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OVER 40

Byki 4 :1 Pampas

PSLC Over 40 Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 16 October 2011

Pedlow hat trick makes victory easy

The Over 40 Team picked a great day to notch only their second win of the season when they trounced Chicago Pampas 4:1 in the opening match of group play in the PSLC tournament. Striker Steven Pedlow was as sharp as ever, scoring three times in the first half hour to put the Byki in complete control. Although the Byki were unable to put the result to bed until late, they showed the brains and the effort needed to get a crucial three points.

The victory sets up a showdown with International FC, who are the third team in the group. Only the group winner will advance to the quarterfinals of the tournament. The Byki meet International tonight, and then International and Pampas will complete group play on Sunday.

The Byki wasted no time getting into the driver's seat. Brian Huck headed James Vlahakis' long goal kick over to the right wing to Mitch Posada, who sprinted with the ball down to the Pampas goal line. He crossed the ball to the far post, where Pedlow had made the supporting run to knock the ball home with a first-time shot.

Six minutes later, the speedy Pedlow trashed an ill-conceived offside trap by Pampas. Eric Tower was dribbling in midfield and spotted Pedlow making the run into space. The timing was perfect and Pedlow was in alone with the goalkeeper, who had come out of his box to challenge for the ball. He forced Pedlow to dribble wide, but the goal remained open, and Pedlow made no mistake to give the Byki a 2:0 lead.

The third goal was just as easy for the Byki. Jing Geng executed a simple through pass to catch the Pampas defense flat-footed and Pedlow dashed in to finish off the play. The keeper came out yet again, but was far too late to make any difference. Pedlow waltzed in unimpeded to complete the

hat trick.

The dominant Byki had pretty much knocked the stuffing out of Pampas, whose slowness of thought and of foot scotched any hopes of a reversal. They spent the majority of the last hour quarreling with the officials over every decision that went against them, or arguing with one another to the point where a couple of players angrily subbed themselves out of the game. Pampas had managed to pull back a goal in the 41st minute, but it was little more than a mirage.

The Byki had a great opportunity to blow the game open in the second half. But they inexplicably chose to play the direct route, rather than the quick, simple passes that had created yawning gaps in the Pampas defense. As a result, Pampas were one bad bounce away from getting back into the game.

The Byki eventually righted the ship in the final 15 minutes. They began moving into space and the passes became more numerous. It did not take long to put the Pampas defense back on their heels.

Jim Jacobs had a great opportunity to restore the margin to three goals, but the keeper saved his breakaway attempt. Nick Elkinssi put the result beyond any doubt in the 86th minute, when he received Tower's pass on the left flank. With no defender in sight, Elkinssi cut to the inside and picked the perfect shooting angle. The goalkeeper had no chance, as Elkinssi deposited the ball in the back of the net.



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RED**Wisla 6 : 1 Byki**

NSL Major Division - Hawthorne Sports Complex - 16 October 2011

Byki exit playoffs with a thud

The Red Team ran into the Wisla buzz saw last Sunday in their quarterfinal playoff match and bowed out of the postseason after a 6:1 defeat. Wisla blitzed the Byki with a four-goal barrage in a span of 13 minutes during the first half. The Byki tried to regroup with an all-out attacking formation in the second half, but they had little success making headway against Wisla's speed and physical superiority.

The Byki had plenty of optimism going into the contest. The sides had engaged in a lively battle earlier in the season, and that match ended in a 3:3 draw. Both teams came away thinking that they were better on the day, but it was Wisla who brought their A game to the playoffs.

The first sign of trouble for the Byki came in the 14th minute. A Wisla player sent a cross in from the deep right corner. Goalkeeper Martin Bertels came out, but was unable to hang on to the ball. A Wisla player pounced on the loose ball and Bertels made an amazing save from a prone position and the Byki cleared the ball away.

In the 25th minute, Wisla sent the ball long down the left side. The winger crossed the ball into the middle for a teammate, who had flashed into open space. His shot found the far post for a 1:0 lead.

Six minutes later, Wisla's speed left the Byki gasping to catch up. They executed a lightning-swift counter down the right flank, blazing past the defense, leaving Bertels stranded. Bertels came out to challenge and the Wisla player rounded him to deposit the ball into the empty net.

