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Borrachos	0	Premier Soccer League First Division
Stare Byki	2	Nike Park 14 July 2019

Byki roll up their sleeves

Teamwork can take on many forms on a soccer field. Sometimes a team can string passes together in elegant fashion. Other times, it comes down to grit and determination. Byki teamwork was off the charts last Sunday in their 2:0 takedown of Borrachos FC at Nike Park. With 12 points from their six matches, the Byki find themselves in a clump of four other teams on 12 or 13 points.

Borrachos took on the early incentive and bossed the middle third of the field. Their territorial advantage only led to one genuine scoring chance, which came in the 15th minute. They intercepted a short Byki goal kick and shot quickly, but Dominik Jerzak went full stretch to send the ball wide.

The Byki shifted gears and switched their formation from a 4-4-2 system to a five-man midfield. With an extra player now in that space, the Byki retained their shape in significantly improved fashion.

“It was important for us to maintain a high level of discipline defensively,” said coach George Gorecki. “The field was massive, at 130 yards by 82, so controlling the space was crucial. We were solid all over, and then Dominik did well to clean up any mistakes.”

The Byki broke the deadlock in the 37th minute, taking full advantage of a Borrachos miscue in the back. Dmytro Korinenko, finally recovered after a long bout with a pulled quadricep, sent a long ball over the top. The Borrachos goalie and a defender both converged on the ball, but neither could clear it. The opportunistic Nanmin Kone never gave up on the play and swooped in to carry the ball into the empty net.

Borrachos made a bid to equalize just moments later. After a Byki defensive wall blocked a free kick from 35 yards, the rebound went back to the same player, who drilled a low shot on target. Jerzak read the shot perfectly and dove to make the grab.

The hot conditions took their toll on both sides, but

especially on Borrachos, who had only suited up 12 players. When one of them left at halftime, they had to finish with 11, whose energy level decreased as the match wore on.

The Byki held fast defensively and maintained patience as they sought a second goal. “We knew that a second goal would put us in a very strong position,” noted Gorecki. “The work in midfield from Mitchell [Mueller] and Enrique [Voltaire] was just what we needed to stay on top of them.”

In the 73rd minute, Christian Stewart crossed the ball into the mixer. The goalkeeper stretched high to snag the ball and things went haywire when Christian Ruiz came in to challenge. The Borrachos defense somehow cleared the ball away from the resulting chaos.

The Byki got the goal they needed five minutes later. After the Borrachos defense cleared a Byki corner kick high into the air, the ball landed at Korinenko’s feet on the right side of the penalty area. He looked straight to goal and fired a bomb into the left corner to provide the needed cushion to see the game out.

Borrachos summoned whatever gas was left in the tank to mount a comeback in the closing minutes of the contest. With six minutes to go, they played the ball into the Byki penalty area. Jerzak stepped out to challenge and recovered to block the shot. Two of his teammates had alertly drifted back to the goal line to cover for their keeper.

Two minutes later, Borrachos saw their best opportunity of the match, a 25-yard shot hit with venom, ping off of the crossbar.

With more performances like this one, the Byki have an opportunity to climb the table. They have played fewer matches than any of the teams ahead of them and are within touching distance of the top two spots.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Jerzak – Stewart, Joiner, Davies, Samatinos (c) – Mueller, Korinenko, Papou, Sokolowski – Voltaire, Kone. **Bench:** Marfo, Perez, C. Ruiz, Smith.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

0:1 – Kone 2 (Korinenko); 37th.

0:2 – Korinenko 1; 78th.

Byki Man of the Match: Mitchell Mueller.

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Byki O-30	2	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White Division
FC Oasu	3	Oak Brook Sports Core 14 July 2019

Byki mad at referee, themselves

The Over 30 Team had an opportunity to put their grip on second place in the table last Sunday with a win over third-place FC Oasu. Very little went right for the Byki en route to a 3:2 defeat, an outcome that dropped them to fourth in what is a very tight race.

Besides being uncharacteristically sloppy in the back, the Byki were very disappointed with the referee, whose command of the English language was so poor that he refused to communicate anytime the Byki approached him. Player-coach Robby McClure filed a report with the PSLC so that they could address the situation.

The Byki started out rather slowly, giving up possession far too frequently. The slipshod play led to the opening goal for Oasu in the 17th minute. After Oasu got the ball behind the Byki defense, goalkeeper Joel McClure came off his line to intervene. The Oasu player made simple work of the play, sending a square pass into the middle for the easy tap-in.

The score went to 2:0 in the 25th minute, when an errant pass from midfield back to McClure was intercepted by an Oasu player who came in from the far side. He dribbled all the way home for the breakaway goal.

Byki frustration was multiplied as they watched the referee allow Oasu players to simulate fouls all over the place. "He only encouraged it by blowing the whistle with every scream they let out," grumbled an exasperated Robby McClure.

The Byki had one decent chance at 30 minutes, when Quavas Kirk made a run down the line and sent in a nice, low cross to the front post to a waiting Martin Herholdt, who headed it just over the crossbar.

