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Byki 2 : 1 Independiente

NSL 1st Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 25 September 2011

Late heroics net satisfying win

The Blue Team conjured up a win for the ages when a nine-man squad scored two late goals to topple Independiente FC 2:1 last Sunday at Oak Brook Sports Core. The Byki now have 19 points from 14 matches and their playoff possibilities remain alive, albeit by the thinnest of threads.

After Red Team coach Joe Gambino took three players from the Blue roster to bolster his team's playoff situation, the Blue Team found themselves shorthanded when several players were unavailable on Sunday and several others were absent for no apparent reason. With just nine men dressed at kickoff, the Byki had a big task at hand.

"Playing short and being competitive requires very sharp tactical discipline," said coach George Gorecki. "Our team had it right from the start and their resolve never wavered. The three points earned today were well deserved. Independiente rarely found breaks in our defense and we caught them napping at the end to score two incredible goals."

The outcome was all the more incredible when one considers that Ari Pirillis injured his collarbone in the first five minutes of the match and Maksym Kmit was fighting a losing battle against cramps in both legs. The players fought through their injuries and played tough alongside their teammates.

The Byki set up in a conservative formation, willing to absorb pressure and ready to counterattack when the situation presented itself. With Gambino in goal directing his teammates, the back four allowed very little penetration by Independiente in the first half. Their attack would constantly bog down in the Byki defensive end of the field and their errant shots made life easier for the Byki.

The Byki created the single good scoring opportunity of the first half. Chris Koenig swung a corner kick towards the far post. Alan Stevens headed the ball back into the goal area, leading to a mad scramble. A desperate Independiente defender managed to steer the ball to safety.

Koenig nearly scored the breakthrough goal of the match in the 50th minute. The goalkeeper caught his free kick from the

deep corner, but backed up as the ball came in. Some Byki thought that the goalie had brought the ball over the goal line.

Independiente had obviously been winning the possession battle from the start, but they began looking increasingly dangerous in the final 20 minutes of play. Gambino was far more active in the second half than he had been in the first, coming up with five tough saves, one of them a miracle stab that kept the Byki in the game.

In the 69th minute, the ball dropped in the middle of the Byki penalty area. Gambino came out too late and Jordan Stopka cleared the ball away from the goal. Independiente got the goal they were looking for five minutes later when Gambino's attempt to deflect away a free kick from 30 yards went awry and the ball rebounded off of the underside of the crossbar and behind him.

The Byki could have packed their bags at that point and been satisfied with a valiant effort to keep the game close. But the final nine minutes were an end-to-end frenzy. Stevens sent a free kick from the right wing into the mixer and Stopka slid in to steer the ball home. The ball deflected off of an Independiente player for a corner kick. Koenig then crossed the ball in for Stevens, whose header went narrowly over the bar.

Gambino came up huge in the 84th minute. Independiente stretched the Byki on a 3 v 1 breakout and Gambino snuffed out what would have been the clinching goal. Instead, the Byki turned the tables two minutes later. Ohad Garnon played a brilliant through ball, splitting the middle of the defense, finding Koenig on the run. With only the keeper to beat, Koenig coolly slotted home from 20 yards.

The Byki weren't finished. Stopka went a wild dribbling run from midfield, beating two defenders in the process. As he approached the penalty area, he swerved to the inside and was sandwiched by the last defender and the goalie. The referee whistled for a penalty kick and sent off the Independiente defender. Koenig was still feeling cool and drilled the spot kick into the corner to give the Byki an improbable 2:1 lead. The referee blew for full time moments later and the Byki were ready for celebrations.



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RED

Byki 2 : 2 HUAC White

NSL Major Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 25 September 2011

Byki hang on for the point

The Red Team kept their flickering playoff hopes alive last Sunday when they were able to withstand a furious rally by Hellenic United's White Team to snatch a point in a 2:2 draw. The Byki had led 2:0 in the first 45, only to allow Hellenic back into the match in the second half. Goalkeeper Martin Bertels was called upon to make several massive saves to keep the Byki in the match.

The Byki have 18 points from 15 matches and close out the regular season against last-place FK Republika Srpska. CKS Warta A have 18 points from 14 matches and have two tough clashes against both of the Hellenic United teams left on their schedule. If the Byki and Warta wind up tied on points, the Byki will finish on top by virtue of holding the tiebreaker edge, after having earned four points in the two matches between the teams.

The Byki failed to take advantage of a shorthanded Hellenic squad, who started the match with 10 men and played short for the first 10 minutes. The Byki, however, gave notice of their attacking intentions in the 18th minute, when striker Ryan Russ ran onto a through ball and found himself with only the goalkeeper to beat. The goalie read the play and saved Russ' shot.

The first goal came seven minutes later. Martin Herholdt astutely spotted fullback Gabi Dziekiewicz making the overlapping run on the right and played the ball into space. Dziekiewicz threaded a low cross into the middle that evaded the goalkeeper's reach. Russ was in the perfect spot for the easy back-door tap-in.

