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Shogun	0	Premier Soccer League First Division
Stare Byki	2	Burden Field 9 June 2019

Breaux's brace helps blank Shogun

The Byki notched their second consecutive shutout last Sunday when they blanked Shogun Wind 2:0 at Burden Field. Midfielder Adam Breaux contributed both goals, as the Byki controlled the pace of the match for long stretches. Precise finishing escaped the Byki for much of the day and allowed Shogun a false sense they were still competitive in the match.

The victory leaves the Byki with nine points from their four matches and puts them in a four-team logjam for second place in the table. B-H Lilies, on maximum points after five matches, are the leaders in the First Division.

Shogun came into the match pointless for 2019, with just two goals scored. The Byki aimed to keep it that way, poised to maintain a spotless goal and to establish control right from the jump.

They did just that, with Breaux and Daniel Hernandez imposing their dominance in the middle of the park. Hernandez was particularly effective as the midfield pivot, linking balls from the defense towards attackers in open space.

After 16 minutes, JD Koiner won the ball in a crowd and slipped a delicious through pass for Dmytro Korinenko, who had sprinted behind the Shogun defense. He fought off a strong defensive challenge and shot narrowly over the bar.

The Byki snatched the lead three minutes later. Breaux collected a ball cleared by the Shogun defense and looked to goal immediately. His long-range effort caught the Shogun goalkeeper hopelessly out of position.

The chances kept coming. In the 22nd minute, Christian Stewart sent Enrique Voltaire into the clear, but his shot from inside the Shogun penalty area missed the target.

The Byki amassed a large number of opportunities in that first half, but squandered all of that work by blasting shots anywhere and everywhere but on goal.

The second half started out much like the first ended, with the Byki dictating the flow of the match. Joiner won an aerial duel in the 56th minute and Breaux swept in out of nowhere

to gain possession. He dribbled past one defender and coolly deposited the ball just inside the post for a 2:0 lead.

The Byki had an opportunity to step on Shogun's throat and put the result beyond any doubt, but they slowed the tempo and began holding the ball too long. The increasingly humid conditions might have played a part and Shogun came into the game in the final quarter hour.

Their best chance to pull one back came in the 77th minute, when Tyler Marfo got down quickly to block a near-post attempt from the right side of the box. Marfo quickly secured the rebound before a Shogun player could get a second try.

Marfo bailed out his teammates two more times in the final five minutes, as Shogun seemed to find renewed energy.

"It's always good to get the three points in the bank," said coach George Gorecki. "But we absolutely should have finished things off in better fashion. I never really got the feeling that we could have blown our advantage. If we had done a better job with our finishing, this could have been wrapped up at halftime. We learned a lesson and we'll be better for it."

BYKI LINEUP (3-5-2): Marfo – Davies, Samatinos (c), Stevens – Breaux, Hernandez, Daguerre, Bushur, Joiner – Korinenko, Voltaire. **Bench:** Ifeanyi, Papou, Stewart.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

0:1 – Breaux 1; 19th.
0:2 – Breaux 2; 56th.

Byki Men of the Match: Adam Breaux and Daniel Hernandez.

Weekly Training

THURSDAY

Olympic Park, Field 2

Schaumburg, IL

8.00 - 10.00 PM

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Byki O-40	3	Premier Soccer League Over 40 B Division
Real FC	2	Oak Brook Sports Core 9 June 2019

Over 40s finally in W column

Thanks to improved ball possession and goals from Sean Marquez and Gabriel Rodriguez, the Over 40 Team beat Real FC 3:2 last Sunday at Oak Brook for their first victory of the season. The Byki attack finally found its stride, following two matches of finishing futility.

The opening minutes of the contest saw a good bit of sloppy play from both sides. Doug Towsey was required to make a great sliding tackle in the penalty area box to prevent a Real player from coming in one-on-one. Moments later, Real created another good chance, finding a shot after a corner kick.

Eventually, the Byki settled themselves down and took control of things. Their passing accuracy improved, as they used the flanks to create attacking opportunities. Ade Ekundayo was sent into open space after a nifty combination between Diego Penafiel and Rodriguez. Ekundayo scuffed his attempt, as a clean shot would have certainly been in the back of the net.

The Byki continued to probe the spaces behind Real's defense. Steven Pedlow intercepted a pass at midfield and sent the ball to Marquez, whose shot went wide of the post.

