Byki O-40 4: 0 Celtics Orange

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### Cup tune-up for Over 40s

The Over 40 Team wrapped up the regular season with a workmanlike 4:0 victory over St Charles Celtics Orange last Sunday at Oak Brook. Mitch Posada tallied a goal and an assist, while Mark Weslar, moved up to striker for the first time this season, added two assists. The Byki had trounced the Celtics 11:0 earlier in the season, but this performance lacked inspiration and precision, as the Byki look ahead to the PSLC Cup.

The Byki secured third place in the Over 40 Blue Division, trailing champions Torino by four points. MOFG finished second, one point better than the Byki. The team will continue to compete in the Blue Division in 2013.

The Byki expected an easy game versus the Celtics and they got just that. Unfortunately, the Byki were on cruise control and did not really push themselves to play at top level, something they will need at tournament time.

Two goals three minutes apart put the Byki in control. Weslar dished the ball off to Posada, who embarked on a winding run through the befuddled Celtics defense and slotted past the keeper for his seventh tally of the campaign.

In the 21st minute, Gabriel Rodriguez found Sven Dahlquist alone and Dahlquist took the ball deep into the box before delivering a sizzling cross to the far post. As the Celtics watched the ball go past, a hustling Ben Zygmunt arrived at the far post to tap the ball home for a 2:0 lead.

The security of a two-goal lead sent the Byki into a lull. Although the field was tilted significantly in their favor, the Byki did not bring their killer instinct to Oak Brook and allowed the possibility of a fluke goal to change the complexion of the match.

The Byki had a chance to pad the lead on the hour mark when Steven Pedlow was brought down in the penalty area. The Celtics vainly whined that Pedlow had taken a dive, an argument in which the referee showed no interest. Nick Elmkinssi failed to convert the penalty when he shot the ball just to the left of the keeper, who happened to dive the right way. The players on the Celtics bench whooped it up after the save and taunted the Byki to put their keeper's accomplishment in their newsletter. *BB* reports everything that happens in Byki matches, but the editorial staff were left to scratch their heads at how the Celtics, a team who had lost all 18 of their league matches and had racked up an embarrassing goal difference of -99, could have the temerity to trash-talk any of their opponents.

The score went to 3:0 in the 75th minute. Dave Safford sent the ball along the left wing for Weslar, who took the ball deep before delivering a cross into the goal area. Jim Jacobs finished off the play with an easy roller for his second goal of the season.

Stopper Dave Fink completed the scoring right at the death when he headed home Posada's cross, beating the keeper at his near post.

The Byki now look forward to the Cup, which features all 19 teams from both Divisions. The teams have been arranged in five groups, four of which contain four teams, while the fifth contains three teams. The group winner and top three second-place teams will advance to the knockout stage. The Byki have been grouped with Hellenic United and two Celtics teams, Blue and Green.



## Byki try to hang with champs

It's never an easy task to take on NSL powerhouse RWB Adria, who consider the championship of any competition in which they participate to be their own. That was the challenge for the Red Team last Monday at Olympic Park and they did their best to make a game of it, despite falling 5:0.

Adria's pedigree speaks for itself and coach George Gorecki told his squad not to worry and to approach the match in an organized fashion. Up to a point, the players achieved that objective. "There's hardly a team in the entire US that wouldn't have trouble keeping up with Adria," Gorecki said. "We gave up three goals in stoppage time, at

moments when we lost focus. There were some nice stretches where we showed we could play with them." Those stretches were not as frequent as the Byki needed, but that kind of play would have served them well against the Major Division's lesser lights and might have beefed up the Byki point total high enough to keep them in the NSL's top flight for 2013.

The Byki stayed compact in their 4-5-1 formation and sweeper Kristian Buur did a fine job of marshaling his teammates to find and stay with their marks. The first 20 minutes of the match were played to a standoff, although the ball spent most of its time in the Byki end of the field.

Martin Bertels made two marvelous stops six minutes apart in the middle of the first half and watched a third dangerous attempt clang off of the crossbar. The Byki eventually cracked under this sustained pressure in the 27th minute. Two Adria shots inside the area were blocked by the defense, but the third one found the back of the net.

Adria caught the Byki napping in the 43rd minute when they put a free kick in play before the Byki were ready. At least Bertels was awake and he bailed out his teammates yet again. Moments later, a quick passing sequence on the left side found a gap in the Byki defense and an Adria forward executed the easy tap-in for a 2:0 lead at the half.

