



BOUNCINGS

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Byki O-30	2	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White B Division
International	1	Oak Brook Sports Core 23 September 2018

Strong finish for Byki

The Over 30 Team wrapped up their regular-season schedule last Sunday, downing International SC 2:1 at Oak Brook. The victory leaves the Byki with 28 points from 16 matches, a fine showing to follow up their championship season in 2017, when they won the B Division title. The PSLC combined the A and B Divisions for 2018. For what it's worth, the Byki were the top finisher this season among the other B Division sides.

Teamwork was at an off-the-charts level versus International, as everyone in the 15-man squad found ways to contribute. The match was tightly contested throughout, but there was little doubt that the Byki were the better side.

Rapid ball movement was the key element to success for the Byki. They found spaces and switched the field frequently. International took a more direct approach when attacking, and they found little joy. Their only genuine scoring chance came as a result of a Byki error in the back, coupled with a ridiculous refereeing decision.

The Byki got on the board after just 16 minutes and it was all thanks to hard work. Mo Soaga controlled the ball in a crowd of International players at midfield. Despite being pinned in by the touchline, Soaga slipped a pass to Rodrigo Espinoza. The midfielder turned immediately and played the ball into space behind the International defense. The prescient pass found Quavas Kirk sprinting to goal and he made the finish look easy for his sixth tally of the Over 30 campaign.

The match see-sawed for much of the first half. Neither side put the opposing goalkeeper under significant pressure, but the Byki were winning the territorial battle, and this was enough to make their 1:0 lead substantial.

If the Byki felt good about themselves after a solid 45 minutes, they were slapped into reality just two minutes into the second half. A weak clearance in the back went to an International player, who felt bold enough to try to lob Byki netminder Ray Najera from long distance. The attempt was

well placed, but a backpedaling Najera reached high to snare the ball in mid-air. He could only deflect the ball, which floated behind him, apparently destined for the goal. He scrambled back and tried to keep the ball from crossing his goal line with one final lunge. Najera thought he had cleared it, but was dismayed to see the referee pointing to the center circle, indicating a goal had been scored.

Byki protests were vehement and probably for good reason. Neither the referee nor the assistant closest to the Byki goal were in position to be able to see definitively whether the ball had crossed the line. The two officials conferred briefly, but their discussion changed nothing and the fuming Byki were looking at a 1:1 scoreline.

The match got more physical at that point and the referee struggled to keep the pot from boiling over. If there was one thing both teams could agree on after 90 minutes, it was that this referee was bad for both sides.

The Byki eventually righted the ship and continued to probe the International defense for scoring opportunities. They got their reward in the 76th minute. Matt Klosterman controlled the ball in front of the International penalty area. He sought to make a play inside the box and Christian Ruiz came sprinting in out of nowhere from the right flank. With defenders frozen, Ruiz took his chance with a cool demeanor, finding the left post with an outside-of-the-foot rocket that gave International's goalie no chance.

The Byki went into lockdown mode the rest of the way, putting all three points in the bank. They must now wait until October 21 for their quarterfinal playoff match, victims of the annual scheduling craziness of the PSLC. Their opponent is likely Tricolorii, who face Adventists United in the octofinals on October 14. Tricolorii beat up on a shorthanded Byki side 5:0 earlier in the summer. Since that match, the Byki have lost just once, piling up 13 points in six matches.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Najera – Soaga, Stevens, Herholdt, Stamatinos – Gibbs, Jaramillo, Sodeinde, Espinoza – Q. Kirk, Klosterman. **Bench:** Chudyba, C. Kirk, Nugent, C. Ruiz.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY
1:0 – Q. Kirk 6 (Espinoza); 16th.
2:1 – C. Ruiz 1 (Klosterman); 76th.

Byki Men of the Match: Martin Herholdt and Quavas Kirk.

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NSL FIRST DIVISION
PSLC OVER 30 B DIVISION

CHAMPIONS

FK Danubia	2	Premier Soccer League Over 40 B Division
Byki O-40	0	Elmhurst College 23 September 2018

Danubia too much for Byki

The Over 40 Team, in the middle of a tidy streak of four wins in their previous five games, ran into a buzzsaw last Sunday, when they took on FK Danubia at Elmhurst College. The home team prevailed 2:0 and showed why there are title contenders in the Over 40 B Division. Danubia played a highly effective possession style, utilizing quick ball movement. Their astute passes found spaces in the Byki defense, but their finishing prevented them from running away with the game.

Scoring goals has been the biggest problem for the Byki this season. They have scored zero or one goal seven times out of thirteen matches. Sunday was the third time that they have been blanked.

The start of the match did not bode well for a Byki scoring parade. Whenever the Byki were able to break up Danubia possession, they looked immediately to play the ball upfield as quickly as possible. Midfield ace Diego Penafiel started as the lone striker for the Byki, and his loneliness was persistent. The long-ball game only isolated Penafiel into a situation where he was constantly outnumbered by Danubia defenders. Byki attacking sequences were brief and Danubia would then once again continue pressing forward. The field was clearly tilted towards the Byki goal. It wasn't long before player-coach Doug Towsey slid Penafiel back into his more familiar midfield role alongside Andy Lane.