The third time was the charm for the Byki. Good work in the midfield between Roman Kramarz and Rodriguez became a breakaway chance for Marquez, who made no mistake from close range for a 1:0 lead after 30 minutes.

The second half started similarly to the first, as both teams frequently coughed up possession in bad spots. Kramarz appeared set to turn Byki fortunes positive when he played a great through ball over the Real defense to put Ekundayo in alone with the goalkeeper. Wanting to take his opportunity early, Ekundayo barely missed the top right corner of the goal.

Teams who don't capitalize on good chances often regret their misses. In the 70th minute, Real leveled the affair when the Byki failed to put pressure on Real's left wing. He launched a speculative lob into the mixer that got caught in the wind and sailed over Ray Najera's head. The ball dropped under the crossbar, and all of a sudden, things were looking dicey at 1:1.

But that unexpected setback woke the Byki immediately. They started making smart passes and pressing high. A Real turnover resulted in another breakout engineered by Dean Fukar and Penafiel, who set up Marquez for his second tally of the day for a 2:1 advantage.

The Byki kept pushing their pressing tactics, which paid off in the form of a third goal just ten minutes from the end. A long cross-field clearance found Kramarz, who once again chipped the ball over the Real defense to leave Rodriguez clean through. He coolly lobbed the onrushing keeper to put

the Byki in the driver's seat.

The Byki sought to manage the remaining time, but a terrific reply from Real in the 86th minute made the final minutes more nervous than necessary. After the Byki lost the ball in midfield, a Real player let loose from 25 yards, driving a shot into the top corner, giving Najera no chance.

Paul King and Doug Towsey contributed to this story.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Najera – Towsey, Fukar, Higginbotham, Safford – Penafiel, Bullon – G. Rodriguez, Pedlow (c), Ekundayo – Kramarz.
Bench: Carrillo, Chudyba, Marquez, Metzger, Zarate.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Marquez 1 (G. Rodriguez); 30th.
2:1 – Marquez 2 (Penafiel); 75h.
3:1 – G. Rodriguez 1 (Kramarz); 80th.

Byki Men of the Match: George Higginbotham and Diego Penafiel.

Byki O-48	2	Premier Soccer League Over 48 Division
Concordia	6	Olympic Park 13 June 2019

Byki attack finds some rhythm

The Over 48 Team started out well enough last Thursday when they took on HNK Concordia, with the teams trading goals in the first 19 minutes. The Byki moved the ball efficiently and found lots of dangerous spaces to exploit behind Concordia's defense. With Ade Ekundayo and Gabriel Rodriguez making their first Over 48 appearances, a greater level of cohesion was evident in the middle third of the field. And that might have been enough to overcome some bad errors on defense. But the Byki could not sustain that momentum in the second half. Concordia scored three unanswered goals and ran away 6:2 winners.

An attack that looked chaotic against Olympiacos gained a measure of stability and organization on Thursday. Gabriel Rodriguez found acres of space on the flank and his central teammates consistently found ways to get him the ball. Concordia's defense slugged off towards the middle and Rodriguez exploited his advantage to the tune of two assists on the night.

Concordia opened the scoring after just nine minutes, when a long shot eluded Byki goalkeeper Lukas Chudyba. Despite Chudyba not playing the position since high school, the Byki signed him to a goalkeeper-only registration for Over 48 play in order to give the squad more depth.

The Byki shook off that early score by netting two goals of their own in the span of five minutes. In the 11th minute, Gabriel Rodriguez and Jorge Mendez worked a swift 1-2 in midfield, allowing Mendez to sprint behind the last defender. Rodriguez played a soft ball into the space and Mendez was in alone. The keeper came out to challenge and Mendez lobbed over him into the empty net.

The Byki then took the lead, thanks to a strong run down the right wing by Rodriguez. With no defenders anywhere near him, Rodriguez carried the ball deep and launched a booming cross to the far post for Steven Pedlow. He was first to the ball and nodded it past the rooted Concordia goalie.

But the Byki gave that one back just three minutes later. George Gorecki, under minimal pressure at midfield, inexplicably played the ball back into the middle, where no teammates were in place to receive the pass. A Concordia player swooped in and they came fast with a 2 v 1 on the Byki goal to make it 2:2.

