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Stare Byki	2	Premier Soccer League First Division
Westchester	1	Oak Brook Sports Core 11 August 2019

Late strike propels Byki

Andy Sokolowski's second goal of the contest just seven minutes before the final whistle proved decisive, as the Byki got past ten-man Westchester United 2:1 last Sunday at Oak Brook. The Byki had controlled nearly every aspect of the game, except for the scoreboard. It's been a familiar refrain this season. The Byki have 16 points from 9 matches, placing them sixth in the table. The Byki trail First Division leaders Red Devils FC by eight points, but the Byki have played two fewer matches.

Westchester actually started with just eight players and two more joined them by the ninth minute. The Byki came after the visitors aggressively and their approach paid off when they grabbed the lead after 16 minutes. Daniel Hernandez won the ball in midfield and played an insightful through pass for Sokolowski, who had sprinted behind the Westchester defense. Sokolowski's run took him to the right side of the box and his shot from a sharp angle found the inside of the post.

That opening goal could have provided the spark for a scoring avalanche, but the Byki gave away the lead three minutes later. Slack defending and an inability to get the ball out of their penalty area left the Byki scrambling. An open shot from 20 yards eluded keeper Dominik Jerzak, who lost his footing on newly planted sod near the goal.

In the 24th minute, Hernandez led a counterattack right up the middle. He dished off to Dmytro Korinenko making the supporting run on the left flank. Korinenko carried the ball into the box and centered for Sokolowski, who was denied by a full-stretch save.

The Byki weren't far from a second goal just before halftime. Hernandez was the engineer once again, going 2 v 1 along with Sokolowski, who sent the ball to Nanmin Kone on the left wing. Kone forced his way into the box and sent a diagonal ball for Sokolowski. The timing was just a bit off, with the ball arriving before Sokolowski could tap it home.

Byki pressure continued to mount after the break. Hernandez charged through the middle and found Anton Papou, who forced his way into an opening in the penalty area. The keeper went to his knees to block Papou's attempt and Hernandez's follow-up was stuffed by a defender.

Papou was in great position to give the Byki the lead in the 53rd minute. Kone hustled to keep a ball alive near the goal line and zinged a very tough cross into the middle. The unmarked Papou was unable to get his shot on target.

Hernandez created mayhem in the Westchester penalty area in the 68th minute. His well timed through ball put Ty Bushur into the clear, but the goalie blocked Bushur's shot. Kone pounced on the loose ball, but a defender got in the way.

The Byki finally got their reward in the 83rd minute. Korinenko dribbled through a thicket of defenders and slipped the ball to Kone. His shot was blocked and the keeper chased after the loose ball. Sokolowski got there first and knocked the ball home for a 2:1 lead.

Sokolowski looked sure to net the hat trick two minutes later. Kone's pass during a counterattack put Sokolowski in great position. He feinted past the defender and looked certain to score, only to be denied by the goalie's biggest save of the game.

Even though the conversion rate for the Byki wasn't impressive, the chances do keep coming, and the Byki are quietly racking up the points. Only two teams have conceded fewer goals than the 17 given up by the Byki this season. If they can get a few more balls into the back of the net, they can ride their solid defensive discipline into a climb up the table.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Jerzak – Stewart, Joiner, Stevens (c), Korinenko – Bushur, Hernandez – Papou, Ruiz, Sokolowski – Kone. **Bench:** Marfo.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Sokolowski 2 (Hernandez); 16th.

2:1 – Sokolowski 3; 83rd.

Byki Man of the Match: Daniel Hernandez

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Levski	7	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White Division
Byki O-30	1	Heritage Park 11 August 2019

Cyril Zachariah had to withdraw early due to injury. Levski were in total control and exerted their dominance all over the field.

Robby McClure contributed to this story.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Khankari – Sodeinde, Lara, R. McClure, Guzman – C. Kirk, Garcia – Q. Kirk (c), Campa, Topcuoglu – Zachariah.
Bench: Sauerman.

Byki no match for Levski

If anyone thought that a new contender might emerge to challenge the dominance of Levski Chicago in the Over 30 Division, they will have to put those thoughts on hold for at least another season. The perennial champs dispensed a hard dose of reality to the Byki last Sunday, swamping them 7:1 on the heels of a five-goal outburst in the second half.

The defeat dropped the Byki to fourth place, with 19 points from 10 matches. The race for second place remains very competitive, as the teams placed second through fifth are separated by just three points. Levski have 27 points from 10 matches and are set to run away with the title yet again.