The Byki doubled their lead on the half hour. Kristian Buur set up Ammin Mehreioskouei for an open shot, but his attempt was deflected. The rebound came to Buur, who floated the ball over to Russ, who headed home to make it 2:0.

Hellenic got one back only two minutes later when their striker was tripped in the area, leading to a penalty kick. "It was a tough penalty," said coach Joe Gambino. "Their player was not in a dangerous position."

The Byki thought they had regained a two-goal advantage right after the start of the second half, but the goal was waved off for an apparent offside. The Byki put Hellenic under high pressure and were rewarded when Russ shot the ball towards the empty net. Mehreioskouei was following up the play as the ball rolled towards the post. Wanting to make sure that the ball went into the goal, Mehreioskouei made the final touch, which caused the assistant referee to raise his flag for offside. The Byki were enraged by the decision, which Gambino called a game-changer. "That goal could have shifted the momentum back to us," he grumbled. His

frustration was hardly allayed afterwards, when the official apologized to Gambino for botching the call.

Hellenic equalized in the 55th minute. Bertels saved a shot and the ball remained loose 12 yards from goal. A Hellenic player drilled a volley to make it 2:2.

Hellenic turned up the heat for the final 15 minutes and the Byki were hanging on for dear life. If Bertels was not making a remarkable save, Hellenic were banging shots off of the framework. The Byki managed to dance through that minefield and made sure to secure the point.

Joe Gambino contributed to this report.

OVER 30

St C Celtics 4 : 0 Byki

PSLC Over 30 Division - E Side Sports Complex - 24 September 2011

No end in sight to goal drought

The Over 30s were shut out for the fourth straight time last Saturday when the St Charles Celtics blanked them 4:0 at the East Side Sports Complex. Although the Byki were more competitive against the Celtics than in the two previous meetings this season, the defeat drops the Byki to 4-1-11 for the season.

Poor finishing was the culprit again for the Byki, who wasted three great scoring opportunities in the first half and might have gone into the break with the lead. Instead, they were playing from behind yet again and were simply unable to find their way back into the match.

"The match was pretty even for the first half and we should have been winning 3:1," said player-coach Maciek Kekus. Kuba Banbor tried to beat the keeper from an acute angle, but the netminder got a hand to it and put the ball out for a corner. Kekus narrowly missed the target on two occasions.

Two other potential scoring chances were wiped out when Byki players were adjudged to be in offside positions. There was some gnashing of teeth when the Celtics scored the only goal of the first half on a play that the Byki thought was offside.

When the Celtics scored early in the second half, they took command of the contest. The Byki lost momentum and were unable to find a way to get it back, which pretty much killed any chance of a comeback.

"Once we went down 2:0, we stopped playing with patience and lacked precision in our play," noted Kekus afterwards.

The worst outcome of the match was a devastating knee injury to Jay Brough who tore his MCL and ACL and is now scheduled for surgery.

Maciek Kekus contributed to this story.

BYKI SCOREBOARD

RED

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BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Bertels – Taylor, Dziekiewicz (c), Herholdt, Mansur – Trowbridge, Buur, Stamatinos, Torossian – Mehreioskouei, Russ. **Bench:** Ciszewski, Guzman.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Russ 2 (Dziekiewicz); 25th.
2:0 – Russ 3 (Buur); 30th.

Byki Man of the Match: Martin Bertels

BLUE

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BYKI LINEUP (4-3-1): Gambino – Havlat, Kosinski, Stopka, Stevens (c) – Garnon, Koenig, Pirillis –Kmit.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – Koenig 4 (Garnon); 86th.
2:1 – Koenig 5 (pk); 90th.

Byki Men of the Match: Tim Havlat, Chris Koenig and Jordan Stopka

OVER 30

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PSLC Over 30 Division - E Side Sports Complex - 24 September 2011

BYKI LINEUP (3-5-2): Vlahakis – Casey, McGrath, Brough – Lane (c), Fleming, Banbor, Dec, Kramarz, – Worek, Kekus. **Bench:** Dziekiewicz, Zaskowski.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

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 |
| Russ | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Torossian | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Dziekiewicz | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Trowbridge | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Taubman | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Temmerman | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Buur | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Lupou, Mike | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Barsotti | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Gambino | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Geraghty | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Taylor | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Team goals | 3 | x | x |

| Goalie | Min | GA | GAA |
|--------------|-----|----|-------|
| Lupou, Marty | 540 | 9 | 1.50 |
| Bertels | 315 | 9 | 2.57 |
| Barsotti | 225 | 7 | 2.80 |
| Gambino | 225 | 8 | 3.20 |
| McMann | 45 | 7 | 14.00 |

Current record: 5-3-7

BLUE TEAM, NSL 1ST DIVISION

| Player | G | A | Pts |
|------------|---|---|-----|
| Koenig | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Del Priore | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Garnon | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Slate | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Stevens | 1 | 2 | 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 | 225 | 7 | 2.80 |
| Barsotti | 45 | 3 | 6.00 |

Current record: 6-1-7

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 | 360 | 18 | 4.50 |
| Fukar | 90 | 5 | 5.00 |

