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Stare Byki	<b>1</b>	Premier Soccer League First Division
Shogun	<b>0</b>	Oak Brook 22 September 2019

## Byki defense too stiff for Shogun

Despite a shaky roster at kickoff, the Byki established their dominance early versus Shogun Wind last Sunday and rode that momentum to a solid 1:0 victory at Oak Brook. There were plenty of chances to increase the margin, but poor finishing prevented a gaudy scoreline. The Byki have 26 points from 15 matches.

Coach George Gorecki had expected an 11-man squad on Sunday, but multiple unexpected changes at the last minute threw the whole operation into turmoil. Luckily, the Over 30 Team were playing on an adjacent field and were able to send three players over to help the First Team. That boosted the Byki from 10 players to 13. "Just another Sunday in the world of amateur soccer, where the coach has no idea who will be in uniform," lamented Gorecki.

The Byki wasted no time finding space behind the Shogun defense. In the third minute, Dmytro Korinenko won the ball in the back and quickly played a long pass upfield to Anton Papou along the left wing. Papou tore past the defender and cut inside, blasting his attempt off of the crossbar.

Moments later, the Byki thought that they had grabbed the lead. Mike Stamatinos drove a free kick from 30 yards towards the far post. The keeper dove to block the ball and left it for Alan Stevens, who had made the supporting run. It was an easy tap-in for Stevens, but the goal was nullified for offside.

Korinenko and Papou hooked up again in the 17th minute and the ball found the back of the net. Papou turned past his defender and whacked a low shot just inside the far post.

Things got dicey in the 35th minute, when a Shogun defender headed a Byki corner kick out of the box. Tyler Thatcher stuck his leg out and stroked a heel kick that floated back towards the Shogun goal. The keeper did well to tip the ball to safety.

Although the lead was only 1:0 for the Byki, Shogun did little to test the Byki defense. The Byki maintained good

defensive shape throughout. Shogun's best chance came three minutes into the second half, when a Shogun player dribbled into the box during a quick counterattack and delivered a diagonal ball to the far post, where his unmarked teammate fluffed a sitter.

The Byki created many more opportunities than the visitors, but they simply could not find the target. Enrique Voltaire embarked on a long run in the 64th minute after taking a Byki clearance at midfield. He spotted Volkan Akbas making the run into the middle of the penalty area and delivered a well-timed pass. Akbas was set to score but lost his footing in the wet grass.

Voltaire carried the ball down the left flank in the 75th minute and switched the field, finding Papou alone on the right side of the box. Papou took aim, but could only find side netting.

**BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1):** Marfo – Stamatinos (c), Joiner, Stevens, Korinenko – C. Kirk, Hernandez – R. McClure, Mancilla, Thatcher – Papou. **Bench:** Akbas, Voltaire.

### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Papou 2 (Korinenko); 17th.

**Byki Men of the Match:** JD Joiner and Alan Stevens.

Byki 0-30	<b>5</b>	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White Division
Rangers	<b>0</b>	Oak Brook 22 September 2019

## Byki trample 9-man Rangers

The Over 30 Team got an easy assignment last Sunday and took down hapless Chicago Rangers FC 5:0 in a match that the Rangers conceded at halftime. The Rangers showed up at Oak Brook with just nine players and were reduced to eight when their goalkeeper was forced to withdraw due to injury.

The Byki came right after the Rangers, scoring early and often. Mark Zeman, back from a long layoff to heal an injured ankle, registered a hat trick of assists in the first half to lead the rout. His pass set up Jose Garcia for the first tally and the Byki were rolling.

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The score went to 2:0 when Volkan Akbas converted Tony Campa's pass and the third strike came soon afterwards, when Zeman delivered and Akbas scored.

The score swelled to 4:0 when Ziya Topcuoglu scored unassisted. Topcuoglu sent the ball towards goal from the left side and then it took a slight deflection off of a Rangers defender, leaving the keeper stranded.

The Byki wrapped up a productive first half when Zeman played provider for Quavas Kirk five minutes before the break.

At that point, the Rangers had endured enough, playing down three men against a Byki side that had smelled blood in the water and were taking full advantage. After the Rangers had capitulated, the teams agreed to play an impromptu scrimmage game.

*Robby McClure and Richard Sodeinde contributed to this story.*

**BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1):** J. McClure – Talukdar, Herholdt, Campa, Topcuoglu – C. Kirk, Garcia – Guzman, Sodeinde, Zeman (c) – Akbas.  
**Bench:** Q. Kirk, R. McClure, Zachariah.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

- 1:0 – Garcia 4 (Zeman); 5th.
- 2:0 – Akbas 2 (Campa); 10th.
- 3:0 – Akbas 3 (Zeman); 15th.
- 4:0 – Topcuoglu 1; 20th.
- 5:0 – Q. Kirk 9 (Zeman); 40th.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Mark Zeman.

past the diving Najera, into the right corner.

