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OVER 30

Byki 3 : 5 Tarnovia

PSLC Over 30 Division - Olympic Park - 22 October 2011

Defense falters in finale

The Over 30 Team looked like they were headed for victory in their final match of the PSLC tournament on October 22 when they had built up a comfortable 3:1 lead on FC Tarnovia in the first half hour. But the bottom fell out on the defensive side of the ball, as Tarnovia equalized by halftime and scored twice more after the break to salt away a 5:3 win. The Byki finish the season with a disappointing 4-1-14 record.

Poor defending was the defining characteristic of the Over 30s in 2011. They conceded a whopping 74 goals. The only team in club history to have given up more goals in an outdoor season was the 2002 Over 30 Team, who let in 85 goals while playing in the NSL.

After beating Tarnovia in a 4:3 thriller on August 30, the Over 30s went on to lose their last seven matches of the season. Over that time, they scored seven goals and gave up an unbelievable 32.

The scoring opportunities in the finale were a welcome sight for a team that had struggled to find the back of the net consistently. Tarnovia took the lead in the eighth minute on a counterattack, during which the last pass was thought to have been offside. The Byki got right to work to get back into the game.

They needed just six minutes to level the score. Striker Maciek Kekus was tripped as he dribbled through the Tarnovia penalty area and the referee blew for the foul. Kekus did the honors from the penalty spot, scoring his 11th goal of the season. In his four years with the Byki, Kekus has been a scoring machine, netting 52 goals in 62 outdoor games.

Four minutes later, the Byki grabbed the lead. Paul Gibbs drove a free kick from 35 yards towards the Tarnovia goal and celebrated his first tally of the 2011 campaign when his shot deflected off of a defender and into the back of the net, leaving the goalkeeper rooted to his line.

The Byki went 3:1 up in the 32nd minute when they converted a nice opportunity on the break. Kuba Banbor played

a long pass into space for Tomek Worek, who sprinted into the clear. The goalkeeper rushed out of his area to challenge Worek, but the clever winger picked his spot and lobbed the ball into the unguarded net.

Tarnovia scored twice in the span of three minutes to knot things up at 3:3. A Tarnovia player received a short free kick in the right-side channel and looped a shot into the upper corner. The equalizer came on a free header at the far post following another dead-ball situation.

The momentum shifted to Tarnovia in the second half. They regained the lead at the hour mark when they exploited open space on the left wing. They moved the ball quickly inside the Byki penalty area, catching the Byki off-balance at every turn and slotting home from short range.

After a Tarnovia player was sent off in the 80th minute for taking a swing at Gibbs, the Byki were unable to take advantage. Tarnovia sealed the victory in the 89th minute with a shot from the right side of the box.

The Byki picked up the intensity a little during stoppage time, but the one threatening chance was a Kekus header that ricocheted off the post.

Jay Brough contributed to this story.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Najera – Jedrzejowski, Casey, McGrath, Dec – Gibbs, Banbor, Worek, Lane (c) – Inalsingh, Kekus. **Bench:** Posada.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – Kekus 11 (pk); 14th.
2:1 – Gibbs 1; 18th.
3:1 – Worek 1 (Banbor); 32nd.

Byki Man of the Match: Paul Gibbs



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OVER 40

Inter 4 :1 Byki

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Inter end Byki season

The Over 40 Team had their tournament fortunes on the line when they faced International FC on October 20 at Olympic Park. The Byki had the better of play in the opening stages, but ruthless finishing by International following Byki errors put them up 2:0 after 12 minutes. The Byki, who had spent all season trying to find goals, were on an impossible uphill climb and wound up on the wrong end of a 4:1 score. When Inter beat Pampas three days later, they claimed top spot in the group and advanced to the knockout stage of the competition.

The Byki had Inter back on their heels from the kickoff, and better marksmanship would have seen the Byki in the lead. In the second minute, Robert Dec floated a precise pass to Steven Pedlow on the right side of the Inter penalty area. Pedlow feinted past his marker and dropped the ball for Dec, who crushed a shot that was destined for the upper 90. Showing remarkable reflexes, the goalkeeper desperately batted the ball to safety.

Eight minutes later, midfielder Nick Elmkinssi sliced up the Inter defense with a terrific pass for Mitch Posada, who had made the incisive run behind the back four. He snaked past his defender and drilled a hard shot that forced the keeper into a diving save.

Inter then abruptly changed the momentum of the match. The Byki lazily marked a throw-in deep in their end and the final result was an unmarked player making a free run to the back post for the easy tap-in in the 11th minute. Only moments later, Inter went up 2:0 when a long shot found the back of the net.

The air had gone out of the Byki sails during that reversal of fortunes and Inter settled into a comfort zone. In the 32nd minute, goalkeeper James Vlahakis deflected a corner kick and Inter retained possession. An Inter player dropped a pass into the middle of the box and Vlahakis reacted in time to come up with a crucial block.

Inter made it 3:0 in the 39th minute when they raced forward on the counterattack. Vlahakis came out to the edge of the area to challenge the striker. In the ensuing collision between Vlahakis, the Inter player and stopper Dean Fukar, the Inter player managed to send a square pass to a supporting teammate, who knocked the ball into the empty net.

The Byki decided that they had to go for broke in the second half. They switched their formation to a 3-5-2 and made a commitment to put pressure on Inter all over the field.

The move paid dividends in just two minutes. High pressure forced an Inter defender to cough up possession in his end of the field, and Posada took the ball past two defenders and shot past the befuddled goalkeeper to make it 3:1.