Things were so bad for the Byki on Sunday that Levski actually scored all of the goals in the contest. The opening goal came after 12 minutes, when an errant Levski backpass to the keeper rolled into the goal.

The Byki managed to maintain some level of defensive teamwork in the first half and were down 2:1 at the break.

The second half was a different story altogether. The squad only comprised 12 players and they were reduced to 11 when

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

0:1 – Levski Chicago own goal; 12th.

Byki Man of the Match: None given.

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Byki Stats

FIRST TEAM, PSLC FIRST DIVISION				O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION				O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION				O-48 TEAM, PSLC O-48 DIVISION			
Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts
Sokolowski	2	2	4	Q. Kirk	8	5	13	Kramarz	3	1	4	Huck	3	1	4
Breaux	2	1	3	Jehs	8	3	11	Marquez	3	0	3	Rodriguez, G	0	3	3
Kone	2	1	3	Garcia	3	4	7	Rodriguez, G	2	1	3	Pedlow	2	0	2
Parker	1	2	3	Sodeinde	5	1	6	Bullon	1	1	2	Drenth	1	1	2
Voltaire	2	0	2	McClure, R	4	0	4	Ekundayo	1	1	2	Jacobs	1	1	2
Korinenko	1	1	2	Sauerman	2	2	4	Penafiel	0	2	2	Mendez	1	1	2
Akbas	1	0	1	Kirk, C	1	2	3	Lane	0	1	1	Dahlquist	1	0	1
Ifeanyi	1	0	1	Lara	1	2	3					Kotsy	1	0	1
Jerzak	1	0	1	Zachariah	2	0	2	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Muehlbauer	1	0	1
Stewart	1	0	1	Guzman	1	1	2	Najera	360	17	4.25	Safford	1	0	1
Hernandez	0	1	1	Talukdar	0	2	2	Muehlbauer	90	5	5.00	Carrillo	0	1	1
Mueller	0	1	1	Chudyba	1	0	1	Tobias	90	5	5.00	Cohen	0	1	1
				Zeman	1	0	1	Fukar	270	19	6.33	Team goals	6	x	x
				Akbas	0	1	1	Current record: 1-0-8							
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Campa	0	1	1					Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Jerzak	450	6	1.20	McClure, J	0	1	1	Najera	90	3	3.00	Najera	90	3	3.00
Marfo	360	11	2.75	Ruiz	0	1	1	King	24	1	3.75	King	24	1	3.75
Current record: 5-1-3				Topcuoglu	0	1	1	Fukar	21	1	4.29	Fukar	21	1	4.29
				Team goals	1	x	x	Jacobs	45	3	6.00	Jacobs	45	3	6.00
								Chudyba	90	6	6.00	Chudyba	90	6	6.00
				Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Zadlo	45	4	8.00	Zadlo	45	4	8.00
				McClure, J	180	4	2.00	Muehlbauer	45	4	8.00	Muehlbauer	45	4	8.00
				Khankari	720	17	2.13	Pedlow	28	3	9.64	Pedlow	28	3	9.64
				Current record: 6-1-3				Spaulding	130	15	10.38	Spaulding	130	15	10.38
								Gorecki	12	2	15.00	Gorecki	12	2	15.00
								Current record: 2-0-8							

Byki 0-40	5	Premier Soccer League Over 40 B Division
Park Ridge	1	Oak Brook Sports Core 11 August 2019

Byki come up lame vs Rogues

A closely contested match turned into a blowout last Sunday, as the Over 40 Team found themselves on the wrong end of a 5:1 scoreline against the Park Ridge Rogues. The Byki have dropped six straight and have a mere three points from nine games.

Injuries have taken a huge toll on the group, missing no fewer than six players from the regular rotation. On Sunday, Dean Fukar left early because of a groin problem, while Eric Muehlbauer and Roman Kramarz both had calf difficulties.

The Byki introduced Luis Tobias into the roster, giving them more flexibility at the goalkeeper position. Regular netminder Ray Najera played in the field, helping to provide sorely needed depth. Additionally, Brian Huck was recalled from the Over 48s.

The sweeper-stopper combo of Doug Towsey and Dave Fink started in the middle of defense for only the second time this season and provided a necessary level of stability.

