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Byki O-30	<b>3</b>	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White Division
AEK Chicago	<b>1</b>	Oak Brook 8 September 2019

## Byki attack in top form

The Over 30 Team rebounded into the win column last Sunday when they knocked off AEK FC Chicago 3:1 at Oak Brook. The Byki were full of attacking ideas and were unlucky to have not doubled their total. With 25 points from 13 matches, the Byki are third in the table, trailing second-place Tricolorii by three points. Tricolorii have played two more matches than the Byki.

“For the first 25 minutes of the game we had more goal scoring opportunities than I’ve seen in any 25-minute stretch this season,” said player-coach Robby McClure. The victory was especially satisfying for the Byki, as AEK have been their bogey opponent for several seasons.

Although the Byki did not dent the back of the net during the early stages of the contest, they were creating lots of opportunities, coming on headers, one-two combinations, long range shots, and short dinks around the keeper.

Amid this bevy of chances, AEK went into the lead when a wet ball came across the box and ricocheted off of a Byki player, deflecting to the corner of the net for an own goal. The play developed so quickly that goalkeeper Joel McClure could not react in time.

The Byki leveled the affair five minutes before the break. Richard Sodeinde sent in a corner kick and an AEK defender headed it directly back to him. Sodeinde quickly laid the ball back to Robby McClure about five yards off of the corner of the box. McClure looked up for a possible cross, but only saw a mess of people in front of goal and decided to take a whack. With a wet ball, anything can happen and McClure found the top shelf to make it 1:1.

There was a lot of back-and-forth play in the second half, but the Byki were firmly in the driver’s seat. They broke things open with a pair of late goals.

In the 83rd minute, Shane Price collected the ball in traffic about 15 yards outside the AEK penalty area. He did an excellent job shielding off defenders and getting through the

traffic, laying off to Robby McClure wide right. As the AEK defensive line started crashing the goalmouth, McClure pushed the ball forward. He spotted Volkan Akbas making an incisive run to the back post and delivered a cross six yards from goal, where Akbas volleyed home the game-winner to the left corner of the net.

With all three points now in peril, AEK went into desperation mode and pressed hard. The Byki maintained their defensive shape and were able to fend off any attacks. The Byki put the result beyond any doubt two minutes into stoppage time. Sodeinde did a great job taking the ball to the corner and shielding, earning a corner kick. He quickly put the ball down and crossed for Greg Jehs, who was waiting alone in the box. Jehs settled and slotted home an insurance goal past the diving keeper.

“We should have won 4-0 or 5-0, but they just weren’t going in,” noted McClure. “I don’t think it was poor finishing this week, just bad luck. It was a great team win over a good AEK team. “

*Robby McClure contributed to this story.*

**BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1):** J. McClure – Gibbs, Lara, Herholdt, R. McClure – C. Kirk, Zeman (c) – Sauerman, Price, Guzman – Jehs. **Bench:** Akbas, Campa, Sodeinde, Zachariah.

### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – R. McClure 5 (Sodeinde); 40th.

2:1 – Akbas 1 (R. McClure); 83rd.

3:1 – Jehs 12 (Sodeinde); 92nd+.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Shane Price.

Red Devils	<b>5</b>	Premier Soccer League First Division
Stare Byki	<b>3</b>	Windemere Park 8 September 2019

## Red Devils punish Byki errors

The Byki faced their biggest test of the season when they took on league leaders Red Devils FC last Sunday at rainy and soggy Windemere Park. The Red Devils verified their lofty pedigree, displaying quick ball movement and efficient

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passing. They snatched an early lead and never looked back en route to a 5:3 victory.

The wet field played havoc in the opening minute, when a Red Devils through pass snaked through the Byki defense and skipped past goalkeeper Amit Khankari. The Red Devils striker poked the ball into an open net.

Just minutes later, a long boot from the Red Devils goalie was headed along twice by teammates, with little intervention from Byki midfielders. A Red Devils forward weaved into shooting position at the top of the area and fired into the into the far corner for a 2:0 lead. First-place teams don't need gifts and the Red Devils exploited Byki generosity with stark ruthlessness.

The Red Devils made it 3:0 midway through the first half. A Byki defender tried to clear the ball, but slipped. Khankari came out to cover up and his clearance went off of the Red Devils striker, who passed into an open net.

To their credit, the Byki responded with fighting spirit. At 30 minutes, striker Nanmin Kone dribbled through two defenders in the Red Devils area, resulting in a handball violation. The referee whistled the foul and JD Joiner converted the spot kick, drilling right down the middle.

