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**2015 PSLC  
Over 40  
CHAMPIONS**

MOFG	<b>2</b>	Premier Soccer League Over 40 B1 Division
Byki 0-40	<b>3</b>	Countryside Park 25 September 2016

## Byki on track after big comeback

The Over 40 Team moved one step closer to clinching second place and one of the two promotion spots in the Over 40 B1 Division when they roared back from a 2:0 deficit at halftime to defeat MOFG 3:2 last Sunday at Buffalo Creek Field. The Byki have 26 points from 13 matches and trail Grosse Point SC by eight points.

The Byki finished first the last two seasons, so 2016 represents the third consecutive year in which the Byki have played well enough to move up to the Over 40 A Division. Their achievement this season is notable because their schedule was tougher than it was the last two seasons. When the PSLC split the Over 40 competition into A and B Divisions, all of the teams in the second tier played one another, even though the B Division was split further, into B1 and B2. In 2015, teams played most of their matches within their respective B1 and B2 sub-groups. In 2016, teams played exclusively within their sub-group. For the Byki, this meant that all of their opponents were from the tougher B1 sub-group and there were no patsies on the schedule.

With a meager 9 points from their 13 matches, MOFG could have been considered a patsy. For the Byki, MOFG have represented the wad of gum that sticks to the bottom of a shoe. Despite all of their trophies and accolades, the Byki have always had trouble with a pesky MOFG side. Their soccer isn't pretty or stylish, but MOFG's teamwork is their biggest asset, and for whatever reason, the Byki have had trouble breaking them down over the years.

Last Sunday was no exception, as the attacking malaise that afflicted the Byki when they lost to Naperville still lingered a week later in Lake Zurich. In the first 15 minutes, MOFG came out running. They challenged every pass and pressured Byki players all over the field. The Byki didn't do a good job of distributing the ball, and MOFG won most of the 50-50 balls. MOFG enjoyed the possession advantage for in the early part of the contest.

The only bright spot for the Byki in the first half was Kuba Banbor, who had a couple of one-on-one chances, but

shot right at the keeper.

MOFG eventually went into the lead after 25 minutes, when they intercepted a poor Byki pass going across the field. The situation quickly became a breakaway and an MOFG player flicked the ball over goalkeeper Dean Fular, who had charged far off his line to intervene.

Ten minutes later, MOFG doubled their lead. They sent a free kick in the channel on the right side and played the ball towards the near post. Sweeper Doug Towsey lost track of his mark and the MOFG player knocked it into the back of the net. "I almost kicked Towsey out of the game for that play," said player-coach Towsey afterwards.

The Byki tweaked their formation at halftime, moving Diego Penafiel forward, to pair with Ade Ekundayo at attacking midfield. Stopper Dave Fink took over Penafiel's midfield duties, but still maintained his presence in the middle of the Byki defense. The changes allowed the Byki to control 80% of the game in the second half, and there was thus very little risk in moving Fink further forward.

"We had tons of shots and it was only a matter of time," noted Towsey. "They got the ball over midfield maybe five to six times during the second half."

The Byki pulled to within 2:1 midway through the half. Ekundayo pressured the MOFG goalie, who tried to dribble out of danger. His weak clearance went straight to Ekundayo, who put the gift home for his fourth goal of the campaign.

The match went level ten minutes later. Dave Safford tried to send Attila Kotsy into the clear with a through pass. Kotsy and an MOFG defender tangled for the ball, which came out of the play to sit pretty for Steven Pedlow just outside the penalty area. Knowing an opportunity when he sees one, Pedlow shot the ball into the upper right corner for his 10th tally of the season.

Byki momentum was surging and a winner was inevitable.

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Ekundayo dribbled the ball all the way down the right side and sent a beautiful cross for Kotsy, who had made a great run to the far post. Kotsy drilled it home to put the three points in the bank. With the way the Byki turned the game around, they easily could have added to their goal total.

Towsey was beaming afterwards. "We played slow in the first half, but came out in the second half and played great," he said. "One of our best performances. Everyone played great. Nice comeback win."