Moments later, Wisla's attackers were off to the races yet again. They broke out at midfield and the Byki had no answers to deal with the breakaway. The score swelled to 4:0 in the 38th minute, when the Byki turned the ball over in the back third and Wisla's striker made simple work of the gift opportunity. "We lost the ball and Wisla just shoved it down our throats," said a dejected Joe Gambino.

The Byki came out in a 3-4-3 formation to start the second half, in the hopes of keeping Wisla under high pressure for the remaining 45 minutes. The pressure nearly paid dividends moments after the second-half kickoff. Wisla gave up possession in their own end and striker Ammin Mehreioskouei took the ball into the middle and fired immediately. His shot agonizingly hit the far post.

Wisla squelched any plans for a Byki comeback in the 54th minute. A clever through pass caught the Byki backline flat, leading to a breakaway that made the score 5:0.

The Byki replied three minutes later, sending Ryan Russ on a long run down the right wing. Russ sent a cross for the near post, where Chris Koenig deftly redirected the ball past the stunned goalie.

The remainder of the match was end-to-end action. The Byki became stretched by pushing so many players forward and Wisla utilized their speed to execute counterattacks. They broke through for their sixth goal in the 76th minute, catching the Byki ball-watching on a back-door play that gave Bertels no chance.

Byki Stats

RED TEAM, NSL MAJOR DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Ciszewski	5	2	7
Herholdt	5	2	7
Mehreioskouei	5	2	7
Russ	3	2	5
Stamatinos	1	4	5
Torossian	3	1	4
Dziekiewicz	0	4	4
Trowbridge	1	2	3
Buur	0	3	3
Taubman	2	0	2
Temmerman	2	0	2
Lupou, Mike	0	2	2
Barsotti	1	0	1
Gambino	1	0	1
Geraghty	1	0	1
Koenig	1	0	1
Taylor	0	1	1
Team goals	4	x	x

Goalie

Min	GA	GAA	
Lupou, Marty	540	9	1.50
Barsotti	225	7	2.80
Bertels	495	16	2.91
Gambino	225	8	3.20
McMann	45	7	14.00

Final record: 6-3-8

BLUE TEAM, NSL 1ST DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Koenig	6	1	7
Del Priore	3	3	6
Garnon	0	5	5
Slate	4	0	4
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
Warnsmann	1	0	1
Gambino	0	1	1
Kosinski	0	1	1
Kramarz	0	1	1
Mansur	0	1	1
Team goals	1	x	x

Goalie

Min	GA	GAA	
Padda	5	0	0.00
Bertels	971	21	1.95
Simas	85	2	2.12
Gambino	225	7	2.80
Barsotti	154	7	4.09

Final record: 6-1-9

O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Kekus	10	3	13
Kramarz	6	3	9
Torossian	3	1	4
Samp	3	0	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
Posada	0	1	1
Team goals	3	x	x

Goalie

Min	GA	GAA	
Bertels	540	21	3.50
Vlahakis	450	21	4.20
Najera	450	22	4.40
Fukar	90	5	5.00

Current record: 4-1-13

O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Pedlow	7	1	8
Huck	5	0	5
Dahlquist	2	2	4
Posada	1	3	4
Jacobs	2	1	3
Dec	1	2	3
Cruickshank	2	0	2
Geng	0	2	2
Sambou	0	2	2
Tower	0	2	2
Elmkinssi	1	0	1
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	1530	39	2.29
Muehlbauer	90	3	3.00
Fukar	90	6	6.00

Current record: 2-6-11

OVER 30

Bulgaria FC 6 : 2 Byki

PSLC Over 30 Division - Windemere Park - 8 October 2011

Undermanned Byki can't hang on

The Over 30 Team began the group phase of the PSLC Cup tournament on a sour note when they succumbed to a second-half onslaught by powerhouse Bulgaria FC on October 8. Despite starting the match with just nine players, the composed Byki held their own and came into the break down just 1:0. But the Bulgarians used speed to their advantage and overran the Byki in the second half to win 6:2.

Maciek Kekus and Roman Kramarz, normally vital parts of the Byki attacking engine, started the game in the middle of defense and kept things solid and poised. The Byki allowed Bulgaria plenty of possession, but stiffened when the Bulgarians got inside of 20 yards of the Byki goal.

The Byki had limited scoring chances in the first half and were not far away from sneaking into the lead. Ivan Torossian's first-time cross from the right side of the box found Kieron Inalsingh, whose shot the keeper blocked with a leg save.

