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FC Oasu	1	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White Division
Byki O-30	1	Olympic Park 15 September 2019

Byki forced to split the points

The Over 30 Team struggled to find the back of the net and settled for a 1:1 draw with FC Oasu at Olympic Park on September 15. The Byki created plenty of chances, especially during a frenzied final few minutes. Their hunt for a second-place finish remains within their reach.

A mild bit of controversy roiled the pre-match set-up, as both teams showed up wearing red shirts. League rules call for the home team to resolve any color conflicts and the stumblebum Oasu team did not have alternate jerseys. They then loudly whined about having to be the team that changes, despite the obvious rule that covers the situation. The referee bizarrely allowed Oasu's players to wear any sort of shirt that was not red, which resulted in a hodgepodge of different shirts normally seen at poorly organized pick-up games. The proper response would have been to abandon the match completely.

The Byki threw the first salvo, coming after just 10 minutes. Jose Garcia found Joe Sauerman on the right flank and Sauerman delivered a cross to the top of the penalty area for Shane Price, whose shot went directly at the goalkeeper.

Four minutes later, Byki netminder Amit Khanakri went full stretch to deflect an attempt struck from distance. Oasu then grabbed the lead on 19 minutes, proving to be a bit faster than the Byki on the counterattack down the right side. They slotted the ball to an unmarked player in the middle of the box, who drove the ball home.

The Byki were not far from an equalizer in the 26th minute. Sauerman lofted a tantalizing free kick into the mixer from the left corner of the penalty area for David Lara, whose header went wide of the target.

Oasu's intentions were clear: defend that one-goal lead with every available resource. They packed their penalty area with defenders and were content to try to beat the Byki on the counter. The Byki struggled to find ways to unlock the logjam and would have done better to play to wide areas

more frequently.

Things got nervous in front of the Oasu goal just after the hour mark. Oasu defenders cleared a Byki corner kick to Mark Zeman, who drilled a volley towards the near post that was parried to safety by the keeper.

Five minutes later, the Byki leveled the affair. Left back Mike Stamatinos, borrowed for the day from the First Team, pushed forward and carried the ball down the wing. He boomed an absolute cracker to the far post, finding an unmarked Robby McClure to tap home. The precision and timing of the sequence were nothing short of exquisite.

The Byki spent the remainder of the contest searching for that crucial second goal. In the 87th minute, Zeman sent a pass to Garcia, who dribbled into the box, but was denied by the Oasu goalie.

Volkan Akbas ran into open space on the right side of the area in the 89th minute, but shot wide. Moments later, Garcia sprinted into open space past the Oasu defenders and had only the keeper to beat. He came strong off of his line and gave Garcia very little of the goal to see. Garcia's flick went narrowly wide.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Khankari – Talukdar, Lara, Stevens, Stamatinos – C. Kirk, Zeman (c) – R. McClure, Price, Garcia – Sauerman. **Bench:** Akbas, Sodeinde, Zachariah.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – R. McClure 6 (Stamatinos); 67th.

Byki Man of the Match: None given.

St C Celtics	2	Premier Soccer League Over 48 Division
Byki O-48	3	East Side Sports Complex 18 September 2019

Unlikely W for Over 48s

Last Wednesday's Over 48 tilt versus the St Charles Celtics Silverbacks was a match that was almost was not played. Somehow, the game moved forward and the 3:2 Byki victory will have to come with an asterisk because of the unusual arrangement made between the sides before kickoff.

Originally scheduled for September 11, the Celtics

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graciously went along with a Byki request to reschedule, due to a shortage of players. The Byki were short again a week later and gamely showed up at the East Side Sports Complex with nine able bodies, committed to making the best of a bad situation.

The Celtics dressed no fewer than 17 players for the contest and offered to transfer two of their players to the Byki for the night so that they could make a game of it. Player-coach Eric Tower conferred a legal opinion on the debatable validity of such shenanigans by stating that the PSLC rulebook does not specifically prohibit teams sharing players, only that players need proper registration in order to be eligible to play. The Illinois State Soccer Association, to whom the PSLC is affiliated, has a rulebook that is written in much more precise language, and there is no way such an arrangement could ever be allowed in a competitive league. Still, the teams pressed onward and the result would be considered official.

As kickoff neared, Steven Pedlow reminded the Byki that this was a winnable game. In a season with little cheer about, this buoyed the Byki spirits. St Charles not only has a lot of players, but there is also a lot of space on their massive grass field. Both sides started out trying to get used to the speed of play and the effects of the slippery yet sticky surface and adapted fairly quickly. The Byki worked the ball through the midfield with nicely controlled passes from Eric Tower in the back through Brian Huck in midfield. Pedlow and Attila Kotsy both had their track shoes on and the Celtics had trouble keeping up.