Concordia regained the lead in the 29th minute, beating the Byki on a counterattack on the left side. The Byki defense had somehow vacated that space and it was a simple matter to convert past Chudyba.

The Byki were unable to regain their attacking form after the break. Concordia continued playing simple soccer and got their reward, as the game tilted significantly in their favor.

They made it 4:2 just before the hour and were inches away from a fifth moments later, when an open shot glanced off the goalpost. Concordia scored twice more in the final 17 minutes to put the three points in the bank.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Chudyba – Safford, Towsey, Pedlow (c), Zadlo – Mendez, Huck – Kotsy, G. Rodriguez, Ekundayo – J. Rodriguez. **Bench:** Drenth, Gorecki.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – Mendez 1 (G. Rodriguez); 11th.

2:1 – Pedlow 1 (G. Rodriguez); 16th.

Byki Man of the Match: Gabriel Rodriguez.

Byki Stats

FIRST TEAM, PSLC FIRST DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Breaux	2	1	3
Parker	0	2	2
Akbas	1	0	1
Ifeanyi	1	0	1
Kone	1	0	1
Stewart	1	0	1
Sokolowski	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Marfo	180	1	0.50
Jerzak	180	3	1.50

Current record: 3-0-1

O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Q. Kirk	4	3	7
Jehs	3	1	4
Sodeinde	2	0	2
Garcia	1	1	2
Kirk, C	1	1	2
Lara	1	1	2
Talukdar	0	2	2
McClure, R	1	0	1
Zeman	1	0	1
Akbas	0	1	1
Campa	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Khankari	270	4	1.33

Current record: 2-1-0

O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Marquez	2	0	2
Rodriguez, G	1	1	2
Kramarz	0	1	1
Penafiel	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Najera	90	2	2.00
Fukar	180	12	6.00

Current record: 1-0-2

O-48 TEAM, PSLC O-48 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Rodriguez, G	0	2	2
Drenth	1	0	1
Mendez	1	0	1
Pedlow	1	0	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
King	24	1	3.75
Fukar	21	1	4.29
Chudyba	90	6	6.00
Muehlbauer	45	4	8.00

Current record: 0-0-2

PSLC FIRST DIVISION**9 June 2019****www.nslchicago.org**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
BH Lillies	5	5	0	0	23	6	15
SC Polonez	4	3	0	1	19	7	9
Borrachos FC	4	3	0	1	11	4	9
Red Devils FC	4	3	0	1	10	4	9
Stare Byki FC	4	3	0	1	6	4	9
Thunder Sports Club	5	2	1	2	9	10	7
Unia Chicago	4	1	1	2	13	12	4
Shogun Wind	4	0	0	4	2	12	0
Sting SC	4	0	0	4	8	22	0
Westchester United	4	0	0	4	3	23	0

PSLC OVER 30 WHITE DIVISION**9 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	4	2	1	1	12	11	7
FC Igloopol	4	2	1	1	4	8	7
Chicago Rangers FC	3	1	2	0	7	4	5
AEK FC Chicago	2	1	1	0	7	2	4
Tricolorii FC	4	1	0	3	7	9	3
Shogun	3	1	0	2	3	14	3
International SC	4	0	2	2	8	14	2
Stimulus Package United	4	0	0	4	1	15	0

PSLC OVER 40 B DIVISION**9 June 2019****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
United Dynamo	3	2	1	0	8	4	7
Park Ridge Rogues	2	2	0	0	4	2	6
Lake Zurich Aces	3	1	0	2	11	3	3
Deerfield	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
Gato Verde	2	1	0	1	5	5	3
FK Danubia	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
Stare Byki FC	3	1	0	2	3	14	3
Real FC Blues	3	0	1	2	6	8	1
MANA United SC	1	0	0	1	1	3	0

PSLC OVER 48 DIVISION**13 June 2019****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Park Ridge Rogues	5	4	0	1	24	5	12
Jakes Stars Villains	4	4	0	0	22	4	12
HNK Concordia	4	3	0	1	13	7	9
Atletico Torino FC	3	1	1	1	7	12	4
Olympiacos Chicago	5	1	1	3	11	21	4
Sofia BG	4	1	0	3	10	15	3
Stare Byki FC	2	0	0	2	2	12	0
St Charles Celtics Silverbacks	3	0	0	3	2	15	0