*Steven Pedlow and Doug Towsey contributed to this report.*

**BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1):** Fukar – Towsey, Park, Fink, Safford – Lane, Banbor – G. Rodriguez, Zarate, Ekundayo – Pedlow (c). **Bench:** Carrillo, Huck, Kotsy, Penafiel

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

1:2 – Ekundayo 4; 65th.  
2:2 – Pedlow 10; 75th.  
2:3 – Kotsy 1 (Ekundayo); 80th.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Ade Ekundayo

Winged Bull	<b>5</b>	National Soccer League 1st Division
Stare Byki	<b>5</b>	
		Olympic Park 25 September 2016

## Goals flying everywhere

Last Sunday was a day for goals at Olympic Park, as Winged Bull and the Byki met up in the regular-season finale. The Byki had two-goals leads twice in the contest, only to see a determined opponent fight their way back to eventually take a 5:4 lead late. The Byki, however managed to snatch a point with what was nearly the final action of the game, as Mike Stamatinos headed home from close range. The Byki finish the regular season at 5-3-4, good for fourth place in the NSL's 1st Division.

Stamatinos' goal turned out to be a dagger to the heart of Winged Bull, who came into the match in second place, one point behind SAC Wisla B. If Winged Bull could beat the Byki and if Wisla dropped points to Das Magic, Winged Bull would wind up as 1st Division champions. Das Magic did their part by fashioning a 2:2 draw with Wisla. That meant that Winged Bull actually was ready to claim the title until Stamatinos spoiled the party.

The Byki came out flying in this one, taking full advantage of the 10-man Winged Bull squad. The Byki scored twice in the first 12 minutes to go into the driver's seat. Stamatinos led the charge down the left wing and served a ball into the

# Byki Stats

FIRST TEAM, NSL 1ST DIVISION				O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION				O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION				O-48 TEAM, PSLC O-48 DIVISION			
Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts
Kirk, Q	6	3	9	Kekus	6	3	9	Kramarz	8	5	13	Pedlow	5	2	7
Stamatinos	1	5	6	Herholdt	5	2	7	Pedlow	10	1	11	Huck	3	1	4
Alfaro, Alvaro	2	3	5	Baekegaard	4	1	5	Ekundayo	4	2	6	Cohen	2	1	3
Ciszewski	3	1	4	Gibbs	3	1	4	Penafiel	1	3	4	Nelson	0	2	2
Mowry	3	1	4	Chudyba	1	2	3	Lane	2	1	3	Safford	0	2	2
Stevens	2	1	3	Ciszewski	2	0	2	Banbor	1	2	3	Carrillo	0	2	2
Freitag	1	1	2	Boeckeler	1	1	2	Zarate	1	2	3	Meuhlbauer	1	0	1
Joiner	1	0	1	Najera	1	1	2	Kotsy	1	1	2	Demarets	1	0	1
Rodriguez, C.	1	0	1	Elshafie	1	0	1	Rodriguez, G.	1	1	2	Dahlquist	0	1	1
Sauerman	1	0	1	Hurley	1	0	1	Fukar	1	0	1				
Calleros	0	1	1	Kotsy	1	0	1	Meuhlbauer	1	0	1	<b>Goalie</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>GAA</b>
Kirk, C	0	1	1	Pinkham	1	0	1	Carrillo	0	1	1	Fukar	45	0	0.00
Team goals	3	x	x	Beeson	0	1	1	Team goals	7	x	x	Bolesta	45	0	0.00
				Buur	0	1	1					Calbay	87	1	1.03
<b>Goalie</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>GAA</b>	Kramarz	0	1	1	<b>Goalie</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>GAA</b>	Muehlbauer	48	1	1.88
Mansuri	270	4	1.33	Wolosewicz	0	1	1	Vlahakis	522	9	1.55	Vlahakis	360	12	3.00
Chronowski	720	15	1.88					Fukar	468	10	1.92	King	45	2	4.00
Current record: 5-3-4				<b>Goalie</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>GAA</b>	Current record: 8-2-3				Current record: 2-0-5			
				Najera	180	3	1.50								
				Chronowski	180	5	2.50								
				Khankari	720	28	3.50								
				Marquez	90	12	12.00								
				Current record: 5-1-8											

middle of the box in the fourth minute. The Winged Bull defense allowed the ball to bounce and Marek Ciszewski swooped in to smash the ball on the half-volley past the frozen goalkeeper.

