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Stare Byki	1	Premier Soccer League First Division
Borrachos	0	Oak Brook Sports Core 2 June 2019

Byki earn W with grit

The Byki won their second consecutive match last Sunday when they knocked off previously undefeated Borrachos FC 1:0 at Oak Brook. Nanmin Kone supplied the scoring and the Byki showed excellent tactical discipline to keep Borrachos under wraps. The Byki are in the middle of a packed First Division table with six points from their three matches.

The Byki were grateful to return to the friendly environment of their expansive home field at Oak Brook, especially after playing on a cramped, miniature field in their last match.

A switch in tactics and a 4-2-3-1 system was dictated by the size of the field. Not knowing whether Borrachos were capable of exploiting the wide areas, the Byki opted to go with a four-man backline to give their defensive alignment better shape.

Borrachos came out with an aggressive, pressing approach and they generated numerous turnovers in the early part of the contest. "Many players were guilty of taking one touch too many or simply holding the ball too long," said coach George Gorecki. "We adapted a bit too slowly and it took us some time to find the correct tempo."

Borrachos were not very productive, despite seeing lots of the ball. Their build-ups looked like they might have some bite, but they basically ran out of creative ideas as they got closer to the Byki penalty area.

The Byki put together several counterattacking opportunities and took advantage of a relatively weak Borrachos backline. In the 16th minute, Ty Bushur touched the ball past a sliding defender and raced to the goal, with only the keeper to beat. He slid underneath Bushur to clear the ball to safety.

Charles Ifeanyi sliced open the Borrachos defense in the 28th minute with a brilliant through pass from midfield that found Kone streaking in behind the defense. The goalie came out quickly to intervene, and it was just enough, as he got a

touch to Kone's flick over the top, sending it wide of the post.

Eight minutes later, the Byki executed a series of quick passes to create an opening in the box. Daniel Hernandez squeezed the ball through the tiniest of spaces to an unmarked Kone. The striker rushed the shot, however, sending it over the bar.

A lightning counterattack just before the halftime whistle proved decisive for the Byki. Chris Stewart carried the ball along the left wing and sent it to Phil Parker, who got all the way to the byline before laying off into the middle. Andy Sokolowski let the ball go and Kone was in the perfect spot to smash home for a 1:0 lead.

The Byki continued their iron grip on the defensive side of the field in the second half and Borrachos were realistically always going to be second-best in this match. "We really needed to find that second goal," noted Gorecki. "A stupid bounce, a strange referee decision, anything could turn the game around."

A half-chance just after the hour mark was a one bounce away from a second Byki tally. Anton Papou led the counter along the right flank and centered for the streaking Sokolowski and Kone. After a scramble inside the box, Kone wriggled free to shoot, but a defender blocked the ball away for a corner kick.

The Byki had a chance to put the result beyond any doubt in the game's final minute. Catching Borrachos pushed far upfield, another Byki counterattack led to a 3 v 1 situation. Bushur launched a booming cross from the right wing for Hernandez on the left side of the area. Hernandez had a step on the defender and looked to be in prime shooting position, but unselfishly (perhaps excessively so) laid the ball back for Dmytro Korinenko. The advantage disappeared and a Borrachos defender blocked Korinenko's attempt.

"This match won't be remembered as a work of art," said Gorecki. "The guys saw there was a job to do and banked three more points in their account."

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Jerzak – Daguerre, Davies, Stevens (c), Joiner – Ifeanyi, Parker – Stewart, Korinenko, Hernandez – Voltaire. **Bench:** Bushur, Homere, Kone, Papou, Sokolowski.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY
1:0 – Kone 1 (Parker); 45th.

Byki Men of the Match: Charles Ifeanyi and Phil Parker.

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Byki 0-30	4	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White Division
Tricolorii	0	Oak Brook Sports Core 2 June 2019

Unbeaten Byki demolish Tricolorii

The high-scoring Over 30s put the hammer to Tricolorii last Sunday in a 4:0 victory in which the margin quite likely should have been bigger. Six different Byki contributed to the scoring spree. The Byki have not scored fewer than four goals in any of their three matches so far this season, and only trail reigning champions Levski Chicago on total goals.

The Byki controlled play from the beginning. Even though 70% of play appeared to be in the Tricolorii half of the field in the first 20 minutes, it was Tricolorii who generated the most promising opportunities in the early moments of the contest.

A Byki foul on the flanks set up Tricolorii for a set-piece opportunity in the 15th minute. Former Chicago Fire player Razvan Cocis drove the ball towards the far post, just over the outstretched arm of goalkeeper Amit Khankari. The Byki had a defender planted on the post, but the Cocis' attempt clanked off the crossbar and was cleared.