But the Byki were unable to sustain the high level of defensive pressure for the entire second half, despite making frequent substitutions to get fresh legs on the field. The Byki quickly became stretched, as Inter played patiently, waiting for the chance to counterattack. The result placed Vlahakis in jeopardy quite frequently, and he made several miracle saves kept the Byki within striking distance.

Inter put the contest under their complete control in the 61st minute during one of these crazy interchanges. A botched attempt at an offside trap by the Byki provided Inter with a breakaway, which they handily converted.

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

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY
3:1 – Posada 1; 47th.

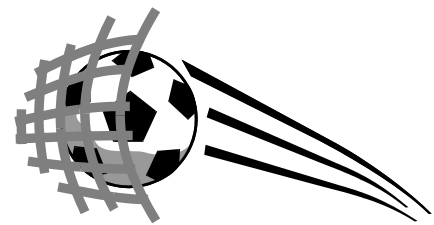
Byki Man of the Match: Steven Pedlow

Byki Stats

O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION				O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION			
Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts
Kekus	11	3	14	Pedlow	7	1	8
Kramarz	6	3	9	Huck	5	0	5
Torossian	3	1	4	Posada	2	3	5
Samp	3	0	3	Dahlquist	2	2	4
Worek	1	2	3	Jacobs	2	1	3
Banbor	1	1	2	Dec	1	2	3
Gibbs	1	1	2	Cruickshank	2	0	2
Pirillis	1	1	2	Geng	0	2	2
Fleming	0	2	2	Sambou	0	2	2
Lane	0	2	2	Tower	0	2	2
Zaskowski	1	0	1	Elmkinssi	1	0	1
Dec	0	1	1	Fukar	1	0	1
McGrath	0	1	1	Gorski	1	0	1
Posada	0	1	1	Weslar	1	0	1
Team goals	3	x	x	Zygmunt	1	0	1
				Muehlbauer	0	1	1
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Bertels	540	21	3.50	Vlahakis	1620	43	2.39
Vlahakis	450	21	4.20	Muehlbauer	90	3	3.00
Najera	540	27	4.50	Fukar	90	6	6.00
Fukar	90	5	5.00				
Final record: 4-1-14				Final record: 2-6-12			



BYKI bits & pieces



Some Byki have been traveling lately. Naturally, Byki scarves tend to follow Byki players on their travels.

Matt Treter attained what many might consider unreachable when he completed an Ironman Triathlon in September in Madison, Wis. The Ironman is a grueling test that pushes people to their physical and mental limits. The competition consisted of a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride, followed up by a marathon. Matt completed the circuit in 12 hours, 52 minutes. His accomplishment is all the more remarkable considering that he ruptured his patellar tendon in an Over 30 match in 2005.

At the end of a very long day, a very happy and satisfied Matt showed off his Byki scarf.



Dan Jedrzejowski traveled to Poland with his wife and daughter recently. What better place for a scarf picture than in the capital city of Warsaw? Little **Sofia** seems to be captivated by Daddy's Byki scarf. In the back-



ground, we can see the new stadium being built in Warsaw for Euro 2012 next summer.

Dave Safford didn't bring his Byki scarf to the last outdoor match for the Over 40 Team a couple of weeks ago, but he did bring a Byki Gift Card that he won by being a member of the team that won the 4 v 4 mini tournament at training not too long ago. **George Gorecki**, who organized the competition, decided to give the players a little something extra for winning. The Gift Card entitles the holder to the drink of his choice following a Byki practice or match. Dave cashed in, but his teammates didn't make it easy for him.

Dean Fukar, who may hold the unofficial title of Loudest Byki Player, gave Dave a hard time because Dave chose not to drink beer with the rest of the boys. Instead, Dave prefers the extra zing of liquor after a hard 90 minutes on the field. Dean set up this photo, demanding that the waitress serve Dave his drink with a less-than-manly umbrella as an accessory.



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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

OVER 40 DIVISION TOURNAMENT

GROUP A	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Bulgaria FC	3	3	0	0	11	3	9
Balkan	3	2	0	1	6	5	6
FC Tarnovia	3	1	0	2	7	9	3
Stare Byki FC	3	0	0	3	7	14	0

GROUP B	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Torino FC	3	3	0	0	8	2	9
St Charles Celtics Red	3	2	0	1	6	3	6
Chicago Celtic	3	1	0	2	5	4	3
Hellenic United AC	3	0	0	3	0	10	0

GROUP A	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Champions FC	2	2	0	0	7	0	6
St Charles Celtics Green	2	1	0	1	5	7	3
Villains SC	2	0	0	2	3	8	0

GROUP B	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
International SC	2	2	0	0	6	1	6
Stare Byki FC	2	1	0	1	5	5	3
Pampas OT	2	0	0	2	1	6	0

GROUP C	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Botev Chicago	3	3	0	0	10	2	9
St Charles Celtics Blue	3	2	0	1	7	3	6
MOFG	3	1	0	2	3	8	3
Torino FC	3	0	0	3	3	10	0

GROUP D	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Hellenic United AC	3	3	0	0	17	8	9
Real FC	3	1	1	1	14	14	4
Park Ridge Rogues	3	1	1	1	8	9	4
Naperville Strikers FC	3	0	0	3	8	16	0

GROUP E	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Real Wilmette	3	2	1	0	7	4	7
FC DePaul	3	1	2	0	5	4	5
Gato Verde	3	1	0	2	9	6	3
Windy City United	3	0	1	2	4	11	1