The first scoring chance came after seven minutes from a Byki corner kick. Kotsy's cross landed in the mixer and the ball caromed to Eric Muehlbauer at the top of the box. Muehlbauer rifled a shot on goal that hit a defender and spun toward the crossbar, but the keeper got a hand up to deflect it over the top.

Minutes later, the Byki pressed forward and Kotsy's perfect cross from the right side found Pedlow advancing into the 6-yard box and he calmly headed home the first goal of the night.

The Byki kept the pressure on but could not find the back of the net for the rest of the first half. Meanwhile, Tower commanded the backline very well, barking out directions like an oarsman. Doug Towsey and Dave Safford were very quick to snuff out any major threats. Safford in particular seemed to have a bit of a chip on his shoulder and played aggressively and with great energy. The stellar defense of Charlie Cohen, Towsey, Safford and Tower kept the Celtics at bay for most of the first half. Tom Czajkowski, who came over from the Celtics to play in goal for the Byki, mentioned at halftime that he was getting a bit bored. Czajkowski easily snared any shot produced by the Celtics in the first half.

In the second half, Juan-Carlos Carrillo and Huck controlled much of the middle of the field, with passes going from side to side, allowing the Byki to work the ball forward and utilizing the speed advantage from Kotsy and Pedlow.

Due to the lack of substitutes, the Byki midfielders slowed as the match wore on. But Safford, Cohen, Tower and Towsey all made overlapping runs at the right times to provide attacking threats. In the 60th minute, Safford made one of those runs and continued to pressure the Celtics keeper, who had just received a backpass. Safford's pressure forced the keeper into a bad giveaway that went right to Huck, who headed the ball back into the goal, making it 2:0.

Ten minutes later, Tower sent a perfectly weighted and angled through ball to an advancing Pedlow, whose hard shot ate up the Celtics keeper. The ball hit his foot, and then his raised arm, but still careened into the goal to give the Byki a 3:0 lead.

With 12 minutes left, the Byki were reduced to 10 men when Cohen went down with an injury. Tower called for some of the midfielders to stay back and help on defense. This development prompted more pressure from the Celtics, who got on the board at in the 80th minute. A through ball found an advancing striker, who outran the tired Byki and slotted home to bring the Celics to within 3:1.

The Byki were having trouble controlling the ball or even getting it into Celtic territory at this point. In the 85th minute, the Celtics scored their second goal when their sweeper advanced the ball up the field and worked a give-and-go gave to set up a shot from 25 yards. His hard, skipping shot eluded Czajkowski.

The final five minutes were frantic, with the fresher Celtics making consistent threats on the Byki goal. The Byki, however, did just enough to keep the Celtics at bay. Huge relief was felt by all when the final whistle blew to guarantee victory for the Byki.

"We passed the ball well and found the open man in the first 75 minutes of the game," Pedlow noted afterwards. "We constantly had wingers and central midfielders open. Sometimes just by finding space, and sometimes they really hustled to make themselves available. We were continuously able to pass the ball up the field."

Eric Muehlbauer contributed to this story.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Czajkowski – Safford, Tower, Towsey, Lew – Cohen, Huck – Muehlbauer, Kotsy, Carrillo – Pedlow (c).

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

0:1 – Pedlow 3 (Kotsy); 11th.

0:2 – Huck 4; 60th.

0:3 – Pedlow 4 (Tower); 70th.

Byki Men of the Match: Steven Pedlow ad Dave Safford.

Stare Byki	3	Premier Soccer League First Division
B-H Lilies	0	FORFEIT 15 September 2019

Byki O-40	0	Premier Soccer League Over 40 B Division
MANA Utd	3	FORFEIT 15 September 2019

Freebie for Byki

The Byki climbed the table the easy way on September 15 on the heels of a 3:0 forfeit win over B-H Lilies. The Lilies begged off early in the week, citing a lack of available players to make a full squad.

The victory gives the Byki 23 points from 14 matches. They sit in sixth place in the standings, trailing second-place Unia Chicago by six points. The race in the First Division has come down to a battle for second place, with Red Devils FC running away from the pack, with 36 points from 15 matches. Five teams are separated by six points in the battle for the second promotion spot.

Byki fail to answer the bell

The Over 40 Team were forced to forfeit their September 15 match versus MANA United due to a lack of available players. Injuries have ravaged the roster, sidelining as many as nine starters. Add in players unavailable for various reasons, and the Byki had no choice but to hand over the points.

