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Atl. Torino	<b>7</b>	Premier Soccer League Over 48 Division
Byki O-48	<b>2</b>	Olympic Park 19 June 2019

## Gloom and doom for Byki

The gloomy weather portended a difficult match for the Over 48 Team as they lost 7:2 versus Atletico Torino FC on a rainy Wednesday night at Olympic Park. The Byki started the game with only nine players, to Torino's seven. With late-arriving players, both teams eventually put squads of 10 on the field.

One element missing for the Byki was a proper goalkeeper. Jim Jacobs, recovering from a hamstring injury, volunteered to mind the nets for the first half. It was his first-ever appearance between the pipes in his 19-year career with the Byki. Kris Zadlo, who got hurt in the first half, took over for Jacobs after the break.

The personnel situation was so dire that kickoff was delayed for 15 minutes, as Torino waited for more players to arrive. They had only four at the field, and things finally got going when they reached the minimum of seven players.

The Byki were unable to capitalize on their numerical advantage early in the match and could not break down the undermanned Torino defense. "We had time and space and wasted it continuously," noted Steven Pedlow. Dean Fukar, installed as the lone striker, struggled to get any help whenever he got near the Torino goal, typically finding himself in 1 v 2 situations. His only shot in the first 15 minutes narrowly missed the left post.

Torino impressively controlled the midfield with crisp passing and consistently found the open man. But they could not break through the Byki defense until they added two players midway through the first

half.

The Byki pushed players forward on an overlap just before the half hour, a risky move that backfired when Torino directed a counterattack through the totally exposed right flank. The unmarked attacker blasted a long shot that Jacobs could not stop, despite getting a hand to the ball.

The score went to 2:0 moments later, when a Torino player beat his man off the dribble and put the ball past the onrushing Jacobs, who came off his line to cut the angle.

A dubious penalty put Torino up by three. Jorge Mendez shielded the ball and the shoulder-to-shoulder contact was adjudged to have been a foul by a referee who wanted to blow his whistle. Torino converted from the spot to put themselves in the driver's seat.

Dave Safford arrived at the break and the sides played 10 v 10 for the final 45 minutes. The Byki switched their system to a three-man backline and shifted Pedlow and Mendez into advanced attacking roles. The switch paid dividends, as the pair gave Torino fits as they had to deal with constant pressure.

The contest became more open, as both teams had lots of time and space with the ball. The newly energized Jacobs and Safford were instrumental in winning numerous 50-50 challenges and kept the ball mostly in the Torino half for the first 15 minutes of the second half.

Torino withstood the new Byki pressure and added to their lead in the 55th minute. The Byki, however,

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responded 10 minutes later. Mendez found a way through the left side of the Torino defense and crossed a bouncing ball to Eric Muehlbauer, who had made the supporting run to the far post. Muehlbauer put his shin in exactly the right place to redirect the ball into the back of the net to make it 4:1.

As the rain started to fall harder, it seemed to cool off the Byki attack. Torino kept their foot on the gas and knocked in two more goals in the next 10 minutes. They worked a 4-on-2 after a Byki turnover to make it 5:1.

Pedlow came close moments later, when his shot from the left side was tipped just enough by the goalkeeper, deflecting off of the goal post.

Pedlow eventually got his goal 12 minutes from the end. He carried the ball along the left side and spotted multiple Byki players wide open in front of the Torino defense. Pedlow passed to Brian Huck, whose shot was saved, but the goalkeeper could not hang on. Pedlow alertly pounced on the loose ball, rounded the keeper and slid it into the empty net to make it 6:2.

Torino's final goal was the result of a laughable penalty. Mendez slid to clear the ball from the Byki penalty area. After the ball was long gone, a Torino attacker tripped over the fallen Mendez, prompting the arbiter to incredibly point to the spot.

The Byki played well for stretches in the contest. Every player gave 100% in miserable conditions and the Byki can see that they have several things to build on.

*Eric Muehlbauer and Steven Pedlow contributed to this story.*

**BYKI LINEUP:** Jacobs – Cohen, Huck, Jacobs, Meuhlbauer, Mendez, Pedlow (c), J. Rodriguez, Safford, Zadlo.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

4:1 – Muehlbauer 1 (Mendez); 65th.  
6:2 – Pedlow 2; 78th.