Kramarz made a bid for the opening score a few minutes later. His near-post attempt was blocked by the keeper and Inalsingh tried to slide in to knock the rebound home. He too, was denied by another nifty save by Bulgaria's goalie.

Down by just a goal, the Byki had their full complement of players by the start of the second half. Within five minutes, the score went level. Kramarz won the ball by the right corner and came back inside to score his fourth goal of the season.

That goal appeared to rouse the Bulgarians, who consistently beat the Byki offside trap and raced into numerous scoring positions. It did not take long for them to break the game open with five unanswered goals.

Torossian pulled one back in the late in the match, taking a feed from Kramarz.

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OVER 30

Byki 2 : 3 Balkan

PSLC Over 30 Division -Olympic Park - 15 October 2011

Upset bid falls short

The Over 30 Team looked set to get their first postseason win since joining the PSLC when they tangled with Balkan last Saturday at Olympic Park. The Byki led 2:1 at the hour mark, but Balkan stepped up their game and scored two goals in the final 23 minutes to salt away a 3:2 victory. With two losses in two matches in the group stage, the Byki cannot advance to the knockout round.

Balkan appeared poised to break the game open early. Byki goalkeeper James Vlahakis had other ideas and came up with two vital saves in the first 15 minutes. Following a Byki giveaway in the back, a Balkan player tried to test Vlahakis from long range. A few minutes later, high pressure from Balkan rattled the Byki defense, leading to a free kick on the right side. The ball was crossed into the mixer, where mayhem ensued. A Balkan player was open inside the goal area, but Vlahakis made a sensational save to keep things scoreless.

Balkan finally found the back of the net in the 19th minute. A corner kick was driven low into the middle, where a Balkan player redirected the ball through a tangle of legs.

Opening sequences such as this one have caused the Byki to crumble in the past. The team rebounded in positive fashion, however, and equalized ten minutes later. An amazing series of quick passes unhinged the Balkan defense, initiated by Greg Zaskowski on the left flank. He played the ball along the touchline to Maciek Kekus, who turned inside and laid the ball off to Mitch Posada. The midfielder scampered behind the Balkan defense and left the ball for Roman Kramarz at the top of the 18. Kramarz stepped up and teed up a blast that gave the goalkeeper no chance.

The confident Byki tried to maintain the upper hand in the second half. In the 56th minute, Byki pressure created a turnover in the Balkan end of the field. Kramarz played a pass to Kekus inside the box. Kekus slid into the clear and thought that he had beaten the goalie, who deflected the ball with a diving save. As the ball rolled behind him towards the goal, he managed to reach back and grab it in time.

Things looked promising for the Byki in the 60th minute, when Kramarz threw the ball into the box for Ray Najera. The keeper made a rash decision to challenge for the ball and fouled Najera in the process, prompting the referee to whistle for a penalty kick. Kramarz calmly converted the spot kick to put the Byki 2:1 up.

The goal seemed to awaken the sleeping giant and the momentum rapidly switched over to Balkan. They equalized in the 67th minute, when a Balkan player floated a pass towards the left side of the box to an unmarked teammate. Vlahakis charged off his line to intervene and the Balkan player flicked the ball over him into the unguarded goal.

Balkan made it 3:2 in the 82nd minute. The Byki allowed a Balkan player to dribble freely through the middle and he drilled a rocket shot into the upper corner to secure the victory.

BYKI SCOREBOARD

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Wisla 6 : 1 Byki

NSL Major Division - Hawthorne Sports Complex - 16 October 2011

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Bertels – Guzman, Dziekiewicz (c), Mike Lupou, Mansur – Trowbridge, Stamatinos, Russ, Torossian – Ciszewski, Mehreioskouei. **Bench:** Buur, Koenig, Marty Lupou, Stevens.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

5:1 – Koenig 1 (Russ); 57th.

Byki Man of the Match: Todd Trowbridge

OVER 40

Byki 4 :1 Pampas

PSLC Over 40 Division - Oak Brook Sports Core - 16 October 2011

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Vlahakis – Towsey, Geng, Fukar (c), Safford – Tower, Weslar, Posada, Elmkinssi – Huck, Pedlow. **Bench:** Dahlquist, Gorski, Jacobs, Muehlbauer, Sambou.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Pedlow 5 (Posada); 12th.

2:0 – Pedlow 6 (Tower); 18th.

3:0 – Pedlow 7 (Geng); 28th.

4:1 – Elmkinssi 1 (Tower); 86th.