The Byki had their first good look at the Adria goal just after the hour mark. Jeremy Slate found Marek Ciszewski on the right side of the Adria penalty area and Ciszewski wasted no time playing an incisive diagonal pass across the goal area. Maciek Kekus had made the far-post run, but was a step too late to finish it off.

Three minutes later, Bertels made a magnificent leaping save on a shot curling towards his far post. Adria made it 3:0 shortly thereafter, converting a Byki turnover in a lightning

counterattack. "That was their best goal of the night," noted Gorecki. "They made three passes to cover half the field and stuck the ball in the net before some of our players even knew that we had lost the ball."

Bertels made two more eye-popping saves in the final 17 minutes, mopping up plays in which the Byki allowed the ball to get behind them. Adria tacked on two more goals in stoppage time to pad their stats. "Those late lapses were regrettable, but they did not take away from our team's tremendous effort for 90 minutes against the most difficult opponent they will face in amateur competition."



### Blues go from bad to worse

Just when the Blue Team thought they couldn't sink any lower following their deflating 6:0 defeat to Chicago Dynasty, they floundered badly last Sunday in a devastating 8:0 loss to Lamasso FC at Olympic Park. The Byki were down 2:0 inside of seven minutes and things only got worse from there.

Prior to the match, player-coach Kristian Buur noticed that several Lamasso players had previously played with Winged Bull, who were placed on suspension two weeks ago

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RED TEAM, NSL MAJOR DIVISION			SION	BLUE TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION				O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION				O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION			
Player	G	Α	Pts	Player	G	Α	Pts	Player	G	Α	Pts	Player	G	Α	Pts
Ciszewski	5	3	8	LaConte	2	3	5	Maruska	2	5	7	Pedlow	9	5	14
Stopka	5	2	7	Stopka	4	0	4	Kekus	3	1	4	Rodriguez	5	9	14
Trowbridge	2	3	5	Gonchar	2	1	3	Inalsingh	1	2	3	Huck	10	2	1
Geraghty	3	1	4	Barcenas	1	2	3	Stamatinos	1	2	3	Posada	7	5	1
Mehreioskouei	2	1	3	Onaissi	1	2	3	Guzman	2	0	2	Weslar	2	8	1
Sampson	1	1	2	Mehagic	2	0	2	Uriza	2	0	2	Cohen	3	2	
Cardenas	1	0	1	Buur	1	1	2	Buur	1	0	1	Ekundayo	3	2	
Guzman	1	1	2	Garnon	1	1	2	Fleming	1	0	1	Elmkinssi	3	2	
Gyuricza	1	0	1	Koenig	1	1	2	Gibbs	1	0	1	Zygmunt	3	2	
Herholdt	1	0	1	Bollinger	1	0	1	Guild	1	0	1	Fink	2	3	
LaConte	1	0	1	Najera	1	0	1	Hodge	1	0	1	Jacobs	2	0	
Soegaard	0	1	1	Slate	1	0	1	Kadzielawa	1	0	1	Dahlquist	1	1	
Uriza	0	1	1	Jimenez	0	1	1	Penafiel	1	0	1	Zadlo	1	0	
Young	0	1	1	Wood	0	1	1	Dziekiewicz	0	1	1	Mazmanian	0	1	
Bollinger	2	0	2	Team goals	1	х	х					Tower	0	1	
Dziekiewicz	0	1	1					Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Team goals	8	х	
Team goals	1	х	Х	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Vlahakis	90	4	4.00				
				Garnon	7	0	0.00	Uriza	270	12	4.00	Goalie	Min	GA	GA
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Stopka	83	1	1.08	Najera	720	37	4.63	Rodriguez	45	0	0.00
Bertels	1170	58	4.46	Najera	360	13	3.25	Current	t record: 0-2	2-13		Zadlo	3	0	0.00
Najera	180	11	5.50	Khankari	900	46	4.60					Muehlbauer	315	2	0.57
Current r	ecord: 1-	1-13		Current	record: 4-	0-12						Vlahakis	1257	34	2.43
												Current	record: 12	2-1-5	

by the NSL for failure to pay their bills. The Byki have asked the NSL to investigate the eligibility of any Winged Bull players who have been signed by Lamasso.