Five minutes later, Tricolorii came fast on the break. The timing of passes in the Byki penalty area wasn't the greatest, and after the ball ricocheted around in the chaos, Khankari made a nice save above his head.

The Byki broke into the lead ten minutes before halftime. Volkan Akbas received a pass from midfield just outside the box with his back to goal. As he attempted to turn by popping the ball up, Jose Garcia ran onto the play and smashed the ball out of the air with a left-footed blast that went into the upper right corner of the goal. Player-coach Robby McClure noted, "No keeper would have saved [that shot]."

In the second half, the Byki were finally able to translate territorial domination into goals and put a resounding stamp on the contest. In the 50th minute, Colin Kirk conjured a wonder strike to double the Byki lead. He volleyed a loose ball a foot off the ground with such tremendous force that the Tricolorii keeper didn't even have a chance to react.

The score swelled to 3:0 in the 70th minute. Quavas Kirk controlled the ball just inside the box with only one defender to beat. He dispatched him handily and the defender brought Kirk down, resulting in a penalty kick. Kirk fired his spot kick in the low right corner for his fourth tally of the season.

The Byki wrapped up the scoring ten minutes later when they converted a corner kick in precise fashion. Arnab Talukdar delivered the cross to the near post and Greg Jehs flicked it towards the back post for a 4:0

advantage.

Byki domination was complete, as Tricolorii hardly posed a threat in the second half. They were clearly tired, and outside of Cocis, didn't have much of an offense. The midfield trio of Garcia, Mark Zeman, and Colin Kirk won the battle in the middle, shutting things down with efficiency.

Robby McClure contributed to this story.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Khankari – Buur, Herholdt, Lara, McClure – Zeman (c), C. Kirk – Sodeinde, Q. Kirk, Garcia – Jehs. **Bench:** Akbas, Talukdar, Topucuoglu.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Garcia 1 (Akbas); 35th.
2:0 – C. Kirk 1; 50th.
3:0 – Q. Kirk 4 (pk); 70th.
4:4 – Jehs 3 (Talukdar); 80th.

Byki Man of the Match: Jose Garcia.

Byki 0-40	0	Premier Soccer League Over 40 B Division
FK Danubia	2	Oak Brook Sports Core 2 June 2019

Byki shoot blanks vs Danubia

The Over 40 Team fought to stay on level terms with B Division contenders FK Danubia last Sunday at Oak Brook, but once again failed to dent the back of the net during a 2:0 defeat. Two late goals from Danubia sealed the result.

The visitors threatened early and often, but Byki netminder Dean Fukar kept his side in the game with great communication and leadership. He pulled a rabbit out of his hat several times in the first quarter hour to keep the contest goalless.

The Byki clawed their way back into contention through simple soccer. Midfielders Andy Lane, Ruben Bullon, Diego Penafiel, and Juan-Carlos Carrillo played quick passes to feet and the game began to slowly even out.

In the 35th minute, Lukas Chudyba and Ade Ekundayo executed a nifty give-and-go, creating an excellent opportunity, thwarted by the Danubia goalie.

Two minutes later, Penafiel served a dangerous ball into the box from 30 yards out and the keeper was equal to the task yet again.

Danubia responded moments later, launching a long-range blast that Fukar grabbed.

Both sides had their chances in the first frame, so the breakthrough goal would be critical in controlling the momentum in the match.

The hot hand continued for Fukar, who saved brilliantly from a free kick driven from 28 yards. But the crucial first goal fell to Danubia five minutes later, when a Danubia

player headed home a corner kick.

The best chance for an equalizer came in the 75th minute, when Chudyba's quality chance was turned away by the Danubia goalie.

Danubia sealed away the three points just before time expired, catching the Byki on a 3 v 2 break to make it 2:0.

Dave Fink contributed to this story.

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

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

Byki Man of the Match: Dean Fukar.

Olympiacos	6	Premier Soccer League Over 48 Division
Byki O-48	1	Plunkett Park 5 June 2019

Opener is a clunker

After two failed attempts to get their season off the ground, the Over 48 Team finally opened their season last Wednesday, and they now maybe wished they hadn't. Olympiacos Chicago prevailed in dominant fashion by a 6:1 scoreline, taking full advantage of Byki sloppiness in every section in the field.

The Byki were forced to reschedule a couple of early-season home contests due to problems with home field availability. They also postponed a match versus Sofia, and the previous week's contest at St Charles was called off due to a waterlogged field.

The game started off well enough for the Byki, who were quickly finding open players and moving the ball briskly in the first ten minutes. Newcomer Mike Drenth was heavily involved in most of these attacking movements, as he never let the ball stay on his foot too long.

