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| Tricolorii FC | <b>1</b> | Premier Soccer League<br>Over 30 White Division |
| Byki O-30     | <b>4</b> | Oak Brook Park District<br>18 August 2019       |

## Byki back in the race

The Over 30 Team rebounded nicely last Sunday, downing Tricolorii FC 4:1. The result was a pleasant turnabout after receiving a rough shellacking from Levski in their previous match. Greg Jehs led the way with a hat trick, as the Byki remain in a clump of teams in the top portion of the table.

Injuries have taken their toll on the roster, as the Byki could only get 11 able bodies in uniform. But it hardly mattered. Despite conceding an opening goal, the Byki put their stamp on the contest and made sure to keep Tricolorii behind them in the standings.

Tricolorii started out the more creative side. They managed to cut through the back of the Byki defense on a few occasions, leading to an attempt hitting the post, and another one slipping wide of the target.

Tricolorii's best chance came from the penalty spot, but they messed up the spot kick. The Tricolorii player had put the ball past netminder Joel McClure, but the referee took it off the board because the Tricolorii player kicked the ball before the whistle. When the kick was retaken, McClure played Jedi mind tricks with the shooter. The tactic worked and McClure saved the second kick.

Unknown forces continued to wreak havoc on the match. Tricolorii played a ball over the top and Robby McClure made a run straight towards the bouncing ball. He unfortunately misjudged its trajectory and the Tricolorii striker raced in and came on a breakthrough, beating Joel McClure for a 1:0 lead on 27 minutes.

The Byki shrugged that off and leveled the affair just nine minutes later. David Lara controlled a loose ball near midfield

and one-timed a long pass to Jehs near the top of the box. Jehs astutely let the ball run to the byline, bodied a defender away and then went around him. Jehs then juked the goalie and slid the ball home.

Just before the break, Jehs tackled the ball away from the centerback as Tricolorii were trying to work through the back. With both players tied up in knots with each other, Richard Sodeinde came in and blasted a shot past the goalkeeper, who was scrambling to help his teammate.

The Byki put their stamp on the contest ten minutes into the second half. Jehs was in tight quarters with a defender on him near the goal line. He tried to dink the ball over the defender and the ball struck the defender's raised arm. The referee immediately whistled for a penalty and Jehs did the honors, recording his tenth goal of the campaign and a 3:2 advantage.

Jehs completed the scoring midway through the second half, tormenting the same defender yet again. Jehs carried the ball from the right side of the area into the middle and sent his shot past a helpless keeper. "That defender had nightmares of Jehs all week for sure," said Robby McClure afterwards. "That same guy had gone to his car at halftime after removing his jersey, only to be talked into coming back for more pain in the second half."

Tricolorii capitulated at that point, conceding that it was not going to be their day, as long as Jehs had anything to say about it.

*Robby McClure contributed to this story.*

**BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1):** J. McClure – Talukdar, Campa, Lara, R. McClure – C. Kirk, Gibbs – Sodeinde, Guzman, Garcia – Jehs (c).

### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

- 1:1 – Jehs 9 (Lara); 36th.
- 1:2 – Sodeinde 6; 42nd.
- 1:3 – Jehs 10 (pk); 55th.
- 1:4 – Jehs 11; 66th.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Greg Jehs.

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# STARE BYKI FC



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| Thunder SC | 4 | Premier Soccer League<br>First Division<br>Lawler Park<br>18 August 2019 |
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## Another fantastic finish

The Byki faced deficits of 3:0 and 4:3 last Sunday when they took on Thunder Sports Club and used every ounce of skill and guile to carve out a 4:4 draw at Lawler Park. JD Joiner had the game of his life, registering a hat trick from the fullback position, the final goal coming in the dying moments of normal time.

Thunder had given the disorganized Byki a 3:1 lashing in the season opener back in May. But that Byki squad spent almost as much time introducing themselves to one another as they did trying to sort out positions. "We're a lot better team today than we were in the first meeting," said coach George Gorecki.

But one could hardly tell the difference in a first half where the Byki gave away possession far too easily. Thunder opportunistically capitalized and scored twice to go into the driver's seat.

The Byki conceded a third early in the second half. Refusing to hang their heads, the Byki embarked on a tumultuous comeback that placed them only inches away from taking all three points.

Thunder started things off in the 24th minute. A Thunder player carried the ball deep into the Byki penalty area and aimed a shot from an impossibly difficult angle. The ball pinged off of the far post for a 1:0 lead.

Four minutes later, a Thunder player dribbled right through the box and went for goal. His shot crashed off of the goalpost and a teammate alertly followed up with a tap-in of the rebound, as the dumbfounded Byki tried to determine how it had gone all wrong.

The best chance of the first half for the Byki came in the 33rd minute. Mike Stamatinos floated a free kick from 40 yards towards the far post. Alan Stevens tried to steer the ball home with a sliding, diving header, but sent the ball wide.