Sunday's match was the sixth time in 16 matches that the Byki have been blanked and they hardly came close to challenging the Lamasso goalkeeper. Once they had grabbed the early lead, Lamasso played with their back four lined up near their own penalty area, creating a huge gap between their defense and the midfield. The Byki had no clue how to exploit this gap and Lamasso just kept piling on the goals.

Squad problems did not make it easier for the Byki. Buur struggled to get a full 11 on the field, even up to Sunday morning. Over 30 player Dan Jedrzejowski helped out, despite playing 90 minutes the day before. Enrique Barcenas and Raul Lopez were fighting to play through injuries, and Jordan Stopka had to remove himself from the field twice because of physical ailments.

Jedrzejowski summed up the frustration. "I've given up 18 goals the last two days," sighed Jedrzejowski.

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# Byki on wrong side of goalfest

If someone said that the Over 30 Team would score four times against second-place Chicago Pampas, one would expect that the Byki would finally secure that elusive first victory of the season. Pampas, however, had other ideas, and banged in four goals in the first 20 minutes and were content to trade goals with the Byki in an easy 10:4 romp at Olympic Park

last Saturday.

Pampas put the Byki goal under siege from the outset. A diagonal pass got behind the Byki defense in the fourth minute and a Pampas player made the right run to slot the ball past Ray Najera.

The pressure from Pampas was unrelenting, as they were knocking on the door three times in the next ten minutes. Najera was at his best just to keep the score at 1:0. But then Pampas really turned things up, scoring three times in the span of four minutes to take a commanding 4:0 lead.

The Byki stemmed the tide in the 33rd minute. Alex Guzman made a forceful run down the right wing all the way down to the goal line. He crossed the ball to the far side, where Kieron Inalsingh headed the ball back to the penalty arc for Alex Maruska, whose shot found the inside of the post to make it 4:1.

The Byki came out with confidence after the break. Saeed Kamalinia pounced on a loose ball and shot right at the goalie from ten yards. After another Byki giveaway made it 5:1 to Pampas, the Byki responded with a pair of well-taken goals.

Lazaro Uriza's bid was denied by the post in the 54th minute. The Byki pulled to within 5:2 a minute later. Matt Fleming found Maruska in the middle of the field with a quick pass and Maruska immediately laid off for John Guild on the right-side touchline. Guild lofted the ball towards the Pampas goal, where the keeper stood on his line and watched the ball float into the net behind him.

The Byki cut the deficit to two in the 57th minute. A steal at midfield launched the counter and Maruska's first-time pass opened things up for Maciek Kekus, who made no mistake on the advancing goalkeeper.

Just to let the Byki know who was boss in this match, Pampas revved things up and scored three more times in a span of eight minutes for an 8:3 lead.

The Byki notched their fourth score of the contest in the 77th minute, when an unlucky bounce resulted in a Pampas defender handling the ball in his own area. The referee awarded a penalty and Uriza converted the spot kick for his second goal of the season.

# **BYKI SCOREBOARD**

**RED** 

Byki 0:5 Adria

NSL Major Division - Olympic Park - 1 October 2012

**BYKI LINEUP (4-5-1):** Bertels – Buur, Slate, Stefankiewicz, Dziekiewicz – Uriza, Soegaard, Stamatinos (c), Szczypka, Ciszewski – Kekus. **Bench:** Guzman, Mehagic.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY** 

None.

Byki Men of the Match: Martin Bertels and Kyle Stefankiewicz

#### **BLUE**

Byki 0:8 Lamasso

NSL 1st Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 30 September 2012

**BYKI LINEUP (3-5-2):** Najera – Jedrzejowski, Kosinski, Stopka (c) – Szczypka, Barcenas, Buur, Slate, Jimenez – Gonchar, Lopez.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY** 

None.

Byki Man of the Match: Mike Kosinski

#### **OVER 30**

Byki 4:10 Chicago Pampas

PSLC Over 30 Division -Olympic Park - 29 September 2012

**BYKI LINEUP (4-5-1):** Najera – Jedrzejowski, Guild, Kekus (c), Dziekiewicz – Uriza, Fleming, Inalsingh, Maruska – Kamalinia.

#### **BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

1:4 - Maruska 2 (Inalsingh); 33rd.

2:5 - Guild 1 (Maruska); 55th.