At halftime, the Byki reshuffled personnel, adding Joe Sauerman and Alex Guzman into the midfield set-up. The pair definitely provided a needed spark and helped control things. The Byki eventually began peppering the Oasu goal with scoring opportunities in the second half.

Oasu, however, had other ideas, and added to their lead in the 60th minute. A player cut through the middle and was off to the races on another breakaway. He slid the ball into the lower right of the net as McClure came out to challenge.

The Byki responded a few minutes later, as Reggie Champagne sent in a cross from the right side to the middle of the box. Sauerman chested it to a waiting Quavas Kirk, who side-kicked it in to the right side of the net from about 15 yards out to make it 3:1.

The comeback was gaining steam and the Byki got to within 3:2 with ten minutes to go. Quavas Kirk was fouled at the top of the box, resulting in a penalty kick. Kirk did the honors from the spot, scoring his sixth goal of the season.

The Byki went down to ten men in the 81st minute, when Paul Gibbs was sent off following his second caution of the

match. The send-off was hotly disputed by the Byki, who felt that Gibbs' first yellow card should never have been given because the referee had addressed the situation long after the match had restarted.

The Byki made a bid for an unlikely equalizer in the 87th minute. Robby McClure sent the ball back in front of the goalmouth to a charging Quavas Kirk. His shot went over the crossbar as an Oasu defender appeared to take down Kirk, but no foul was given.

"We need to learn some lessons after a game like that," said player-coach Colin Kirk at training last Thursday.

Robby McClure contributed to this story.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): J. McClure – Talac, Sauerman, Gibbs, Talukdar – Guzman, R. McClure, Herholdt, C. Kirk, Q. Kirk (c) – Champagne.
Bench: Akbas, Sodeinde, Topcuoglu.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:3 – Q. Kirk 5 (Sauerman); 65th.

2:3 – Q. Kirk 6 (pk); 80th.

Byki Man of the Match: None given.

MANA Utd	7	Premier Soccer League Over 40 B Division
Byki O-40	1	Oak Brook Park District 14 July 2019

MANA roll over error-prone Byki

The Over 40 Team started off brightly last Sunday versus MANA United FC, going into the lead after just six minutes. But a plethora of turnovers sank Byki chances and MANA scored seven unanswered goals to claim the points. It was a galling outcome for the Byki, as the victory was MANA's first of the season. The struggling Byki have scored the fewest goals in the Over 40 B Division and have conceded the most. This is not the formula for success.

Roman Kramarz wasted no time looking for a goal. His terrific pass through the middle for Diego Penafiel sent the midfielder into the clear, but his shot just missed the target.

Moments later, Ade Ekundayo conjured a beautiful through ball to a streaking Sean Marquez, who made no mistake and buried his shot in the lower left corner for a 1:0 lead after only six minutes.

Then, the bottom fell out. MANA leveled things in the eighth minute. A player timed his run up the middle perfectly and his teammate delivered a killer pass. The MANA player came in one-on-one with keeper Dean Fukar, who had no chance.

The score went to 2:1 within a couple of minutes, thanks to a shot that deflected off of a Byki player. MANA's next two goals were identical to their first goal. Properly timed runs off the ball caught the Byki out of position, leading to breakaway situations. MANA's finishing was crucially accurate and the Byki were staring at a 4:1 halftime deficit.

None of the adjustments made by the Byki had any positive effect, thanks to an inability to keep the ball. MANA wasted no time after the break, going 5:1 up in the first five minutes. A MANA player dribbled through the Byki defense to go 1 v 1 with Fukar.

MANA's final two goals were the direct result of turnovers in the Byki defensive end, allowing MANA to have excellent shots on goal. When MANA made no mistakes in front of goal, the rout was on.

"Turnovers were the main issue," said player-coach Doug Towsey "We turned the ball over way too many times, allowing them to have numbers on the attacking side.

"We need to stop turning the ball over and tighten up on defense if we think we can start winning some games. The Division is packed with good teams that will take advantage of these mistakes."

Doug Towsey contributed to this story.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Fukar – Higginbotham, Fink, Safford, Brough – Lane, Penafiel – Bullon, Marquez, Ekundayo (c) – Kramarz. **Bench:** Carrillo, Melendez, Metzger, Meuhlbauer, Towsey.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

0:1 – Marquez 3 (Ekundayo); 6th.

Byki Men of the Match: Ade Ekundayo and Diego Penafiel.

Jake's Stars	10	Premier Soccer League Over 48 Division
Byki 0-48	2	Wheeling HS 17 July 2019

Villains rob & pillage Byki

The defensive woes continued for the Over 48 Team last Wednesday when they traveled to Wheeling and endured a 10:2 beatdown from title contenders Jake's Stars Villains. The home side ran out to a 7:0 lead by the break, leading to a somewhat more even-handed second half, during which the Byki scored two memorable goals.

The giveaways were the worst problem for the Byki to overcome. Turnovers in critical moments were ruthlessly converted into goals by the Villains and the score reached gaudy proportions by the half hour mark. Several glittering stops by goalkeeper Dan Spaulding prevented the game from getting out of hand even sooner.