It's too bad that more of Drenth's teammates failed to follow his lead. The number of wayward passes and balls played to no one in particular was staggering, killing off potential Byki attacks before they could even get started. The turnovers consequently fueled the Olympiacos attack, which kept pushing the Byki farther and farther back into their defensive third.

Things looked promising for the Byki after just seven minutes. Steven Pedlow led a counterattack along the left wing and crossed into the mixer. Jorge Mendez let the ball run past him for Attila Kotsy, who had made the run to the far side of the box. Olympiacos defenders scrambled to get the ball cleared to safety.

Five minutes later, an Olympiacos player intercepted

Eric Muehlbauer's clearance and sent the ball wide right. They centered the ball before the Byki could recover and a simple tap-in made it 1:0.

The goal had a surprisingly deflating effect on the Byki, who abandoned what had worked so well in the early phase of the contest, and began booting the ball in almost aimless fashion. The wheels seemed to fall off quickly for the Byki, who were 3:0 down after 32 minutes.

The third goal was especially bizarre. After Muehlbauer was caught off his line after the Byki coughed up possession in their own end, a lobbed shot was destined for the back of the net before Dean Fukar jumped to deflect the ball wide using his hand. The referee correctly whistled for a penalty kick and duly sent off Fukar for deliberately denying a goalscoring opportunity. As the Olympiacos players were lining up for the penalty, two of them magnanimously suggested to the arbiter to change the card to yellow. He incredibly went along with the proposal and waved Fukar back on the field. "I don't know if this kind of stuff happens in a pick-up game," said a bewildered George Gorecki afterwards.

11 v 11 or 10 v 11 wasn't going to make a difference in this one. Olympiacos added a fourth goal before halftime and the rout was officially on.

Fukar relieved Muehlbauer in goal in the second half for a 21-minute stint, and Paul King took over for the final 25 minutes. Olympiacos would only score twice more, but it might have been due to them taking their foot off the gas. Both Fukar and King distinguished themselves with several glittering saves, made necessary by Byki players failing to retreat on defense.

The Byki attack picked up some steam in the closing stages of the match. In the 81st minute, Muehlbauer was tripped near the penalty arc by the Olympiacos goalkeeper. Brian Huck drilled the ensuing free kick narrowly wide of the post with a low shot.

Drenth helped his side avoid the shutout in the 90th minute. The referee awarded the Byki a free kick just outside the penalty area and Drenth astutely stepped up and crushed a shot past everyone as the Olympiacos players were getting ready to set up their defensive wall.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Muehlbauer – Safford, Tower, Fukar, King – Cohen, Huck – Pedlow (c), Kotsy, Drenth – Mendez. **Bench:** Gorecki, J. Rodriguez, Zadlo.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

6:1 –Drenth 1; 90th.

Byki Man of the Match: Mike Drenth.

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
BH Lillies	4	4	0	0	15	6	12
Red Devils FC	3	3	0	0	9	2	9
SC Polonez	3	2	0	1	14	4	6
Borrachos FC	3	2	0	1	9	3	6
Stare Byki FC	3	2	0	1	4	4	6
Thunder Sports Club	4	2	0	2	6	7	6
Unia Chicago	3	1	0	2	10	9	3
Shogun Wind	3	0	0	3	2	10	0
Westchester United	3	0	0	3	3	15	0
Sting SC	3	0	0	3	5	17	0

PSLC OVER 30 WHITE DIVISION**2 June 2019****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Levski Chicago 2014	3	3	0	0	19	1	9
Stare Byki FC	3	2	1	0	14	4	7
FC Oasu	2	2	0	0	9	2	6
FC Igloopol	3	2	0	1	3	7	6
Chicago Rangers FC	2	1	1	0	6	3	4
International SC	3	0	2	1	8	9	2
AEK FC Chicago	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tricolorii FC	3	0	0	3	0	8	0
Shogun	2	0	0	2	1	13	0
Stimulus Package United	3	0	0	3	0	13	0

PSLC OVER 40 B DIVISION**2 June 2019****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
United Dynamo	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Lake Zurich Aces	2	1	0	1	11	2	3
Deerfield	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
FK Danubia	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Park Ridge Rogues	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Real FC Blues	2	0	1	1	4	5	1
MANA United SC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gato Verde	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
Stare Byki FC	2	0	0	2	0	12	0

PSLC OVER 48 DIVISION**5 June 2019****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Jakes Stars Villains	4	4	0	0	22	4	12
Park Ridge Rogues	4	3	0	1	20	2	9
HNK Concordia	3	2	0	1	7	5	6
Atletico Torino FC	3	1	1	1	7	12	4
Olympiacos Chicago	5	1	1	3	11	21	4
Sofia BG	3	1	0	2	7	11	3
Stare Byki FC	1	0	0	1	0	6	0
St Charles Celtics Silverbacks	3	0	0	3	2	15	0