3:5 - Kekus 3 (Maruska); 57th.

4:8 - Uriza 2 (pk); 77th.

Byki Man of the Match: Alex Maruska

#### **OVER 40**

Byki 4:0 Celtics Orange

PSLC Over 40 Blue Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 30 September 2012

**BYKI LINEUP:** Muehlbauer – Towsey, Cohen, Fink, Safford –Tower, Posada, Rodriguez, Elmkinssi – Pedlow (c), Weslar. **Bench:** Dahlquist, Gorecki, Huck, Jim Jacobs, Zygmunt.

#### **BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

1:0 - Posada 7 (Weslar); 18th.

2:0 – Zygmunt 3 (Dahlquist); 21st.

3:0 - Jacobs 2 (Weslar); 75th.

4:0 - Fink 2 (Posada); 90th.

Byki Man of the Match: Mark Weslar

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#### **MAJOR DIVISION**

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria	12	9	1	2	39	13	28
Gazelle SC	13	9	0	4	38	20	27
Jahbat FC	15	7	1	7	29	32	22
Albanian Stars	12	7	0	5	30	23	21
Brusfa FC	12	4	2	6	26	29	14
CKS Warta	14	4	1	9	28	56	13
Blue Section	GP	w	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Blue Section Hellenic United Blue	<b>GP</b> 14	<b>W</b> 10	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b> 3	<b>GF</b> 43	<b>GA</b> 14	<b>Pts</b> 31
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Hellenic United Blue	14	10	1	3	43	14	31
Hellenic United Blue Deportivo Colomex	14 14	10 9	1	3 5	43 44	14 18	31 27
Hellenic United Blue Deportivo Colomex Hellenic United White	14 14 14	10 9 7	1 0 1	3 5 6	43 44 28	14 18 37	31 27 22

#### **FIRST DIVISION**

Red Section	GP	w	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Jamstar FC	14	10	3	1	46	21	33
Bosphorus FC	15	10	2	3	45	25	32
Das Magic	15	8	3	4	40	24	27
West Indies Jets SC	14	7	4	3	36	22	25
Khaboor FC	14	7	3	4	36	20	24
FC Moldova	14	6	2	6	33	38	20
Independiente FC (S)	13	2	2	9	14	38	8
Shlama FC	14	2	1	11	19	52	7
NK Prijedor (S)	13	0	2	11	19	48	2
Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Assyrian FC	16	12	1	3	63	25	37
FC Kosova	16	11	2	3	49	27	35
Lancer FC	15	8	1	6	31	29	25
FK Republika Srpska	13	7	2	4	39	29	23
Raiders FC	15	7	2	6	34	31	23
Gremio FC	14	7	2	5	31	25	23
Chicago Dynasty FC	16	4	3	9	32	45	15
Lamaso FC	12	3	3	6	30	32	12
Stare Byki FC Blue	16	4	0	12	19	63	12
Winged Bull (S)	15	2	2	11	16	38	8

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#### **OVER 30 RED DIVISION**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	
Romania SC	17	15	1	1	74	23	46	
Pampas	17	15	0	2	83	27	45	
Bulgaria FC	16	12	0	4	63	33	36	
FC Tarnovia	14	8	2	4	29	23	26	
Jahbat FC	17	8	2	7	43	44	26	
Balkan	14	7	2	5	39	31	23	
Hellenic United AC	13	7	0	6	33	27	21	
St Charles Celtics Red	14	6	1	7	40	41	19	
SAC Wisla	16	4	1	11	39	60	13	
Chicago Celtic	16	4	1	11	29	56	13	
La Granate	14	3	1	10	30	60	10	
Black Eagle	16	2	3	11	38	69	9	
Stare Byki FC	14	0	2	12	20	66	2	

#### **OVER 40 BLUE DIVISION**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	
Torino FC	18	13	3	2	62	24	42	
MOFG	18	12	2	4	39	26	38	
Stare Byki FC	18	12	1	5	59	36	37	
Real FC	18	10	3	5	55	37	33	
Villains SC	18	10	1	7	43	39	31	
Pampas OT	17	9	2	6	47	30	29	
Naperville Strikers FC	18	7	1	10	51	43	22	
Windy City United	17	5	1	11	47	43	16	
St Charles Celtics Green	18	4	0	14	38	64	12	
St Charles Celtics Orange	18	0	0	18	4	103	0	