"We talked about looking for short, simple passes before the game," noted George Gorecki. "And we just weren't sufficiently committed. On too many occasions, guys were trying to thread a needle with a 30-yard pass. The end result was a turnover and the Villains coming right back at us."

Spaulding registered a splendid kick save in the 12th minute, thwarting a Villain who was open in the box. The rebound slipped just wide of the post.

Five minutes later, the Villains grabbed the lead, capital-

izing on a Byki turnover in their defensive third.

In the 17th minute, a Villain collected the ball at the corner of the penalty area, snaked between two Byki, and coolly finished just inside the far post to make it 2:0.

The Byki found space behind the defense in the 26th minute. Mike Drenth played a long ball for Attila Kotsy on the left wing. Kotsy sprinted past his man and shot high, narrowly missing the upper corner of the goal.

The Villains went 3:0 up in the 28th minute. A winger in the deep right corner crossed for a teammate in the middle. His fallaway header was the best goal on the night, floating the ball into a spot that no Byki player could possibly reach.

Spaulding came up big yet again moments later, registering two quality saves in back-to-back fashion.

The Villains made it 4:0 when a through pass sprang a player into the clear behind the Byki defense. Steven Pedlow pleaded his case for offside to the assistant, but the goal stood. Three more goals in the final nine minutes of the half put the result beyond any doubt.

Although the match had lost its competitive edge, the Byki were still eager for battle in the second half, despite the oppressively steamy conditions.

The Villains looked set to add to their lead in the 50th minute, but Kris Zadlo was in the right place to block a shot off the line after Spaulding had left the goal to engage an unmarked striker.

Ten minutes later, Kotsy reached deep down into his reserve energy to get the Byki in the scoring column. Jim Jacobs launched a long pass out of the back for Kotsy, who sprinted into space on the right flank. With no Byki in sight to give support, Kotsy ran right past four defenders and drilled a low shot inside the far post. His 70-yard jaunt should have been worth double, given how much effort was expended by Kotsy.

The Byki made it 7:2 in the 70th minute, capping off a series of quick, precise passes to open up space at the top of the box. Jacobs found Juan-Carlos Carrillo, who sent the ball to Brian Huck. His low shot into the corner gave the keeper no chance.

Although the goal was well taken, it did not portend a miracle comeback for the Byki. The heavy atmosphere wore out the 12-man squad, a situation made worse when Charlie Cohen had to withdraw with a calf injury right after Huck's goal.

The Villains banged home three more, as the Byki conceded a double-digit goal total for the second time this season.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Spaulding – Pedlow (c), Cohen, Gorecki, Zadlo – Dahlquist, Huck – Muehlbauer, Jacobs, Drenth – Kotsy. **Bench:** Carrillo.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

7:1 – Kotsy 1 (Jacobs); 60th.

7:2 – Huck 1 (Carrillo); 70th.

Byki Man of the Match: None given.

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Red Devils FC	7	6	0	1	25	9	18
BH Lillies	8	5	2	1	27	13	17
Unia Chicago	7	4	1	2	27	16	13
Borrachos FC	8	4	1	3	20	12	13
Thunder Sports Club	8	4	1	3	17	16	13
SC Polonez	7	4	0	3	31	21	12
Stare Byki FC	6	4	0	2	9	9	12
Shogun Wind	8	2	0	6	10	23	6
Sting SC	8	1	1	6	16	34	4
Westchester United	7	0	0	7	7	36	0

PSLC OVER 30 WHITE DIVISION**14 July 2019****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Levski Chicago 2014	7	6	0	1	35	6	18
FC Oasu	8	5	1	2	28	16	16
Tricolorii FC	8	5	0	3	22	10	15
Stare Byki FC	7	4	1	2	30	13	13
FC Igloopol	7	3	2	2	7	15	11
AEK FC Chicago	5	2	2	1	13	9	8
International SC	8	2	2	4	19	24	8
Chicago Rangers FC	7	2	2	3	10	26	8
Shogun	6	1	0	5	4	24	3
Stimulus Package United	7	0	0	7	4	29	0

PSLC OVER 40 B DIVISION**14 July 2019****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
United Dynamo	6	4	2	0	17	7	14
Deerfield	4	4	0	0	18	5	12
FK Danubia	5	4	0	1	13	8	12
Park Ridge Rogues	5	4	0	1	9	7	12
Lake Zurich Aces	6	2	1	3	19	10	7
MANA United SC	5	1	1	3	12	10	4
Gato Verde	5	1	1	3	10	12	4
Stare Byki FC	6	1	0	5	6	30	3
Real FC Blues	6	0	1	5	9	24	1

PSLC OVER 48 DIVISION**18 July 2019****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Park Ridge Rogues	8	6	1	1	39	8	19
Jakes Stars Villains	7	6	1	0	37	8	19
HNK Concordia	5	3	1	1	14	8	10
Olympiacos Chicago	8	3	1	4	22	28	10
Sofia BG	6	3	0	3	15	16	9
Aletico Torino FC	7	2	1	4	18	25	7
St Charles Celtics Silverbacks	5	0	1	4	5	22	1
Stare Byki FC	6	0	0	6	7	42	0

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