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**2015 PSLC  
Over 40  
CHAMPIONS**

Stare Byki	<b>1</b>	National Soccer League 1st Division
Guadalajara	<b>5</b>	Calumet Park 11 October 2015

## Byki out of sync, out of playoffs

After a month of inactivity, the Byki lined up against FC Guadalajara last Sunday in the quarterfinals of the NSL playoffs at Calumet Park. The idle time did not help the Byki, who conceded two early goals and spent the rest of the match playing catch-up. They never got over the hump and Guadalajara pumped in three late goals to punctuate a deserved 5:1 victory.

With a large number of postponed matches remaining unscheduled in the final weeks of the season, the NSL was forced to push back the start of the playoffs one week. The delay left the Byki, who played their final regular-season match on September 13, without any action for four weeks. The rustiness in their game was evident and they needed the entire first half to get on track.

Guadalajara probed for gaps in the Byki defense and found them early. In the 10th minute, the Byki defense was split open by a well-timed through pass. The Byki could not respond and a Guadalajara forward beat Pete Chronowski from 15 yards.

Six minutes later, poor communication in the back allowed a Guadalajara player an open look from the arc and his curling shot found the upper corner for a shocking 2:0 lead.

The Byki spent the rest of the first half trying to restore the form that led them to the second-best point total in the 1st Division in 2015. It was an uphill struggle. For many players, the simple task of making a clean first touch when receiving a pass was a challenge. When the Byki could keep possession, they often held the ball too long before looking for a pass and the inevitable turnover put them on the defensive again.

The team shook off their lethargy in the final 15 minutes of the first half and the Guadalajara defense were put on notice. The breakthrough came two minutes before the break. Winger Devin Freitag controlled the ball on the right side of the area and suddenly swiveled to belt a cross to the left side with a wicked half volley. The ball found striker Nanmin Kone, whose snap header from the corner of the 6-yard box

found the back of the net. The ball took a slight deflection off of a defender, but there was no doubt once Kone had taken aim. Kone led the team in goals (15) and assists (6) this season.

Midfielder Joe Sauerman nearly brought the Byki level as the first-half whistle approached. He won a loose ball in the center circle and spotted the keeper wandering off of his line. Sauerman went for goal and his booming shot caused the goalie to scramble frantically back into position. His relief was palpable as the shot narrowly missed the target.

The Byki sought to even things up early in the second half. They came out with intensity, but could not convert good chances into goals. In the 50th minute, a long pass out of the back sent Kone on the run. As his marker kept backing away, Kone shifted gears and sprinted past him into the box. The goalkeeper came out and shepherded Kone into a wide path and then smothered his attempt to center the ball.

Just after the hour mark, Brendan Flynn pressured a Guadalajara player at the top of the box and came in alone on the goalie, but wound up sliding his shot wide.

In the 68th minute, Sauerman blasted a long pass from midfield for Freitag on the right side of the penalty area. The keeper made a late bid to win the ball, but could only manage a feeble punch. The ball went to the right wing, where Freitag tried to lob the ball into the empty net. The goalkeeper got back just in time to tip the ball to safety.

As the clock ticked forward, the Byki became more desperate. With 10 minutes left, coach George Gorecki rolled the dice and pushed more players forward, stretching the game at both ends of the field.

Mike Stamatinos drilled a shot from the arc in the 82nd minute. The goalie blocked it, but it was too hot to handle. No Byki, however, were close enough to take care of the rebound.

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Chronowski made two stellar saves two minutes apart on wide-open chances and kept the Byki in the hunt.

After the Byki cleared away a corner in the 87th minute, a long pass sent Kone on a breakaway. A trailing defender got in the way, but Kone got past him, with only the keeper to beat. The angle was tough, but Kone's shot was on target, only to be cleared off the line by the defender.

The back-breaking goal came in the 89th minute. The Byki gave the ball away in the back third and a Guadalajara player launched a bomb from 30 yards that screamed into the upper corner for a 3:1 lead that put Guadalajara into the semifinals. They added two more in stoppage time as the Byki desperately tried to find a way to get back into the game.

**BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1):** Chronowski – Zachariah, J. Rodriguez, Calleros, Stamatinos (c) – Selva, Flynn – Freitag, De Rama, Ciszewski – Kone.  
**Bench:** Sauerman

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**  
1:2 – Kone 15 (Freitag); 43rd.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Pete Chronowski.

Levski	4	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White Division
Byki 0-30	0	Windemere Park 11 October 2015

## Late goals eliminate Byki

An 11-man Byki squad fought bravely last Sunday in the PSLC's quarterfinals, but it was not enough in the end. Levski Chicago broke open a tightly contested 1:0 encounter with three goals in the final minutes to cruise to a 4:0 win, eliminating the Byki from the post-season.

Injuries and absences wreaked havoc with the Byki lineup on Sunday, yet the story was hardly different than most matchdays this season. After the first two games of the season, the Byki bench has had more than three substitutes just twice.

The Byki endeavored to play smart and compact against Levski, who had clinched the regular-season championship on the final day of play. Fifteen minutes in, the Byki should have scored first. Kuba Banbor released Ray Najera down the right wing and Najera continued his run into the box. He crossed the ball for Paul Pinkham, who was alone in the area. His first touch, however, let him down and he was unable to convert the opportunity.