Eight minutes later, Ben Rodriguez fought his way out of a crowd near the right touchline at midfield and slipped a pass to Quavas Kirk. Spotting Kyler Mowry running into space, Kirk centered and Mowry did the rest, depositing a low shot into the corner.

As is their habit, Winged Bull was not about to accept a two-goal deficit. They got one back in the 20th minute when they launched a simple pass over the top of the Byki defense. Winged Bull's striker beat everyone to the ball and slotted past the advancing Pete Chronowski.

Winged Bull reached their full complement of 11 shortly thereafter, but the teams continued to rack up the goals. In the 37th minute, the Byki beat a spread-out Winged Bull defense on the counterattack. Ciszewski carried along the left wing and found Kirk open in the middle. Kirk took a touch to get into shooting position and fired home from 15 yards to make it 3:1.

But lack of attention by the Byki let Winged Bull back into the contest. A sloppy turnover in the back became an open shot on the right side of the box in the 41st minute to cut the deficit to 3:2. The equalizer came just before halftime. A Winged Bull player dribbled into the deep right corner and crossed into the middle, where the Byki had left a Winged Bull player unmarked. He beat Chronowski from close range and the match was level at 3:3.

The Byki changed their formation slightly and dropped Ciszewski into midfield, which helped bring stability where it was most needed. The second half featured just three goals, but the tension could not have been much higher.

Just two minutes in, Phil Parker floated a free kick from midfield into space for Mowry, who had run behind the defense. The keeper snared Mowry's attempt from 18 yards.

The Byki regained the lead in the 60th minute. Mowry and Kirk ran at three Winged Bull defenders and were poised to break into the penalty area, until Kirk was hacked down just outside the box. Kirk stepped up and curled an impossible shot into the uppermost corner of the goal.

The lead lasted just five minutes. Stamatinos slid in to challenge for the ball at the outer reaches of the Byki penalty area and was whistled for a foul. A Winged Bull player stepped up to the penalty spot and sent Chronowski the wrong way to knot things at 4:4.

The match surely would have more goals and an elated Winged Bull side grabbed their first lead at 76 minutes. They built their foray on the right flank, and three quick passes inside the Byki penalty area later, the ball was in the back of the net.

The Byki pulled out all of the stops in the endgame and pressure mounted on the Winged Bull goal as the clock ticked towards 90 minutes. The Byki equalizer was all about effort and heart. Bryan de Rama threw the ball in on the right side to Kirk, who controlled it along the goal line, to the left of the Winged Bull goalie. Kirk sent an overhead kick into the middle, where the ball bounced in front of the goal area. Stamatinos was first to the ball and he nodded it home for an incredible 5:5 tie. "I saw the goalie go one way, and I thought I would just head the ball the other way," Stamatinos said afterwards.

**BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2):** Chronowski – Bickel, Stevens, Sabo, Stamatinos (c) – Parker, B. Rodriguez, De Rama, Mowry – Ciszewski, Q Kirk. **Bench:** Al. Alfaro, Boeckeler.

#### **BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

0:1 – Ciszewski 3 (Stamatinos); 4th.

0:2 – Mowry 3 (Q. Kirk); 12th.

1:3 – Q. Kirk 5 (Ciszewski); 37th.

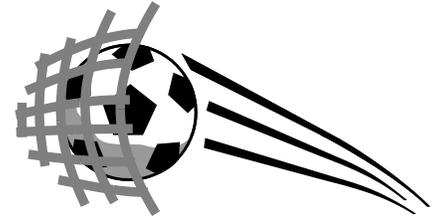
3:4 – Q. Kirk 6; 60th.