Current record: 4-1-11

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

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

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MAJOR DIVISION

| Red Section | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|----------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| RWB Adria | 12 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 10 | 36 |
| Albanian Stars | 12 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 29 | 23 | 19 |
| SAC Wisla | 11 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 37 | 23 | 18 |
| FC Steaua | 14 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 31 | 39 | 17 |
| Jahbat FC | 13 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 29 | 34 | 15 |
| Khaboor FC | 14 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 14 | 59 | 2 |

| Blue Section | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|-----------------------|----|----|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Hellenic United Blue | 12 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 52 | 23 | 30 |
| Gazelle SC | 15 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 45 | 33 | 28 |
| Stare Byki FC Red | 15 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 31 | 40 | 18 |
| CKS Warta A | 14 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 20 | 40 | 18 |
| Hellenic United White | 12 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 18 | 25 | 14 |
| FK Republika Srpska | 14 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 23 | 40 | 9 |

FIRST DIVISION

| Red Section | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|--------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| Brusfa FC | 15 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 54 | 21 | 33 |
| Assyrian FC | 14 | 10 | 0 | 4 | 56 | 34 | 30 |
| NK Prijedor | 15 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 34 | 29 | 23 |
| Stare Byki FC Blue | 14 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 19 | 29 | 19 |
| Independiente FC | 15 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 34 | 37 | 16 |
| Gremio FC | 15 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 17 | 66 | 4 |

| Blue Section | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|---------------------|----|----|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Deportivo Colomex | 15 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 54 | 21 | 40 |
| Das Magic | 15 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 49 | 35 | 24 |
| Chicago Thunder | 15 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 39 | 40 | 21 |
| CKS Warta B | 15 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 18 | 34 | 16 |
| West Indies Jets SC | 15 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 27 | 38 | 15 |
| Winged Bull B | 15 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 23 | 40 | 14 |

SECOND DIVISION

| Red Section | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|--------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| Bosphorus FC | 13 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 42 | 11 | 34 |
| Lamaso FC | 13 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 37 | 21 | 26 |
| Chicago Dynasty FC | 13 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 20 | 14 | 21 |
| FC Moldova | 12 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 24 | 19 | 19 |
| FK Podrinje | 11 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 5 | 37 | 1 |

| Blue Section | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|-------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| FC Kosova | 14 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 60 | 21 | 36 |
| Lemont FC | 14 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 58 | 23 | 29 |
| Turkish FC | 14 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 36 | 37 | 19 |
| Chicago Thunder B | 14 | 4 | 0 | 10 | 29 | 77 | 12 |
| DePaul FC | 12 | 3 | 0 | 9 | 22 | 32 | 9 |
| West Bosnia SC | 12 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 5 | 46 | 0 |

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OVER 30 RED DIVISION

| | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| St Charles Celtics Red | 16 | 14 | 0 | 2 | 71 | 21 | 42 |
| Bulgaria FC | 16 | 13 | 1 | 2 | 48 | 13 | 40 |
| Torino FC | 14 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 46 | 20 | 29 |
| Balkan | 16 | 9 | 0 | 7 | 38 | 36 | 27 |
| FC Tarnovia | 16 | 4 | 2 | 10 | 24 | 45 | 14 |
| Stare Byki FC | 16 | 4 | 1 | 11 | 24 | 60 | 13 |
| Hellenic United AC | 17 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 25 | 49 | 12 |
| Chicago Celtic | 17 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 21 | 53 | 9 |

OVER 40 GREEN DIVISION

| | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|--------------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|----|-----|
| Champions FC | 17 | 14 | 0 | 3 | 103 | 24 | 42 |
| Botev Chicago | 17 | 10 | 2 | 5 | 41 | 25 | 32 |
| International SC | 15 | 10 | 0 | 5 | 36 | 37 | 30 |
| FC DePaul | 16 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 35 | 50 | 26 |
| Park Ridge Rogues | 18 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 38 | 49 | 24 |
| St Charles Celtics Blue | 17 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 35 | 47 | 24 |
| Hellenic United | 16 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 41 | 31 | 23 |
| Real Wilmette | 17 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 33 | 34 | 23 |
| Stare Byki FC | 17 | 1 | 6 | 10 | 19 | 42 | 9 |
| St Charles Celtics Green | 18 | 1 | 2 | 15 | 15 | 57 | 5 |

OVER 40 BLUE DIVISION

| | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|---------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| Gato Verde | 16 | 13 | 1 | 2 | 68 | 18 | 40 |
| Real FC | 16 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 41 | 32 | 32 |
| MOFG | 16 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 35 | 23 | 28 |
| Pampas OT | 16 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 31 | 31 | 26 |
| Villains SC | 16 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 38 | 26 | 24 |
| Naperville Strikers FC | 16 | 6 | 1 | 9 | 34 | 38 | 19 |
| Windy City United | 16 | 6 | 1 | 9 | 32 | 41 | 19 |
| Torino FC | 15 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 42 | 53 | 14 |
| St Charles Celtics Orange | 15 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 9 | 68 | 1 |