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Byki 0-40 **2 : 1** Celtics Blue

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## Byki win not good enough

The Over 40 Team scored an impressive 2:1 over St Charles Celtics Blue last Sunday to claim second place in Group D of the PSLC Cup, but it was not enough to propel the Byki into the knockout phase of the tournament. In a 19-team competition structured with five groups, the group winners and the three best second-place teams advanced. There were four teams tied on six points and the Byki were eliminated by virtue of having the worst goal difference of the four.

The disappointment of the final outcome hardly can dampen the enthusiasm generated by a revamped Over 40 Team. At this time last year, the Over 40s were licking their wounds following a disastrous campaign which saw them relegated from the Over 40 Green Division down to the Blue Division. An injection of new talent and a fresh attitude resulted in a successful season in which the Byki were contenders for promotion back to the Green Division up until the final weeks of the season. Their reasonably successful run in the Cup was punctuated by a close defeat to Green Division contender Hellenic United and their victory over Celtics Blue, another Green Division team.

The Byki put in one of their best defensive efforts of the season against the Celtics. A solid and organized defensive approach was necessary when the team were missing goalkeeper James Vlahakis, who was sent off in the Hellenic match and was serving a one-game suspension. Eric Muehlbauer stepped in as deputy and had a largely uneventful day against a Celtics side who rarely displayed any dangerous penetration behind the Byki defense.

The Byki served notice right from the start. In the tenth minute, Mitch Posada led the counterattack along the right wing with a long dribbling run. He served the ball into the middle for an unmarked Marek Ciszewski, who decided

to go fancy and attempted an audacious back-heel shot from five yards. The ball rolled wide of the post.

Two minutes later, Ciszewski went traditional and the result was predictable for the club's all-time leading scorer. Posada drove a corner kick into the mixer and Ciszewski headed the ball home for a 1:0 lead.

A flurry in the last ten minutes of the first half might have put the game to bed. Byki finishing, however, was not up to standard. Ciszewski won a ball at midfield and sprang Posada on a breakaway after the striker had sprinted past the last defender. He shot right at the goalie, rather than pick a spot in the corner.

In the 40th minute, Ade Ekundayo lofted a cross from the deep right corner for Ciszewski, who blasted an open header wide. Two minutes later, Ciszewski sent a ball into space for another Posada breakaway. The keeper read his intentions and came up with a very tough stop.

The Byki entered the second half full of confidence and put pressure on the Celtics immediately. Eric Tower's insightful pass sent Gabriel Rodriguez on an eventful romp down the right flank. Rodriguez cut to the inside and laid off a pass for an overlapping Ciszewski. Despite the difficult angle, Ciszewski went for the near post, only to be denied by the keeper.

The Celtics got new life in the 67th minute. They played the ball into the box on a free kick 35 yards from goal. The Byki defense were asleep at the wheel and Muehlbauer was powerless to stop an open shot from 15 yards.

The Byki shook off the shock of an equalizer by regaining the lead in the 69th minute. Posada concluded a long and winding dribbling run by creating an opening for himself on the left side of the area and his precision shot found the back of the net for a crucial 2:1 lead.

The Celtics fought for their playoff lives for the final 20 minutes and dominated possession. The Byki defense was bent on several occasions, yet never broke.

**BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2):** Muehlbauer – Towsey, Mazmanian, Fink, Jdrzejowski – Tower, Rodriguez, Elmkinssi, Ekundayo – Posada, Ciszewski. **Bench:** Dahlquist, Gorecki (c), Huck, Jim Jacobs, Zygmunt.

### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Ciszewski 1 (Posada); 12th.  
2:1 – Posada 9; 69th.

**Byki Men of the Match:** Marek Ciszewski and Mitch Posada

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## Double hat trick propels Byki win

The transition between the outdoor and the indoor seasons was practically non-existent for veteran Byki players when they opened up the Over 35 Division of the Miro Indoor Soccer League at The Max last Thursday with an 8:3 win over La Grange Celtics Dads White. The striker pairing of newcomer Michal Mitrega and Marek Ciszewski contributed a hat trick apiece, while Steven Pedlow and Jim Jacobs each added a goal and an assist. Brian Huck notched two assists on the night.

Despite the eight-goal output, the Byki were not firing on all cylinders. New players getting to know one another and becoming familiar with the field dimensions for 7 v 7 play contributed to some disjointed moments.

The first disconnect came on the defensive end, when the Celtics grabbed the lead in the fourth minute of the match. Shoddy marking in front of goal made things difficult for goalie James Vlahakis.

But the Byki rebounded quickly, scoring twice in the span of 14 seconds to grab the lead. Jacobs served up a dandy cross from a corner kick and Steven Pedlow's off-balance volley at the far post found the back of the net. A poor turnover by the Celtics in front of their goal handed Ciszewski a gift just five minutes into the match to make it 2:1.

