



BOUNCINGS



www.starebykifc.org

18 Nov 12



MISL

LG Green **2 : 6** Byki 0-35

11-08-12

Disciplined Byki bring home points

By Steven Pedlow

The Over 35 Team rebounded after the previous week's loss in the Miro Indoor Soccer League with a solid 6-2 win over LaGrange Celtics Dads Green on November 7. Marek Ciszewski led the way with his third hat trick in as many matches. The Byki have six points, good for second place in the table.

The Byki started well and a slick passing play from the back line to forward Michal Mitrega led to a penalty kick when the Celtics goalie barged into Mitrega in the box. Nick Elmkinssi dispatched the spot kick to the lower right corner to give the Byki a 1:0 lead in the fourth minute. The slick passing was a continual theme, as the Byki strung together savvy sequences throughout the game, even though most of the goals actually came from long kicks into the Celtics penalty area.

With ten minutes gone, Alex Maruska played a long free kick into the Celtics penalty box. Steven Pedlow won the battle with his marker and let the ball skim off his head into the net just inside the far post, completely surprising the Celtics goalkeeper. Five minutes later, Eric Muehlbauer sent a long

pass down the sideline to Ciszewski, who dribbled into the middle and struck a clinical shot into the lower right corner of the net to make it 3:0.

The Celtics had very few attacks in the first half of the game, with their best chance coming from a blast that clipped the top of the crossbar. Doug Towsey replied by finding Ciszewski with a long ball. Ciszewski scored from a spot near the sideline to put the Byki at a comfortable 4:0 advantage.

The Byki seemed to take their foot off the gas with the

big lead. The Celtics threatened when a long shot caromed off the post that then bounced dangerously in the Byki area. Byki netminder James Vlahakis appeared destined to earn a shutout, but a bad bounce off of Tony Kotsy's arm resulted in a blue card and a Celtics power play. The Celtics took advantage of bad marking and converted a wide open shot that cut the Byki lead to 4:1 with 12 minutes left. Suddenly, the Byki seemed disorganized and another defensive breakdown led to a second goal when Vlahakis was screened.

The Celtics were now pressing and the Byki counterattacks began. A nice passing move from Maruska to Elmkinssi to Ciszewski led to an easy finish to put the game out of reach at 5:2 with six minutes left. The Celtics marking fell apart, leading to another pass from Elmkinssi to Ciszewski in the Celtics box. Ciszewski's bid for a fourth strike was thwarted by the goalpost, but Maruska was in the right place for the rebound, sticking it into the empty net with four minutes left.

The Byki came very close to scoring a seventh goal when Ciszewski passed to Pedlow in the box, but his shot past the charging goalkeeper went off the post. The Celtics were outraged when the referee then whistled for a foul on Ciszewski just outside the middle of the box. With two seconds left, Elmkinssi scored on the free kick while Celtics were arguing with the referee, but the referee waved off the goal since he wasn't ready and the game was over.

The Byki had good passing and distribution of the ball throughout the game, but another key aspect that contributed to the victory was discipline. The Byki didn't get sucked into the dirty, emotionally-charged outbursts that distracted the Celtics.

"We kept our cool when they were pushing, tripping, tackling," said Muehlbauer afterwards. "Doug especially encouraged us to remain calm. We were just focused on playing our game. I really like this team and how it plays."

Eric Muehlbauer and James Vlahakis contributed to this report.

BYKI LINEUP (2-3-1): Vlahakis – Kotsy, Safford – Maruska, Elmkinssi, Pedlow – Mitrega. **Bench:** Ciszewski, Muehlbauer, Towsey.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

0:1 – Elmkinssi 1 (pk); 4:00.
0:2 – Pedlow 2 (Maruska); 10:00.
0:3 – Ciszewski 7 (Muehlbauer); 15:00
0:4 – Ciszewski 8 (Towsey); 20:00
2:5 – Ciszewski 9 (Elmkinssi); 34:00
2:6 – Maruska 2 (Ciszewski); 36:00

Byki Man of the Match: Alex Maruska

Byki Stats

O-35 TEAM, MIRO LEAGUE

Player	G	A	Pts
Ciszewski	9	2	11
Mitrega	5	1	6
Maruska	2	2	4
Pedlow	2	1	3
Elmkinssi	1	1	2
Jacobs	1	1	2
Huck	0	2	2
Jedrzejewski	0	2	2
Muehlbauer	0	1	1
Towsey	0	1	1
Vlahakis	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Vlahakis	120	12	4.00

Current record: 2-0-1

WE ARE THE BYKI - Friends - Passion - Soccer