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Shogun	<b>0</b>	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White Division
Byki 0-30	<b>6</b>	Oak Brook Park District 5 May 2019

## Byki dominate Shogun in opener

The Over 30 Team flexed its collective muscles last Sunday, crushing Shogun 6:0 in the opening match of 2019 for both teams. Quavas Kirk led the scoring parade with two goals and two assists, while striker Greg Jehs added two goals and an assist. The Byki controlled the play at both ends of the field in a very impressive display.

The Byki needed just 12 minutes to get on the board. Kirk sent a high ball right across the goalmouth and found Richard Sodeinde waiting on back side after clearing the traffic. The winger collected the ball and slotted in past the GK.

Kirk set up the second tally only eight minutes later. His corner kick found Jehs, who headed home for a 2:0 lead that took the Byki into the halftime break.

The Byki were in total control of the tempo, thanks to the work put in by midfielders Mark Zeman, Jose Garcia, and Colin Kirk, who were all over the place creating opportunities. With a rock-solid defense, led by David Lara and Chris Talac, the Byki stifled Shogun's attacking moves.

The score went to 3:0 just before the hour. Arnab Talukdar chased down a long cross and sent a lofting ball back the other way. Jehs gathered the ball with his back to goal, and with the keeper approaching, he calmly turned and passed it into the back of the net past the helpless netminder.

Seven minutes later, the Byki took the direct route to goal. Lara sent a 45-yard pass straight down the middle to Quavas Kirk, who had run past the Shogun backline. The goalkeeper desperately charged off his line to intervene, but Kirk's deft chip into an empty net left him stranded, grasping at air.

In the 76th minute, Zeman drove a corner kick into the mixer. The ball deflected off of Jehs and Quavas Kirk

outjumped everyone to head home to make it 5:0.

The Byki finished up the scoring in the 89th minute. Jehs found Antonio Campa in the left-wing channel. Campa sent a delightful ball over the defense, finding an unmarked Robby McClure at the back post for the simple tap-in.

*Robby McClure contributed to this story.*

**BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1):** Khankari – McClure, Lara, Talac, Champagne – Zeman (c), C. Kirk – Sodeinde, Q. Kirk, Garcia – Jehs. **Bench:** Campa, C. Ruiz, Talukdar.

### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

0:1 – Sodeinde 1 (Q. Kirk); 12th.  
0:2 – Jehs 1 (Q. Kirk); 20th.  
0:3 – Jehs 2 (Talukdar); 58th.  
0:4 – Q. Kirk 1 (Lara); 65th.  
0:5 – Q. Kirk 2 (Jehs); 76th.  
0:6 – McClure 1 (Campa); 89th.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Mark Zeman.

Stare Byki	<b>1</b>	Premier Soccer League First Division
Thunder SC	<b>3</b>	Oak Brook Sports Core 5 May 2019

## New-look Byki disjointed

Changes for the Byki First Team are everywhere: new league, new opponents, and a roster filled with a bunch of new players. The Byki made their 2019 debut last Sunday, falling 3:1 to Thunder Sports Club at Oak Brook. Judging by this up-and-down performance, there is a lot of work ahead.

The club made a late decision to enter the First Division of the PSLC, following a significant change in the structure of the NSL during the winter. "We told the NSL early on that the only way that we could remain competitive was to have a league with two tiers," said President George Gorecki. "Our roster was in upheaval, with seven starters committing to the Over 30 Team. We really needed a second tier to be able to stay in the NSL."

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That two-tiered structure was in place by late March, albeit on shaky ground, with eight teams split into two groups of four. When one of the second-tier teams abruptly dropped out, it triggered a quick exit by two more, leaving the Byki as the only team in the second tier.

“We were fortunate that the PSLC had an odd number of teams in their First Division,” noted Gorecki. “Our request to join, even at a very late date, was beneficial to everyone involved.” The Byki took an official leave of absence from the NSL and will wait to see how things develop in the future.

For now, the future is rebuilding a roster fit for a new competitive challenge. On Sunday, six players made their debut for the Byki. Getting all of the pieces of the puzzle to mesh proved to be a struggle versus a Thunder squad that pressed the Byki with a relentless commitment. The Byki coughed up possession in bad places in the defensive third far too frequently, but poor shooting by Thunder players allowed the Byki to stay in the contest.

The only goal of the first half came in the 28th minute, when Thunder executed a short corner and the Byki were unprepared. A Thunder player dribbled along the goal line with no pressure and sent the ball to the near post. A teammate flicked it into the middle, where another player smashed home from short range.

The Byki had wanted to play a possession style, but struggled to string three passes together. Excessive dribbling led to numerous turnovers and long passes to no one made it easy for Thunder to maintain pressure.