Ten minutes later, the Byki got to within 3:2, following a really nice passing sequence that started from the back and went up through midfield. Combination plays opened the space and Anton Papou delivered the final pass for midfielder Tyler Thacher, who muscled his way through the back line and calmly slotted home past the helpless keeper.

The Byki wasted a golden opportunity to level the contest early in the second half. Joiner lofted a free kick into the box and Alan Stevens cushioned it back into the mixer for Alex Mancilla. The winger was open from six yards out and sent his attempt high over the bar.

Those types of chances need to be converted and the Red Devils made the Byki pay the price. They made it 4:2 when a Red Devils striker latched on to a ball played over the top and finished from a tight angle.

The Red Devils scored their fifth from a recycled corner kick. They whipped the ball back into the Byki area and Khankari came out to punch. The Red Devils player won the duel, however, and headed into an open goal.

The Byki kept working and pulled another one back in the 75th minute. Mancilla set up Thatcher for his second tally of the day, as he side-footed a sneaky shot into the far corner from just outside the 18.

*Alan Stevens contributed to this story.*

**BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1):** Khankari – Joiner, Stevens, Stamatinos (c), Korinenko – Chiarelli, Thatcher – Borkar, Mancilla, Papou – Kone.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

3:1 – Joiner 5 (pk); 30th.  
3:2 – Thatcher 1 (Papou); 40th.  
5:3 – Thatcher 2 (Mancilla); 75th.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Tyler Thatcher.

# 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	4	3	7	Jehs	12	3	15	Bullon	4	0	4	Huck	3	1	4
Joiner	5	0	5	Q. Kirk	8	5	13	Ekundayo	3	1	4	Rodriguez, G	0	3	3
Kone	3	1	4	Sodeinde	6	3	9	Kramarz	3	1	4	Pedlow	2	0	2
Breaux	2	1	3	Garcia	3	4	7	Penafiel	1	3	4	Drenth	1	1	2
Papou	1	2	3	McClure, R	5	1	6	Marquez	3	0	3	Jacobs	1	1	2
Parker	1	2	3	Sauernan	2	2	4	Rodriguez, G	1	2	3	Mendez	1	1	2
Stamatinos	1	2	3	Lara	1	3	4	Carrillo	0	1	1	Dahlquist	1	0	1
Thatcher	2	0	2	Kirk, C	1	2	3	Fink	0	1	1	Kotsy	1	0	1
Voltaire	2	0	2	Zachariah	2	0	2	Lane	0	1	1	Muehlbauer	1	0	1
Korinenko	1	1	2	Akbas	1	1	2	<b>Goalie</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>GAA</b>	Safford	1	0	1
Akbas	1	0	1	Guzman	1	1	2	Najera	360	17	4.25	Carrillo	0	1	1
Ifeanyi	1	0	1	Talukdar	0	2	2	Muehlbauer	90	5	5.00	Cohen	0	1	1
Jerzak	1	0	1	Topucuoglu	0	2	2	Fukar	270	19	6.33	Team goals	6	x	x
Stewart	1	0	1	Chudyba	1	0	1	Tobias	360	26	6.50	<b>Goalie</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>GAA</b>
Hernandez	0	1	1	Zeman	1	0	1	Current record: 1-0-11				Najera	90	3	3.00
Mancilla	0	1	1	Campa	0	1	1	King	24	1	3.75	Fukar	21	1	4.29
Mueller	0	1	1	McClure, J	0	1	1	Jacobs	45	3	6.00	Chudyba	90	6	6.00
Stevens	0	1	1	Ruiz	0	1	1	Spaulding	310	23	6.68	Zadlo	45	4	8.00
<b>Goalie</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>GAA</b>	Team goals	1	x	x	Muehlbauer	45	4	8.00	Pedlow	28	3	9.64
Jerzak	680	13	1.72	<b>Goalie</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>GAA</b>	Gorecki	12	2	15.00	Current record: 2-0-9			
Marfo	400	13	2.93	McClure, J	360	6	1.50								
Khankari	90	5	5.00	Khankari	810	21	2.33								
Current record: 6-2-5				Current record: 8-1-4											

Gato Verde	<b>6</b>	Premier Soccer League Over 40 B Division
Byki O-40	<b>2</b>	Oak Brook 8 September 2019

## History repeats itself v Gato Verde

The injury-riddled Over 40 Team limped away from Sunday's match versus Gato Verde on the wrong end of a 6:2 scoreline. Players have been dropping left and right, making it very difficult to compete on a consistent basis.

A soft rain fell for most of the match and both sides made good passes and stayed in control on the turf at Oak Brook. Gato Verde got the ball down into Byki zone a couple of times, but could not create any good shots. Sweeper Steven Pedlow led the defense, turning away Gato Verde opportunities. Goalie Luis Tobias made some timely interventions and blocked a couple of shots.