The Byki dodged a bullet in the second minute, when a long attempt by a Danubia player sailed over everyone and clanged off of the goalpost.

The Byki had their one dangerous scoring chance of the first half in the 15th minute. Penafiel fired a free kick from 30 yards. The Danubia keeper could only knock it down and was grateful that no Byki players were following up the play.

Danubia broke through at the midway point of the first half, finding a man running into open territory behind the Byki defense. It wasn't clear whether the Byki were explicitly trying to spring an offside trap, but someone didn't get the message and kept the Danubia player inside. He fired just inside Dean Fukar's left post for a 1:0 lead.

Fukar came up big in the 34th minute. A bad turnover in midfield became a lightning breakaway for Danubia. The forward took a bad angle as he approached the Byki penalty area and Fukar snuffed out an attempt going to his near post.

The only way for the Byki to climb back into contention would be to improve their ball possession. Although the game became more level in the second half, the Byki needed sharper marksmanship in order to capitalize on good scoring situations.

The best chance was a counterattack led by winger Kuba Banbor. Just when it looked like Banbor had an open path to the goal, he sent the ball to Ade Ekundayo, who could not shake off his defender in order to get a clean look at goal.

Danubia scored the second crucial goal in the 65th minute. They played a long ball and a Danubia player sprinted in behind the Byki defense. He blasted a very nice shot in the upper right corner of the goal, leaving Fukar powerless.

"I was encouraged that we played better in the second half," said Towsey afterwards. "We may play them in the playoffs."

Doug Towsey contributed to this report.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Fukar – Towsey, Meza, Fink, Zarate – Lane, Marquez – Pedlow, Banbor, Ekundayo (c) – Penafiel. **Bench:** Brough, Eichler, King, Metzger, J. Park, Ramirez.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY
None.

Weekly Training
TUESDAYS
Olympic Park, Field 8
Schaumburg, IL
8.00 - 10.00 PM

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STARE BYKI FC 35th ANNIVERSARY



Venue:

The Lucky Monk, Abbey Room
105 Hollywood Blvd
South Barrington, IL 60010
Convenient access from I-90, Barrington Road exit
<http://www.theluckymonk.com>

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2018

Time: 6-9 pm



Food:

Monk Burger Sliders
Pulled Pork Sliders
Pizzas: Margherita, Pepperoni, Four Cheese, Sausage
Onions & Peppers
Cookies and Brownies

Cost:

\$30 (includes two drink tickets for wine or beer)
\$20 (food and soft drinks only)
Purchase tickets online at: starebykifc.org/35.html



50/50 Raffle

Tickets: \$5 each, or 5 for \$20
Help support the club, even if you can't attend!

Socialize with your teammates and Byki alumni;
play Byki trivia and learn about the history of the
club!



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**NSL MAJOR DIVISION
FINAL STANDINGS
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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria	9	7	1	1	27	12	22
Gazelle SC	8	6	1	1	21	7	19
Vikings AA	9	5	3	1	45	15	18
SAC Wisla	9	5	2	2	20	11	17
Wisloka Chicago	10	5	2	3	32	26	17
CKS Warta	9	5	0	4	30	19	15
FC Guadalajara	9	4	1	4	23	22	13
AAC Winged Bull	10	4	1	5	18	23	13
Stare Byki FC	10	3	1	6	21	34	10
Das Magic	9	0	0	9	10	44	0
Dundalk FC	8	0	0	8	7	41	0

**PSLC OVER 30 WHITE DIVISION
30 September 2018
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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Levski Chicago 2014	14	13	0	1	90	22	39
Tricolorii FC	16	10	2	4	58	19	32
FC Oasu	15	10	1	4	75	28	31
AEK FC Chicago	12	10	0	2	65	13	30
Stare Byki FC	16	9	1	6	52	35	28
International SC	14	8	1	5	54	35	25
FC Igloopol	15	6	3	6	53	33	21
Celtics	16	6	1	9	38	65	19
Chicago Rangers FC	16	5	1	10	42	60	16
FC National	15	4	0	11	44	55	12
Shogun	15	4	0	11	32	58	12
Adventists United FC	16	0	0	16	5	185	0

**PSLC OVER 40 B DIVISION
30 September 2018
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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Olympiacos Chicago	16	12	2	2	58	22	38
FK Danubia	16	11	3	2	48	19	36
MANA United SC	14	10	0	4	40	18	30
Park Ridge Rogues	15	8	3	4	41	19	27
Deerfield	15	8	1	6	41	21	25
Stare Byki FC	14	5	3	6	25	31	18
Real FC Blues	15	3	1	11	18	56	10
Atletico Torino FC	13	3	0	10	9	52	9
International SC	16	0	1	15	2	44	1

**PSLC OVER 48 DIVISION
FINAL STANDINGS
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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
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
Stare Byki FC	13	2	2	9	19	55	8
Atletico Torino FC	14	1	3	10	13	41	6
St. Charles Celtics Silverbacks	14	1	2	11	17	78	5