The Byki created the first good opportunity of the match midway through the first half. Diego Penafiel gave a nice pass to Kramarz inside the box. He made a couple of nice moves past a defender and was knocked down in what appeared to be a clear penalty. The referee, however, had other ideas and play continued.

Park Ridge took the advantage when an unmarked left winger crossed into middle in the 40th minute. Tobias blocked the ensuing shot, but a Park Ridge player followed up the second chance to put it away for a 1 0 lead.

The second half started strongly for the Byki. Only five minutes in, Penafiel skillfully drove a long pass to a racing

Ade Ekundayo. The goalkeeper came out to intervene, but Ekundayo was a step head, astutely lobbing it over his head to make it 1:1.

The worst sequence of the match for the Byki sealed the result. Before the Byki could even blink, the Rogues pumped three goals past them in a horrible ten-minute span of porous defending. After the Byki failed to clear the ball out of their defensive zone, Park Ridge worked the ball down the right side. Fukar deflected a cross that ended up at the foot of the Rogues striker, who converted to make it 2:1. The injured Fukar left the field shortly thereafter.

Three minutes later, another failed clearance gave the ball to an open Park Ridge striker, who turned on the ball 20 yards from goal and struck it precisely in the bottom left corner. The score went to 4:1 when a Rogues winger crossed the ball to an unmarked teammate streaking to the far post for an open look at goal.

Kramarz exited with 15 minutes to go, owing to his bad calf, likely out of caution for the ability to fight another day. Muehlbauer fought through his strained calf and finished the game. In his words, "I'm used to playing on only one good leg anyway."

The final 20 minutes were played evenly. Ekundayo, Penafiel and Ruben Bullon played well in the middle together, making several give-and-go plays. But the story was the same for Byki again, they simply were unable to put the ball into the back of the net. The Rogues netted their final goal late in the match on a breakaway as the Byki were pushing more players forward.

Eric Muehlbauer and Doug Towsey contributed to this story.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Tobias – Towsey, King, Fink, Fukar – Bullon, Penafiel – Melendez, Marquez, Ekundayo (c) – Kramarz. **Bench:** Huck, Muehlbauer, Najera.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – Ekundayo 1 (Penafiel); 50th.

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

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Red Devils FC	11	7	3	1	33	16	24
Unia Chicago	11	7	2	2	44	20	23
BH Lillies	11	6	4	1	35	16	22
Borrachos FC	11	6	1	4	29	17	19
SC Polonez	11	6	0	5	43	38	18
Stare Byki FC	9	5	1	3	15	17	16
Thunder Sports Club	11	4	3	4	21	21	15
Shogun Wind	12	3	1	8	21	34	10
Sting SC	12	2	3	7	26	44	9
Westchester United	11	0	0	11	12	56	0

PSLC OVER 30 WHITE DIVISION**11 August 2019****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Levski Chicago 2014	10	9	0	1	51	9	27
FC Oasu	11	6	3	2	38	22	21
FC Igloopol	11	6	2	3	24	23	20
Stare Byki FC	10	6	1	3	38	21	19
Tricolorii FC	10	6	0	4	29	17	18
AEK FC Chicago	7	4	2	1	20	13	14
International SC	12	3	3	6	31	37	12
Chicago Rangers FC	10	2	3	5	12	35	9
Shogun	10	1	0	9	9	43	3
Stimulus Package United	9	0	0	9	7	39	0

PSLC OVER 40 B DIVISION**11 August 2019****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Deerfield	8	8	0	0	26	6	24
United Dynamo	8	6	2	0	25	10	20
Park Ridge Rogues	9	6	0	3	21	19	18
FK Danubia	8	5	0	3	21	17	15
Lake Zurich Aces	9	4	1	4	29	15	13
Gato Verde	9	2	2	5	18	20	8
MANA United SC	7	2	1	4	18	13	7
Stare Byki FC	9	1	0	8	10	46	3
Real FC Blues	9	0	2	7	13	35	2

PSLC OVER 48 DIVISION**15 August 2019****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Park Ridge Rogues	10	8	1	1	46	8	25
Jakes Stars Villains	9	8	1	0	43	8	25
Sofia BG	9	6	0	3	27	20	18
HNK Concordia	7	5	1	1	20	8	16
Olympiacos Chicago	12	4	1	7	29	42	13
St Charles Celtics Silverbacks	9	2	1	6	17	37	7
Atletico Torino FC	14	2	1	11	18	46	7
Stare Byki FC	10	2	0	8	17	48	6