The Byki knew that they had to score the next goal in order to get back into the contest. Predictably, it was Thunder who hit back for a third tally in the 48th minute. A deflected pass bounced in the Byki penalty area, catching goalkeeper Dominik Jerzak off-balance. The ball went over him and a Thunder player scooted in to knock the ball into the empty net to make it 3:0.

The response from the Byki was swift. An excellent passing sequence between Stamatinos, Amey Borkar and Nanmin Kone released Kone on a run to the left side of the Thunder area. Kone raced past his man and drilled a shot that incredibly hit both posts, but did not go in. The resourceful Andy Sokolowski was in the right place to bang home his team-leading fourth goal of the season.

The goal energized the Byki, who grabbed the momentum.

Just before the hour, Dmytro Korinenko launched a long throw-in into the mixer. The ball was headed to the corner of the box, where Joiner arrived to hit a first-timer with full force. A defender deflected the ball away.

In the 61st minute, Stamatinos stroked a swerving corner kick for Korinenko, whose floating header was desperately tipped over the bar by the goalie. Stamatinos drove the ensuing corner into a dangerous spot. Sokolowski stuck his knee into the path of the ball and Joiner chested the ball over the line to bring the Byki to within 3:2.

Stevens hurled a long throw-in towards goal in the 76th minute. Mayhem in the box ensued and Joiner claimed the goal for his own, insisting that his nose got the ball into the net.

With the match roiling, Stevens was at it again three minutes later. Another long throw-in was tipped off of the crossbar by the keeper, leading to more goal line craziness. The Byki were convinced that they had grabbed the lead, but the goal was nullified for offside.

Thunder somehow survived the onslaught and looked poised to put the game away in the 85th minute. A Thunder player was tripped in the box and they converted the resulting penalty kick for a 4:3 lead.

The drama was not yet over. Jerzak kept the Byki in the hunt three minutes from the end when he thwarted a breakaway, coming hard off his line to make a sliding save.

Disaster struck for Thunder when their keeper mistakenly handled a backpass from a teammate, leaving the Byki with an indirect free kick nearly on the goal line, ten yards to the left of the post. Stamatinos and Joiner plotted their restart tactics while the referee struggled to get the Thunder wall positioned. Stevens' decision to insert himself into the wall only dragged the process out longer. Once the referee blew the whistle, Stamatinos faked his free kick, causing three Thunder players to encroach. After order had been restored, Stamatinos faked a second time, causing encroachment and causing Thunder players to complain to the referee about excessive faking or some other silliness. On the third attempt, Stamatinos rolled the ball to Joiner, who nailed a first-time shot through the thicket of legs and into the far post. "Great psych job by Mike," said Gorecki afterwards. "Referees generally will ignore encroachment if the ball is put in play. By seeing a faked kick twice, the Thunder players hesitated a little bit on the third one and that gave JD enough space to get ball home."

**BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2):** Jerzak – Joiner, Stevens, Davies, Stamatinos (c) – Smith, Borkar, Bushur, Sokolowski – Korinenko, Kone.

### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

3:1 – Sokolowski 4; 50th.  
3:2 – Joiner 1 (Sokolowski); 61st.  
3:3 – Joiner 2 (Stevens); 76th.  
4:4 – Joiner 3 (Stamatinos); 90th.

**Byki Men of the Match:** John Joiner, Andy Sokolowski, Alan Stevens.

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| FK Danubia | <b>9</b> | Premier Soccer League<br>Over 40 B Division |
| Byki O-40  | <b>1</b> | Elmhurst College<br>18 August 2019          |

## Losses keep piling up

A lost season for the Over 40 Team continued down its miserable path last Sunday. FK Danubia got their pound of flesh, battering the Byki 9:1 at Elmhurst College. The Byki have dropped seven in a row and have conceded more goals than anyone in the Over 40 B Division.

Danubia needed just five minutes to break into the scoring column. They worked the ball down the right side, and a quick turn allowed the Danubia player to shake the Byki defender. A quick chop for an easy header made it 1:0.

The score went to 2:0 seven minutes later. Byki keeper Luis Tobias punched away a shot attempt, but the ball went straight to an open striker at the top of the box. His left-footed volley screamed in just under the crossbar.

The midfield trio of Ruben Bullon, Ade Ekundayo and Diego Penafiel worked nice combinations on the right wing. Well placed crosses were cut out by Danubia's sweeper.

Later in the first half, Easu Melendez looked for Ray Najera in the box with a long cross. The Danubia goalie arrived first and grabbed the ball out of the air.

Danubia scored twice in the last eight minutes of the first half to assume total control of the match. Tobias blocked an attempt by an unmarked striker, but his teammate put the

rebound into the back of the net to make it 3:0. Another cross beat the Byki in the box and the score swelled to 4:0.

Undaunted, player-coach Doug Towsey, a grizzled veteran of many Byki battlefields, tried to encourage the group during his halftime chat. "We always score four when we have the wind," Towsey quipped.