After the Celtics got their own equalizer, the Byki went to work. Once they regained the lead in the ninth minute, they left the Celtics in their rearview mirror. Brian Huck set up Mitrega for the third Byki goal with a cross from the

right wing. The keeper tried to make a play for the ball, but made a complete hash of things and Mitrega slid the ball home.

Moments later, another costly Celtics turnover became a gift for Jacobs, who made no mistake from close range to make it 4:2. The Byki upped the lead to 5:2 at the 15:55 mark when Dan Jedrzejowski played a long ball out of the back for the sprinting Mitrega. The striker easily rounded his defender and drilled the ball past the keeper.

A Byki giveaway in the back with 18:00 to go left Vlahakis stranded and the goal breathed a bit of life into the Celtics at 5:3.

The Byki squashed any hope of a comeback, however, when they put down the clamps on defense and began moving the ball at a brisk pace. Huck nodded the ball over to Ciszewski, who controlled it with his head and then drove a crushing volley past the keeper to put the Byki up by three again.

With 15:15 left, Pedlow played a kick-in on the side for Mitrega at the near post. Mitrega turned quickly and fired past the keeper to make it 7:3.

A minute later, Pedlow's shot in the box was deflected off of the arm of a Celtics defender, prompting the referee to award a penalty kick. The normally reliable Huck outsmarted himself as he watched the keeper dancing back and forth on the goal line and tried to fool the keeper to go the wrong way. All he wound up doing was hitting a

# Byki Stats

O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION				O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION				O-35 TEAM, MIRO LEAGUE			
Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts
Maruska	2	5	7	Pedlow	9	6	15	Ciszewski	3	0	3
Kekus	3	1	4	Posada	9	6	15	Mitrega	3	0	3
Inalsingh	1	2	3	Rodriguez	5	9	14	Jacobs	1	1	2
Stamatinos	1	2	3	Huck	10	2	12	Huck	0	2	2
Gibbs	2	0	2	Weslar	2	8	10	Pedlow	1	1	2
Guzman	2	0	2	Cohen	3	2	5	Jedrzejowski	0	1	1
Uriza	2	0	2	Ekundayo	3	2	5				
Buur	1	0	1	Elmkinssi	3	2	5	<b>Goalie</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>GAA</b>
Fleming	1	0	1	Zygmunt	3	2	5	Vlahakis	40	3	3.00
Guild	1	0	1	Fink	2	3	5	Current record: 1-0-0			
Hodge	1	0	1	Jacobs	2	0	2				
Kadzielawa	1	0	1	Dahlquist	1	1	2				
Penafiel	1	0	1	Ciszewski	1	0	1				
Dziekiewicz	0	1	1	Jedrzejowski	1	0	1				
				Zadlo	1	0	1				
<b>Goalie</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>GAA</b>	Mazmanian	0	1	1				
Vlahakis	90	4	4.00	Tower	0	1	1				
Uriza	270	12	4.00	Team goals	11	x	x				
Najera	990	51	4.64								
Final record: 0-2-16				<b>Goalie</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>GAA</b>				
				Rodriguez	45	0	0.00				
				Zadlo	3	0	0.00				
				Muehlbauer	415	3	0.65				
				Vlahakis	1337	37	2.49				
				Final record: 14-1-6							

soft attempt that the keeper managed to save. The Byki were unable to capitalize on the subsequent power play situation.

Ciszewski wrapped up the scoring with 3:58 to go, gaining possession at midfield and then taking off on a snaking run that eventually left him with only the keeper to beat. There were no heroics from the netminder this time and Ciszewski deposited the ball into the back of the net.

#### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

- 1:1 – Pedlow 1 (Jacobs); 4:46.
- 1:2 – Ciszewski 1; 5:00.
- 2:3 – Mitrega 1 (Huck); 8:20.
- 2:4 – Jacobs 1; 10:49.
- 2:5 – Mitrega 2 (Jedrzejowski); 15:55.
- 3:6 – Ciszewski 2 (Huck); 20:00.
- 3:7 – Mitrega 3 (Pedlow); 24:45.
- 3:8 – Ciszewski 3; 36:02.

**Byki Men of the Match:** Marek Ciszewski and Michal Mitrega

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**Tarnovia 2 : 0 Byki 0-30**

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## Tarnovia give Byki the boot

A miserable outdoor campaign for the Over 30 Team reached a merciful end last Saturday with a scrappy 2:0 defeat to FC Tarnovia in the PSLC Cup. The Byki finished at the bottom of Group D, with three losses in three matches.