Levski took the lead in the 30th minute when a quick 1-2 created an opportunity in the box. The Levski forward shot low to the far post, and goalkeeper Alan Stevens got a palm to the ball, but could not prevent the ball from rolling over the line.

The Byki had a great chance to equalize just before halftime. Maciek Kekus curled a delightful through ball behind the Levski defense, sending Najera running into the clear. Najera tried to volley into a vacant Levski goal, lobbing

over the keeper, who had charged off his line. The keeper certainly must have been relieved when he saw the ball float wide of the target.

The Byki continued to hang tough with the champions after the break. Stevens made a crucial double save early in second half, when a low, hard cross zoomed across the face of goal. The first shot ricocheted off of Chris Hurley, forcing Stevens to make a reflex save. Stevens palmed the ball away, but not out of danger. The rebound was free on the doorstep of the Byki goal and Stevens threw his body in front of the shot, managing to get a deflection. The ball ricocheted off of the inside of the post, rolled across the goalmouth, and finally out of danger.

The Byki lacked attacking ideas in the second half, partly due to fatigue, and partly due to an injury incurred by defender Matt Fleming. With no one around to substitute, Fleming was forced to limp around up top and hold the ball up. Half chances from Kekus and Pinkham were the best that the Byki could do.

The Byki tried to commit more players going forward in the endgame, probing for the equalizer that would extend their season. The plan backfired, as Levski converted three breakaway situations into goals to put the result to bed. The Byki had managed to maintain their discipline to that point and every single player left everything on the pitch, showing tons of heart throughout the match.

*Alan Stevens contributed to this story.*

**BYKI LINEUP (4-5-1):** Stevens – King, Fleming, Hurley, Marquez – Banbor, Boeckeler, Pinkham, Kekus (c), Chudyba – Najera.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**  
None.

**Byki Men of the Match:** Chris Hurley and Paul Pinkham.

Byki 0-40	0	Premier Soccer League Over 40 B1 Division
Itasca	3	Oak Brook Sports Core 11 October 2015

## Shock exit for Byki

The Over 40 Team's attempt to repeat their double-trophy winning performance of 2014 thudded to a halt last Sunday when Itasca knocked them out of the post-season tournament with a 3:0 victory at Oak Brook. The Byki ended their season on an improbable four-game losing streak.

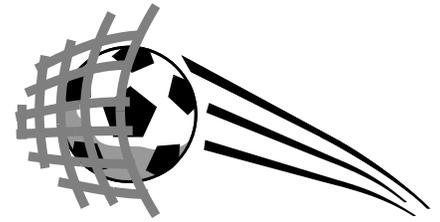
As back-to-back league champions, the Byki should have been the team to beat in the tournament. However, they could not shake off the late-season malaise that had crept into the team in September.

Itasca put the Byki on notice early. In the 10th minute, a through ball bounced over stopper Dean Fukar. Goalie James





# 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.

### **Prize Summary**

\$50 - Regular season week, high score  
\$25 - Regular season week, low score

\$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>
FC Kosova	13	9	2	2	38	19	29
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>26</b>
Das Magic	13	6	3	4	39	27	21
Chicago Dynasty FC	12	3	3	6	19	30	12
Olympiacos Chicago	10	1	0	9	14	40	3
West Indies Jets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

<b>Blue Section</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Assyrian FC	12	7	0	5	31	25	21
FC Guadalajara	13	6	1	6	35	30	19
Gremio FC	13	6	0	7	32	42	18
FC Macedonia	12	6	0	6	27	32	18
Lancer SC	11	3	1	7	23	39	10

**PSLC OVER 40 B1/B2 DIVISION  
FINAL STANDINGS**  
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<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>
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>33</b>
Pampas OT	16	10	1	5	57	32	31
Windy City United	16	10	1	5	36	21	31
Naperville Strikers FC	16	5	2	9	38	47	17
MOFG	14	4	2	8	23	36	14
International SC O40	14	2	4	8	21	42	10

<b>B2 DIVISION</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
MANA Soccer Club	16	11	0	5	85	42	33
St Charles Celtics Green	16	9	4	3	60	32	31
Itasca	16	9	3	4	49	34	30
Real FC	16	7	1	8	40	52	22
Chicago FC	15	4	3	8	35	50	15
St Charles Celtics Orange	15	0	1	14	11	85	1

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FINAL STANDINGS**  
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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>
Levski Chicago 2014	16	12	2	2	66	23	38
FC DePaul	16	12	2	2	55	20	38
AEK FC Chicago	16	11	2	3	49	19	35
St Charles Celtics	16	11	1	4	56	39	34
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>25</b>
Chicago Rangers FC	16	5	4	7	33	30	19
Olympiacos Chicago	16	5	0	11	31	44	15
Real FC	16	1	1	14	21	83	4
Shogun	16	0	1	15	17	77	1

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FINAL STANDINGS**  
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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	7	7	0	0	32	5	21
Sofia BG	6	4	0	2	26	15	12
International SC	8	3	1	4	21	25	10
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>7</b>
St Charles Celtics	7	1	0	6	11	22	3

**STARE BYKI FC**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Sunday, November 15**  
**Start time: 12.00 noon**