**Byki Man of the Match:** None given.

AEK Chicago	<b>5</b>	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White Division
Byki 0-30	<b>1</b>	Old Orchard Jr HS 16 June 2019

**Byki run out of steam**

The Over 30 Team suffered their first defeat of the season last Sunday when they fell to AEK FC Chicago 5:1 at Old Orchard Jr HS. AEK broke open a tightly

contested match when they went up 3:1 in the middle of the second half and then banged home two more in the final minutes to put the result beyond doubt. The Byki find themselves in a tight cluster of teams in the middle of the table, where six clubs are separated by two points.

The Byki appeared to be in control of the tempo for the first 30 minutes. Midfielder Mark Zeman created a couple of shots from outside the box, but both missed the target. Zeman's day was cut short just before halftime after he rolled his ankle.

In the 35th minute, Joe Sauerman took a slalom run up the middle, shedding defenders in his wake. He dished off to Ziya Topucuoglu on the left side of the box. Topucuoglu calmly waited for the defender to approach and delivered the ball back to Sauerman, who put it in the lower left corner.

AEK responded five minutes before the break. An AEK winger crossed the ball from the touchline and a teammate was in the perfect spot for a tap-in to knot things at 1:1.

The match continued to see-saw at the start of the second frame. "But then we ran out of steam," said player-coach Robby McClure. "They seemed to get their tiki taka style of play going and we didn't have answers."

AEK went in front, converting a corner kick and a set piece situation, making it 3:1, and leaving the Byki to chase the game.

The Byki had a chance to tighten things up in the 75th minute, when Sauerman played a nice ball to McClure behind the AEK backline towards the top right of the box. Volkan Akbas was running shoulder-to-shoulder with his defender when McClure fed him the ball in front of goal. Akbas finished the chance cleanly, but was astonished to see the assistant with his flag raised for offside.

The Byki would get no closer, and AEK padded their goal total, catching the Byki out of position as the Byki pressed forward for more goals.

*Robby McClure contributed to this story.*

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

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

0:1 – Sauerman 1 (Topucuoglu); 35th.

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

**PSLC FIRST DIVISION****16 June 2019****www.nslchicago.org**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
BH Lillies	6	5	1	0	24	7	16
Borrachos FC	5	4	0	1	17	5	12
SC Polonez	5	3	0	2	20	13	9
Red Devils FC	4	3	0	1	10	4	9
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>
Unia Chicago	5	2	1	2	17	13	7
Thunder Sports Club	5	2	1	2	9	10	7
Sting SC	5	0	1	4	9	23	1
Shogun Wind	5	0	0	5	3	16	0
Westchester United	4	0	0	4	3	23	0

**PSLC OVER 30 WHITE DIVISION****16 June 2019****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Levski Chicago 2014	4	4	0	0	26	1	12
FC Oasu	5	3	1	1	18	12	10
AEK FC Chicago	3	2	1	0	12	3	7
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>
FC Igloopol	5	2	1	2	5	14	7
Tricolorii FC	5	2	0	3	10	9	6
International SC	5	1	2	2	14	17	5
Chicago Rangers FC	4	1	2	1	7	11	5
Shogun	4	1	0	3	3	17	3
Stimulus Package United	5	0	0	5	4	21	0

**PSLC OVER 40 B DIVISION****16 June 2019****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Park Ridge Rogues	3	3	0	0	6	3	9
United Dynamo	3	2	1	0	8	4	7
FK Danubia	3	2	0	1	6	5	6
Lake Zurich Aces	4	1	0	3	12	6	3
Deerfield	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
Gato Verde	2	1	0	1	5	5	3
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>
Real FC Blues	3	0	1	2	6	8	1
MANA United SC	2	0	0	2	2	5	0

**PSLC OVER 48 DIVISION****20 June 2019****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Park Ridge Rogues	6	4	1	1	26	7	13
Jakes Stars Villains	5	4	1	0	24	6	13
HNK Concordia	4	3	0	1	13	7	9
Atletico Torino FC	5	2	1	2	15	17	7
Olympiacos Chicago	6	2	1	3	17	23	7
Sofia BG	5	2	0	3	13	16	6
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>
St Charles Celtics Silverbacks	4	0	0	4	4	21	0