5:5 – Stamatinos 1 (Q. Kirk); 90th.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Quavas Kirk.



# BYKI bits & pieces



## **Football High-Low Game Fundraiser**

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### **How much does it cost to play?**

Ticket donation is \$25 and the ticket is valid for all 17 weeks of the NFL season and playoffs up until the Super Bowl.

### **How do you win?**

There are two ways to win. You win if the two teams listed for a given week combine to score the highest number of points that weekend in the NFL. You also win if the two teams listed for a given week combine to score the lowest number of points that weekend in the NFL.

### **How much do you win?**

For the regular season, you win \$50 if your teams combine to score the highest number of points that week, and \$25 if they combine to score the lowest number of points. For the three weeks of the playoffs, the payouts rise to \$150 and \$75, respectively. A drawing for four cash prizes will be held during the lead-up to the Super Bowl. All tickets are eligible for this drawing.

### **What happens if a team is on a bye week?**

Both teams listed on a ticket for a given week must play that week for the ticket to be valid. The same situation applies for the playoffs; if one or both teams listed for the playoff weeks are not in the playoffs, then the ticket is not valid for that week.

### **Will I be playing the same two teams every week?**

No. The pairs of teams are selected at random. You have to check your ticket every week to see which teams are involved for that week.

### **Do the teams listed in a given week have to play one another in order to win?**

No. In fact, it is highly unlikely that the teams listed will be playing one another. The only thing that counts is how many points are scored by the teams listed in their respective games.

### **What if someone else has the same teams that I do? Do we both win?**

Every ticket is unique, so no other player has your two teams for a given week. There are a total of 496 tickets in play and the approximate odds of winning some kind of prize are 1 in 9.

### **What if there is more than one winning ticket?**

If there is more than one winning ticket in a given week, the prize money will be split equally among the winners.

### **How do I know if I won?**

All winners will be notified via email or phone, so it is important to ensure that you correctly fill out the details on the ticket stub. Details of prize winners will also be posted on this website.

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\$50 - Regular season week, high score  
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\$150 - Playoff week, high score  
\$75 - Playoff week, low score

\$500 - Cash drawing #1  
\$250 - Cash drawing #2  
\$125 - Cash drawing #3  
\$125 - Cash drawing #4

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<b>Red Section</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
SAC Wisla B	12	8	3	1	51	19	27
AAC Winged Bull	12	8	2	2	37	15	26
Das Magic	12	6	2	4	33	23	20
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>
FC Macedonia	12	5	2	5	19	31	17
FC Moldova	12	3	1	8	20	31	10
Chicago Dynasty FC B	12	0	1	11	12	58	1
CKS Warta B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FC Kosova	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**PSLC OVER 30 WHITE DIVISION****September 25, 2016****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
FC Oasu	14	12	0	2	66	21	36
Levski Chicago 2014	13	11	1	1	64	19	34
FC DePaul	13	11	0	2	56	14	33
Tricolorii	13	7	2	4	46	21	23
A.E.K F.C CHICAGO	14	6	4	4	39	29	22
St Charles Celtics	13	6	1	6	36	45	19
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>16</b>
Olympiacos Chicago	13	3	3	7	24	44	12
Chicago Rangers FC	13	3	1	9	17	44	10
Shogun	13	1	2	10	24	61	5
Real FC	13	0	1	12	18	70	1

**PSLC OVER 40 B1 DIVISION****September 25, 2016****www.pslchicagoland.com**

<b>B1 DIVISION</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Grosse Point Social Club	13	11	1	1	37	12	34
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>26</b>
Pampas OT	12	6	2	4	40	24	20
Windy City United	14	6	2	6	31	32	20
Naperville Strikers FC	13	5	1	7	31	45	16
MOFG	13	2	3	8	22	40	9
MANA Soccer Club	14	2	1	11	18	44	7

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	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
HNK Concordia	6	6	0	0	22	4	18
St Charles Celtics	5	3	0	2	8	6	9
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>
International SC	5	2	0	3	6	11	6
Sofia BG	3	0	0	3	4	15	0