The team continue to add new players into the roster, as they try to find ways to compete.

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	4	1	5
Joiner	5	0	5	Q. Kirk	8	5	13	Ekundayo	3	1	4	Pedlow	4	0	4
Kone	3	1	4	Sodeinde	6	3	9	Kramarz	3	1	4	Rodriguez, G	0	3	3
Breaux	2	1	3	McClure, R	6	1	7	Penafiel	1	3	4	Drenth	1	1	2
Papou	1	2	3	Garcia	3	4	7	Marquez	3	0	3	Jacobs	1	1	2
Parker	1	2	3	Sauernan	2	2	4	Rodriguez, G	1	2	3	Kotsy	1	1	2
Stamatinos	1	2	3	Lara	1	3	4	Carrillo	0	1	1	Mendez	1	1	2
Thatcher	2	0	2	Kirk, C	1	2	3	Fink	0	1	1	Dahlquist	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					Safford	1	0	1
Akbas	1	0	1	Guzman	1	1	2	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Carrillo	0	1	1
Ifeanyi	1	0	1	Talukdar	0	2	2	Najera	360	17	4.25	Cohen	0	1	1
Jerzak	1	0	1	Topucuoğlu	0	2	2	Muehlbauer	90	5	5.00	Tower	0	1	1
Stewart	1	0	1	Chudyba	1	0	1	Fukar	270	19	6.33	Team goals	6	x	x
Hernandez	0	1	1	Zeman	1	0	1	Tobias	360	26	6.50				
Mancilla	0	1	1	Campa	0	1	1	Current record: 1-0-12				Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Mueller	0	1	1	McClure, J	0	1	1	Czajkowski	90	2	2.00				
Stevens	0	1	1	Ruiz	0	1	1	Najera	90	3	3.00				
Team goals	3	x	x	Stamatinos	0	1	1	King	24	1	3.75				
				Team goals	1	x	x	Fukar	21	1	4.29				
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA					Jacobs	45	3	6.00				
Jerzak	680	13	1.72	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Chudyba	90	6	6.00				
Marfo	400	13	2.93	McClure, J	360	6	1.50	Spaulding	310	23	6.68				
Khankari	90	5	5.00	Khankari	900	22	2.20	Zadlo	45	4	8.00				
Current record: 7-2-5				Current record: 8-2-4				Muehlbauer	45	4	8.00				
								Pedlow	28	3	9.64				
								Gorecki	12	2	15.00				
								Current record: 3-0-9							

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Red Devils FC	15	11	3	1	51	21	36
Unia Chicago	14	9	2	3	52	24	29
Borrachos FC	15	9	1	5	41	22	28
Thunder Sports Club	15	7	4	4	42	28	25
BH Lillies	14	6	5	3	39	25	23
Stare Byki FC	14	7	2	5	29	31	23
SC Polonez	14	7	0	7	48	46	21
Sting SC	16	3	4	9	34	54	13
Shogun Wind	14	3	1	10	22	44	10
Westchester United	15	0	0	15	16	79	0

PSLC OVER 30 WHITE DIVISION**15 September 2019****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Levski Chicago 2014	13	12	0	1	68	10	36
FC Igloopol	15	9	3	3	43	31	30
Tricolorii FC	15	9	1	5	41	23	28
Stare Byki FC	14	8	2	4	46	28	26
AEK FC Chicago	14	7	3	4	41	25	24
FC Oasu	14	6	5	3	43	28	23
International SC	15	5	3	7	38	41	18
Chicago Rangers FC	13	2	4	7	14	46	10
Shogun	15	2	1	12	16	65	7
Stimulus Package United	14	0	0	14	7	60	0

PSLC OVER 40 B DIVISION**15 September 2019****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Deerfield	11	11	0	0	35	8	33
United Dynamo	11	8	2	1	33	14	26
FK Danubia	11	7	0	4	34	20	21
Park Ridge Rogues	13	7	0	6	27	30	21
Lake Zurich Aces	12	6	1	5	39	23	19
Gato Verde	13	5	2	6	32	31	17
MANA United SC	11	3	1	7	26	24	10
Real FC Blues	11	1	2	8	22	43	5
Stare Byki FC	13	1	0	12	15	70	3

PSLC OVER 48 DIVISION**19 September 2019****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
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
Stare Byki FC	12	3	0	9	20	55	9
Atletico Torino FC	14	2	1	11	18	46	7
St Charles Celtics Silverbacks	13	2	1	10	21	52	7