Gambino	1	0	1
Geraghty	1	0	1
Buur	0	1	1
Taylor	0	1	1
Team goals	3	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Lupou, Marty	540	9	1.50
Bertels	225	7	2.80
Barsotti	225	7	2.80
Gambino	225	8	3.20
McMann	45	7	14.00

Current record: 5-2-7

BLUE TEAM, NSL 1ST DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Del Priore	2	2	4
Koenig	3	0	3
Slate	3	0	3
Stevens	1	2	3
Garnon	0	3	3
Karam, L	2	0	2
Simas	2	0	2
Havlat	1	0	1
Mirza	1	0	1
Pirahmadi	1	0	1
Gambino	0	1	1
Kosinski	0	1	1
Mansur	0	1	1
Team goals	1	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Padda	5	0	0.00
Bertels	900	17	1.70
Simas	85	2	2.12
Gambino	135	6	4.00
Barsotti	45	3	6.00

Current record: 5-1-7

O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Kekus	10	3	13
Kramarz	3	2	5
Samp	3	0	3
Torossian	2	1	3
Pirillis	1	1	2
Fleming	0	2	2
Lane	0	2	2
Worek	0	2	2
Banbor	1	0	1
Zaskowski	1	0	1
Dec	0	1	1
Gibbs	0	1	1
McGrath	0	1	1
Team goals	3	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Bertels	540	21	3.50
Najera	360	16	4.00
Vlahakis	270	14	4.67
Fukar	90	5	5.00

Current record: 4-1-10

O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Huck	5	0	5
Pedlow	3	1	4
Dahlquist	2	1	3
Dec	1	2	3
Posada	1	2	3
Cruickshank	2	0	2
Jacobs	1	1	2
Sambou	0	2	2
Fukar	1	0	1
Gorski	1	0	1
Weslar	1	0	1
Zygmunt	1	0	1
Muehlbauer	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Vlahakis	1350	33	2.20
Muehlbauer	90	3	3.00
Fukar	90	6	6.00

Current record: 1-6-10

BYKI SCOREBOARD

RED

Byki 1 : 12 Adria

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BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Bertels – Havlat, Dziekiewicz (c), Taylor, Kosinski – Herholdt, Buur, Stamatinos, Trowbridge – Ciszewski, Torossian. **Bench:** Del Priore, Guzman, Koenig, Mamic, McMann, Mehreioskouei, Suhayda.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY
1:0 – Herholdt 4 (Torossian); 15th.

BLUE

Jets 1 : 1 Byki

NSL 1st Division - Conkey Forest Preserve - 18 September 2011

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Bertels – Mansur, Kosinski, Stevens (c), Garnon – Stopka, Pirillis, Buur, Simas – Koenig, Slate. **Bench:** Ahmad, del Priore, Kmit.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY
0:1 – Jets own goal; 74th.

Byki Man of the Match: Paul Mansur

OVER 30

Byki 0 : 6 Bulgaria FC

PSLC Over 30 Division - Olympic Park - 17 September 2011

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Najera – Lane (c), Casey, Jedrzejowski, Brough – Kramarz, Banbor, Worek, Zaskowski – Inalsingh, Kekus. **Bench:** Fukar.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY
None.

OVER 40

Celtics Blue 1 : 2 Byki

PSLC Over 40 Division - East Side Sports Complex - 18 September

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Vlahakis – Towsey, Geng, Tower, Safford (c) – Weslar, Dahlquist, Jacobs, Posada – Huck, Sambou. **Bench:** Cooper, Gorski, Muehlbauer, Zygmunt.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY
1:1 – Weslar 1 (Dahlquist); 73rd.

Byki Man of the Match: Mark Weslar

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

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MAJOR DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria	10	10	0	0	49	9	30
Albanian Stars	10	5	3	2	25	14	18
SAC Wisla	11	5	3	3	37	23	18
Jahbat FC	13	4	3	6	29	34	15
FC Steaua	12	4	2	6	26	36	14
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	13	8	1	4	40	25	25
CKS Warta A	12	5	3	4	20	28	18
Stare Byki FC Red	14	5	2	7	29	38	17
Hellenic United White	11	4	1	6	16	23	13
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	13	9	0	4	52	33	27
NK Prijedor	14	7	2	5	33	25	23
Independiente FC	14	5	1	8	33	35	16
Stare Byki FC Blue	13	5	1	7	17	28	16
Gremio FC	14	1	1	12	17	62	4

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Deportivo Colomex	14	12	1	1	50	19	37
Das Magic	14	7	2	5	47	33	23
Chicago Thunder	14	6	3	5	37	36	21
CKS Warta B	14	5	1	8	18	32	16
West Indies Jets SC	14	3	5	6	25	36	14
Winged Bull B	14	3	2	9	21	40	11

SECOND DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Bosphorus FC	11	9	1	1	31	7	28
Lamaso FC	12	7	2	3	34	21	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	14	11	3	0	60	21	36
Lemont FC	13	9	2	2	56	20	29
Turkish FC	12	5	1	6	31	29	16
Chicago Thunder B	13	4	0	9	29	74	12
DePaul FC	11	3	0	8	22	29	9
West Bosnia SC	11	0	0	11	5	43	0

PREMIER SOCCER LEAGUE of CHICAGOLAND

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OVER 30 RED DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Bulgaria FC	14	13	0	1	48	11	39
St Charles Celtics Red	13	11	0	2	61	20	33
Torino FC	11	9	0	2	42	13	27
Balkan	14	7	0	7	31	34	21
FC Tarnovia	15	4	1	10	22	43	13
Stare Byki FC	15	4	1	10	24	56	13
Hellenic United AC	15	3	2	10	22	43	11
Chicago Celtic	15	2	2	11	17	47	8

OVER 40 GREEN DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Champions FC	15	12	0	3	93	22	36
Botev Chicago	16	10	2	4	40	22	32
International SC	15	10	0	5	36	37	30
FC DePaul	15	8	1	6	33	48	25
Park Ridge Rogues	17	7	3	7	38	45	24
Real Wilmette	16	6	5	5	32	27	23
St Charles Celtics Blue	16	7	2	7	33	45	23
Hellenic United AC	14	5	5	4	37	28	20
Stare Byki FC	17	1	6	10	19	42	9
St Charles Celtics Green	17	0	2	15	12	57	2

OVER 40 BLUE DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Gato Verde	15	12	1	2	64	17	37
Real FC	16	9	5	2	41	32	32
MOFG	15	8	3	4	35	23	27
Pampas OT	15	8	1	6	31	31	25
Villains SC	15	7	3	5	38	24	24
Windy City United	15	6	1	8	31	37	19
Naperville Strikers FC	15	5	1	9	31	36	16
Torino FC	13	3	2	8	38	50	11
St Charles Celtics Orange	15	0	1	14	9	68	1