The Byki started the match with their strongest possible roster of the season. With the NSL season already wrapped up, player-coach Dan Jedrzejowski took full advantage of the six players from the Red and Blue Teams who were available on Saturday. Although the presence of the extra players did not lead to victory, the Byki played on level terms with a Tarnovia side that was seeking advancement to the knockout stage of the competition.

Late arrivals prevented Jedrzejowski from fielding his ideal lineup from the start. By the middle of the first half, however, the Byki had time to sort out positions and the capability of their opponent. Tarnovia dominated possession in the early going, as the Byki were content to sit back and offer a compact defensive posture.

As a result, Tarnovia found little joy in the attacking third of the field. Their errant shooting spoiled all of the possession advantage and their frustration became evident when their manager told his players to lump the ball forward, concluding that this would be the best approach to beat the Byki.

Tarnovia created two genuine scoring threats in the first half. In the 11th minute, they squandered a fatal Byki

giveaway in the defensive end of the field when their striker dribbled the ball away from the goal as keeper Ray Najera advanced on him. He managed to get off a shot from a very sharp angle and Najera handily blocked the ball out of play.

Three minutes before the break, a Tarnovia corner kick turned into a goalmouth jumble. The Byki frantically tried to clear, but a Tarnovia player got control of the ball and ticked a shot off of the goalpost.

The Byki continued to search for a sense of urgency in the second half. Tarnovia, however, took the initiative and maintained a significant territorial advantage. They broke the logjam in the 63rd minute when they swung the ball from the right side to the left during a counterattack. A centering pass left a Tarnovia player with ample time and space at the top of the box and a well-placed shot gave Najera no chance.

Five minutes later, Tarnovia made a strong bid to double their pleasure when a striker faked his way past two Byki defenders. He tried to beat Najera at his near post, but the Byki netminder snuffed that attempt.

The Byki conjured their first good scoring chance in the 73rd minute. Mike Stamatinos fed the ball to Maciek Kekus on the left side of the box. Despite getting a good look at the goal, Kekus' shot went narrowly wide of the target.

Tarnovia settled the outcome in the 77th minute. A winger utilized the time and space that the Byki defense gave him and he floated a cross to the far side of the box, where an unmarked teammate converted an easy header for a 2:0 lead.

**BYKI LINEUP (4-5-1):** Najera – Jedrzejowski, King, Buur, Dziekiewicz – Kekus (c), Uriza, Inalsingh, Hodge, Stamatinos – Kamalinia. **Bench:** Ciszewski, Fleming, Guzman, Guild, Maruska, Pirillis.

#### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Ray Najera

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Stare Byki FC	1	1	0	0	8	3	3
LG Celtics Dads Green	1	1	0	0	5	1	3
OTHG	1	0	0	1	1	5	0
LG Celtics Dads White	1	0	0	1	3	8	0
FC Tatry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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<b>GROUP A</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Romania SC	2	2	0	0	9	3	6
St Charles Celtics Red	2	1	0	1	7	7	3
Black Eagle	2	0	0	2	1	7	0

<b>GROUP B</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
SAC Wisla	2	2	0	0	7	1	6
Pampas	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Hellenic United AC	2	0	0	2	0	6	0

<b>GROUP C</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Bulgaria FC	3	3	0	0	7	1	9
Balkan	3	2	0	0	7	4	6
Igloopol	3	1	0	1	10	5	3
Chicago Celtic	3	0	0	2	2	16	0

<b>GROUP D</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Jahbat FC	3	2	0	1	8	4	6
La Granate	3	2	0	1	8	6	6
FC Tarnovia	3	2	0	1	7	7	6
Stare Byki FC	3	0	0	3	1	7	0

<b>GROUP A</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Champions FC	2	2	0	0	19	0	6
MOFG	2	1	0	1	3	15	3
Torino FC	2	0	0	2	0	7	0

<b>GROUP B</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Botev Chicago	3	3	0	0	15	1	9
FC DePaul	3	2	0	1	12	8	6
Real FC	3	1	0	2	10	8	3
St Charles Celtics Orange	3	0	0	3	0	20	0

<b>GROUP C</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Park Ridge Rogues	3	3	0	0	9	1	9
Real Wilmette	3	2	0	1	11	5	6
Windy City United	3	1	0	2	6	13	3
Villains SC	3	0	0	3	3	10	0

<b>GROUP D</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Hellenic United AC	3	3	0	0	12	4	9
Stare Byki FC	3	2	0	1	7	4	6
St Charles Celtics Blue	3	1	0	2	5	5	3
St Charles Celtics Green	3	0	0	3	2	13	0

<b>GROUP E</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
International SC	3	3	0	0	10	1	9
Gato Verde	3	2	0	1	12	7	6
Naperville Strikers FC	3	1	0	2	4	8	3
Pampas OT	3	0	0	3	2	12	0