Despite their difficulties, the Byki were inches away from an equalizer in the dying moments of the half. Striker Nanmin Kone, who returned to the club after winning the Gold Boot in the NSL in 2016, got past his defender at the top of the box and sent a low shot towards the far post. The ball rolled past the diving goalie and ticked off of the post.

The Byki shifted their formation into a 4-4-2 after the break, but it scarcely made a difference in their ability to hold the ball. Thunder came forward on one counterattack after another and the Byki defense eventually cracked. A shot from the left side of the area got past Dominik Jerzak to make 2:0 after 58 minutes.

Two minutes later, Jerzak came up big, thwarting a breakaway with a leg save. Thunder should have bagged their third moments later, but fired a sitter high over the bar.

Thunder scored the clincher with 15 minutes to go. A striker crushed a half volley from the left side of the box, finding the far post, and giving Jerzak no chance.

The Byki continued to push forward and got their reward in the 86th minute. Phil Parker floated a free kick from 35 yards into the six-yard box. The Thunder keeper, who might have misjudged the ball’s trajectory, hesitated to come off his line. Andy Sokolowski wanted the ball more and somehow controlled it amid the chaos in front

of goal. He slid a pass to Volkan Akbar, who made no mistake at the doorstep of the goal.

**BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1):** Jerzak – Joiner, Calleros, Stevens, Hernandez – Stamatinos (c), Parker – Breaux, Papou, Sokolowski – Homere. **Bench:** Akbas, Kone, Stewart, Zachariah.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

1:3 – Akbas 1 (Sokolowski); 86th.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Phil Parker.

Lake Zurich	<b>10</b>	Premier Soccer League Over 40 B Division
Byki O-40	<b>0</b>	Oak Brook Sports Core 5 May 2019

## Aces bury Byki in PSLC debut

The Over 40 Team faced off against PSLC newcomers Lake Zurich Aces last Sunday with an expectation of integrating new players into their roster in order to stay competitive in the PSLC’s Over 40 B Division. What they didn’t expect was a 10:0 whitewash that was clearly demonstrated the difference between the sides. It was the worst margin of defeat for the Over 40s in their history.

The Aces had previously played in the Tri-County Soccer League, a league for veterans players that encompasses Cook, Lake and Kane counties. The league had eliminated its Over 30 competition at one point and has continued with Over 40, Over 48 and Over 55 Divisions. The Aces were apparently looking for a way out of that league before it fell apart completely.

The Aces certainly came ready to play, blitzing the Byki for seven goals in a one-sided first half. The Byki were unable to cope with the Aces’ speed advantage, not to mention their high level of technical skill.

If the Aces have designs on playing at the top level, this season may well be a springboard for those ambitions.

*Dave Fink and Doug Towsey contributed to this story.*

**BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2):** Fukar – Bullon, Zarate, Fink, King – Lane, Marquez, G. Rodriguez, Penafiel – Pedlow (c), Kramarz. **Bench:** Carrillo, Chudyba, Melendez, Towsey.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

None.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Diego Penafiel.

**PSLC FIRST DIVISION****5 May 2019****www.nslchicago.org**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
BH Lillies	2	2	0	0	11	4	6
Borrachos FC	1	1	0	0	7	2	3
Thunder Sports Club	2	1	0	1	5	4	3
Red Devils FC	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
SC Polonez	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Westchester United	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Unia Chicago	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
Stare Byki FC	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Shogun Wind	1	0	0	1	2	7	0
Sting SC	1	0	0	1	2	7	0

**PSLC OVER 30 WHITE DIVISION****5 May 2019****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Levski Chicago 2014	2	2	0	0	12	0	6
Stare Byki FC	1	1	0	0	6	0	3
FC Oasu	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
FC Igloopol	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Chicago Rangers FC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AEK FC Chicago	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
International SC	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Tricolorii FC	2	0	0	2	0	4	0
Shogun	1	0	0	1	0	6	0
Stimulus Package United	1	0	0	1	0	9	0

**PSLC OVER 40 B DIVISION****5 May 2019****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Lake Zurich Aces	1	1	0	0	10	0	3
Deerfield	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
Real FC Blues	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
United Dynamo	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
MANA United SC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FK Danubia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Park Ridge Rogues	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gato Verde	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
Stare Byki FC	1	0	0	1	0	10	0

**PSLC OVER 48 DIVISION****9 May 2019****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Jakes Stars Villains	1	1	0	0	5	2	3
Atletico Torino FC	1	0	1	0	3	3	1
Olympiacos Chicago	1	0	1	0	3	3	1
HNK Concordia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Charles Celtics Silverbacks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Park Ridge Rogues	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stare Byki FC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sofia BG	1	0	0	1	2	5	0