Byki Man of the Match: Steven Pedlow

OVER 30

Bulgaria FC 6 : 2 Byki

PSLC Over 30 Division - Windemere Park - 8 October 2011

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Najera – Jdrzejowski, Banbor, Lane (c), Dziekiewicz – Zaskowski, Dec, Inalsingh, Kramarz – Torossian, Kekus.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – Kramarz 4; 50th.

6:2 – Torossian 3 (Kramarz); 85th.

Byki Man of the Match: None given

OVER 30

Byki 2 : 3 Balkan

PSLC Over 30 Division -Olympic Park - 15 October 2011

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Vlahakis – McGrath, Fukar, Lane (c), Casey – Kramarz, Banbor, Najera, Fleming – Zaskowski, Kekus. **Bench:** Posada.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – Kramarz 5 (Posada); 29th.

2:1 – Kramarz 6 (pk); 60th.

Byki Man of the Match: Roman Kramarz

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MAJOR DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria	16	16	0	0	85	14	48
SAC Wisla	16	9	3	4	57	40	30
Albanian Stars	16	6	5	5	34	33	23
FC Steaua	16	5	3	8	32	43	18
Jahbat FC	16	4	4	8	32	44	16
Khaboor FC	16	0	2	14	18	70	2

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Hellenic United Blue	16	12	0	4	66	27	36
Gazelle SC	16	10	1	5	48	35	31
Stare Byki FC Red	16	6	3	7	34	41	21
CKS Warta A	16	5	4	7	22	50	19
Hellenic United White	16	4	4	8	23	36	16
FK Republika Srpska	16	3	3	10	25	43	12

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Brusfa FC	16	11	3	2	57	21	36
Assyrian FC	16	12	0	4	64	38	36
NK Prijedor	16	8	2	6	37	31	26
Stare Byki FC Blue	16	6	1	9	23	37	19
Independiente FC	16	5	1	10	34	40	16
Gremio FC	16	1	1	14	19	69	4

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Deportivo Colomex	16	13	1	2	56	24	40
Das Magic	16	8	3	5	52	35	27
Chicago Thunder	15	6	3	6	39	40	21
West Indies Jets SC	16	4	6	6	30	40	18
CKS Warta B	16	5	1	10	18	37	16
Winged Bull B	15	4	2	9	23	40	14

SECOND DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Bosphorus FC	14	11	1	2	42	14	34
Lamaso FC	14	8	2	4	37	23	26
FC Moldova	14	8	1	5	30	19	25
Chicago Dynasty FC	14	7	3	4	22	14	24
FK Podrinje	12	0	1	11	5	40	1

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Kosova	15	12	3	0	63	21	39
Lemont FC	15	10	2	3	61	23	32
Turkish FC	15	7	1	7	39	37	22
Chicago Thunder B	15	4	0	11	29	80	12
DePaul FC	13	3	0	10	22	35	9
West Bosnia SC	13	0	0	13	5	49	0

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OVER 30 RED DIVISION TOURNAMENT

GROUP A	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Bulgaria FC	2	2	0	0	9	3	6
Balkan	2	2	0	0	6	3	6
FC Tarnovia	2	0	0	2	2	6	0
Stare Byki FC	2	0	0	2	4	9	0

GROUP B	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Torino FC	2	2	0	0	6	1	6
St Charles Celtics Red	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
Chicago Celtic	2	0	0	2	2	4	0
Hellenic United AC	2	0	0	2	0	7	0

OVER 40 DIVISION TOURNAMENT

GROUP A	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Champions FC	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
St Charles Celtics Green	1	1	0	0	5	3	3
Villains SC	2	0	0	2	3	8	0

GROUP B	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Stare Byki FC	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
International SC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chicago Pampas	1	0	0	1	1	4	0

GROUP C	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Botev Chicago	2	2	0	0	8	2	6
St Charles Celtics Blue	2	2	0	0	7	1	6
Torino FC	2	0	0	2	3	7	0
MOFG	2	0	0	2	0	8	0

GROUP D	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Hellenic United	2	2	0	0	14	7	6
Park Ridge Rogues	2	1	1	0	7	6	4
Real FC	2	0	1	1	7	12	1
Naperville Strikers FC	2	0	0	2	6	9	0

GROUP E	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Real Wilmette	2	2	0	0	6	3	6
FC DePaul	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Windy City United	2	0	1	1	3	5	1
Gato Verde	2	0	0	2	3	5	0