The second half started in much the same way the first had ended. A hard shot from the Danubia striker rattled the Byki crossbar. Moments later, a long shot from the right side proved tricky. The wind-aided, curving attempt found the mark just under the bar for a 5:0 lead.

As the turnovers piled up for the Byki, the scoring chances for Danubia became plentiful and the margin increased to ridiculous proportions.

The Byki spoiled the Danubia clean sheet with three minutes to go. Bullon intercepted a long Danubia clearance 40 yards from goal. Seizing his opportunity, he lofted a shot high enough that it might have deflected off of the Google Earth satellite. The Danubia goalkeeper kept backpedaling, but to no avail, and the ball landed behind him, bouncing into the net for Bullon's third goal of the season.

*Eric Muehlbauer and Doug Towsey contributed to this story.*

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

### **BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

9:1 – Bullon 3; 87th.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Ruben Bullon.

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|                      | <b>GP</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>GF</b> | <b>GA</b> | <b>Pts</b> |
|----------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Red Devils FC        | 12        | 8        | 3        | 1        | 39        | 17        | 27         |
| Unia Chicago         | 11        | 7        | 2        | 2        | 44        | 20        | 23         |
| BH Lillies           | 11        | 6        | 4        | 1        | 35        | 16        | 22         |
| Borrachos FC         | 12        | 7        | 1        | 4        | 33        | 18        | 22         |
| SC Polonez           | 11        | 6        | 0        | 5        | 43        | 38        | 18         |
| <b>Stare Byki FC</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>17</b>  |
| Thunder Sports Club  | 12        | 4        | 4        | 4        | 25        | 25        | 16         |
| Shogun Wind          | 12        | 3        | 1        | 8        | 21        | 34        | 10         |
| Sting SC             | 13        | 2        | 3        | 8        | 27        | 48        | 9          |
| Westchester United   | 12        | 0        | 0        | 12       | 13        | 62        | 0          |

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|                         | <b>GP</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>GF</b> | <b>GA</b> | <b>Pts</b> |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Levski Chicago 2014     | 10        | 9        | 0        | 1        | 51        | 9         | 27         |
| FC Igloopol             | 12        | 7        | 2        | 3        | 33        | 23        | 23         |
| <b>Stare Byki FC</b>    | <b>11</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>42</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>22</b>  |
| FC Oasú                 | 12        | 6        | 3        | 3        | 39        | 24        | 21         |
| Tricolorii FC           | 12        | 6        | 1        | 5        | 30        | 21        | 19         |
| AEK FC Chicago          | 8         | 4        | 3        | 1        | 20        | 13        | 15         |
| International SC        | 12        | 3        | 3        | 6        | 31        | 37        | 12         |
| Chicago Rangers FC      | 10        | 2        | 3        | 5        | 12        | 35        | 9          |
| Shogun                  | 11        | 2        | 0        | 9        | 11        | 44        | 6          |
| Stimulus Package United | 10        | 0        | 0        | 10       | 7         | 48        | 0          |

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|                      | <b>GP</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>GF</b> | <b>GA</b> | <b>Pts</b> |
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| Deerfield            | 9         | 9        | 0        | 0        | 28        | 6         | 27         |
| United Dynamo        | 8         | 6        | 2        | 0        | 25        | 10        | 20         |
| FK Danubia           | 9         | 6        | 0        | 3        | 30        | 18        | 18         |
| Park Ridge Rogues    | 9         | 6        | 0        | 3        | 21        | 19        | 18         |
| Lake Zurich Aces     | 9         | 4        | 1        | 4        | 29        | 15        | 13         |
| Gato Verde           | 9         | 2        | 2        | 5        | 18        | 20        | 8          |
| MANA United SC       | 8         | 2        | 1        | 5        | 18        | 15        | 7          |
| <b>Stare Byki FC</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>55</b> | <b>3</b>   |
| Real FC Blues        | 9         | 0        | 2        | 7        | 13        | 35        | 2          |

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|                                | <b>GP</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>GF</b> | <b>GA</b> | <b>Pts</b> |
|--------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Jakes Stars Villains           | 10        | 9        | 1        | 0        | 47        | 11        | 28         |
| Park Ridge Rogues              | 11        | 8        | 1        | 2        | 49        | 12        | 25         |
| Sofia BG                       | 10        | 7        | 0        | 3        | 32        | 21        | 21         |
| HNK Concordia                  | 8         | 5        | 1        | 2        | 20        | 11        | 16         |
| Olympiacos Chicago             | 13        | 5        | 1        | 7        | 32        | 42        | 16         |
| St Charles Celtics Silverbacks | 10        | 2        | 1        | 7        | 18        | 42        | 7          |
| Atletico Torino FC             | 14        | 2        | 1        | 11       | 18        | 46        | 7          |
| <b>Stare Byki FC</b>           | <b>10</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>48</b> | <b>6</b>   |