The Byki made some noise at the Gato Verde end of the field also. Ade Ekundayo quickly played a restart to Diego Penafiel, whose hard smash went just over the crossbar. Ekundayo went for goal on another free kick opportunity, but the Gato Verde keeper steered the ball away to safety.

Gato Verde got on the board at the half hour mark when a long cross from the left went over the heads of the Byki defense to Gato Verde's incredibly talk striker. He chested the ball down and nailed a shot just under the crossbar past the scrambling Tobias. Gato Verde added a second tally just before halftime, when they questionably beat a Byki offside trap.

The Byki felt that they were playing pretty well and got back into the match five minutes into the second half. Dave Fink sent the ball Ekundayo, who had Ray Najera and Eric Muehlbauer running on either side of him. Ekundayo, however, opted to shoot from 25 yards and sent it low and hard into the left corner of the net past the diving goalkeeper.

Things crumbled for the Byki in the middle of the second half, as Gato Verde scored three times in the span of 10 minutes

to break the game open. The sequence was reminiscent of the outcome in the first encounter between the sides. What had been a fairly even contest ballooned into a 5:1 lead for Gato Verde.

In the 65th minute, Penafiel hit a powerful free kick towards goal. The keeper couldn't catch it cleanly and batted the ball just to his left, in front of an advancing Muehlbauer. He hesitated for a split-second and the keeper cleared the ball in desperation.

Strangeness ensued with 15 minutes to go. As the Byki worked the ball forward, Jay Brough lunged to keep an errant pass in play. His touch redirected the ball to a teammate, but he injured himself in the process. Brough's momentum carried him over the touchline, where he fell behind the run of play, unbeknownst to the advancing Byki. Gato Verde players were inexplicably yelling to stop play, but this confused the Byki, who unaware that Brough was off the field. The Byki kept things moving and Juan-Carlos Carrillo made a nice pass through the middle to Ruben Bullon, who met no real defense as he slipped the ball past the goalie to make it 5:2.

The strangeness reached bizzarro levels when Gato Verde players started complaining very loudly to the referee and to the Byki for a perceived lack of sportsmanship and unfair play. It's unclear what was unsporting about the Byki continuing play when one of their players was injured; the Gato Verde were not harmed by this action. So, in order to make the strangeness complete, Ekundayo convinced his teammates that they should allow Gato Verde a free goal to compensate for the perceived slight.

*Eric Muehlbauer and Jay Brough contributed to this story.*

**BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2):** Tobias – Safford, Pedlow, Melendez, Brough – Ekundayo (c), Najera, Muehlbauer, Jimenez – Marquez, Penafiel. **Bench:** Bullon, Carrillo, Fink.

### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

2:1 – Ekundayo 3 (Fink); 50th.

5:2 – Bullon 4 (Carrillo); 75th.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Steven Pedlow.



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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	14	10	3	1	46	21	33
Borrachos FC	14	9	1	4	40	20	28
Unia Chicago	13	8	2	3	50	23	26
BH Lillies	14	6	5	3	39	25	23
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>23</b>
Thunder Sports Club	14	6	4	4	37	27	22
SC Polonez	13	7	0	6	47	41	21
Shogun Wind	13	3	1	9	22	39	10
Sting SC	15	2	4	9	31	54	10
Westchester United	14	0	0	14	16	76	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	12	11	0	1	64	10	33
Tricolorii FC	15	9	1	5	41	23	28
FC Igloopol	14	8	3	3	40	29	27
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>25</b>
AEK FC Chicago	13	7	3	3	39	22	24
FC Oasu	13	6	4	3	42	27	22
International SC	14	5	3	6	38	37	18
Chicago Rangers FC	12	2	3	7	13	45	9
Shogun	14	2	0	12	15	64	6
Stimulus Package United	14	0	0	14	7	60	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>
Deerfield	10	10	0	0	32	7	30
United Dynamo	10	7	2	1	27	14	23
FK Danubia	11	7	0	4	34	20	21
Park Ridge Rogues	11	7	0	4	26	24	21
Lake Zurich Aces	11	5	1	5	33	20	16
Gato Verde	11	4	2	5	29	25	14
MANA United SC	11	3	1	7	26	24	10
Real FC Blues	10	1	2	7	19	37	5
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>3</b>

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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	12	11	1	0	57	12	34
Park Ridge Rogues	12	9	1	2	51	12	28
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
Atletico Torino FC	14	2	1	11	18	46	7
St Charles Celtics Silverbacks	12	2	1	9	19	49	7
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>6</b>