The breakthrough goal energized Deerfield, who kept the pressure up for the next ten minutes. Najera, who has seen a lot of playing time at midfield lately, was on his game in his return between the pipes, seemingly in the right spot for just about every shot from Deerfield for the remainder of the first half. Towsey and Dave Fink were also in top form, plugging up the middle.

Deerfield adapted and sought to get the ball down the right side. They were thwarted at every step by fullback Esau Melendez, who brought his “A” game and pretty much snuffed out every chance on his side of the field.

Meanwhile, Pedlow, Ade Ekundayo, Diego Penafiel, Sean Marquez and Juan-Carlos Carrillo all did an excellent job keeping things even in the midfield. Good runs by Pedlow, Marquez, Penafiel and Ekundayo led to a few scoring chances for the Byki, but they came up empty, a familiar theme this season.

Ekundayo and Rodriguez, longtime teammates, successfully executed several give-and-go situations to create space. Ekundayo advanced into the penalty area and outran Deerfield defenders. He circled towards the goal and sent a perfect pass to Rubén Bullón, whose hard shot was snuffed out by a quick-reacting defender.

The addition of Guevara provided some much needed energy on the top of the field and allowed Marquez to move back to his natural midfield position. The Byki were able to stay pretty fresh, as it was one of the few games in which they had three substitutes available.

The Byki committed a couple of errors in the second half, leading to great scoring chances for Deerfield. On two separate occasions Najera went 1 v 1 with a lone striker and won the battle each time. Najera was estimated to have racked up as many as ten saves on the day. Pedlow compared his effort to that of Tim Howard when the USA faced Belgium in a knockout match at the 2014 World Cup.

With 15 minutes left in the match, Deerfield began to tire, due to a lack of subs. The Byki became more assertive in the Deerfield half and starting sending in productive crosses from both flanks. Rodriguez in particular used his command of the ball to create space and sent great balls in for Guevara, Penafiel, Pedlow, and Marquez. Deerfield remained resilient and blocked several shots and their goalkeeper was equal to the task when the Byki did get a ball on frame.

After the final whistle, Ekundayo remarked, “No matter the record, we always seem to play well against Deerfield.” Could it be that the Byki are getting back to health and strength? The post-season is not far away and he Byki will be tested right from the start.

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

**BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1):** Najera – Towsey, Fink, Jimenez, Melendez – Penafiel, Bullon – Marquez, Pedlow, Ekundayo (c) – Carrillo. **Bench:** Guevara, Muehlbauer, G. Rodriguez.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

None.

**Byki Men of the Match:** Esau Melendez and Ray Najera.

Byki 0-40	<b>0</b>	Premier Soccer League Over 40 B Division
Deerfield	<b>1</b>	Oak Brook 22 September 2019

## Byki hang tough with leaders

The Over 40 Team hooked up with first-place Deerfield last Sunday at Oak Brook and gave the league's top dogs all they could handle. The only goal in the contest came from a bad-bounce free kick that eluded keeper Ray Najera.

Deerfield are the runaway leaders in the Over 40 B Division, sporting a perfect record and an incredible +28 goal difference. A mismatch against the last-place Byki might have been expected, but they shook off their injury woes for one day and welcomed back two wounded starters, Steven Pedlow and Gabriel Rodriguez. Newcomer Miguel Guevara also helped the Byki go toe to toe with Deerfield on a soggy field.

As the teams tried to navigate through puddles and slick grass, play was a bit tentative at the start. Deerfield broke the deadlock in the 25th minute when they earned a questionable free kick from 25 yards out, just to the left of center. Deerfield's set-piece strategy was to send two players to bracket Najera. Just before the ball was put in play, sweeper Doug Towsey called for his teammates who were guarding the posts to move up to the defensive wall. The Deerfield player curled a wickedly hard shot around the wall, skipping

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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	16	12	3	1	52	21	39
Unia Chicago	14	9	2	3	52	24	29
Borrachos FC	16	9	1	6	41	23	28
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>26</b>
Thunder Sports Club	15	7	4	4	42	28	25
SC Polonez	15	8	0	7	54	49	24
BH Lillies	15	6	5	4	39	28	23
Sting SC	17	3	4	10	37	60	13
Shogun Wind	15	3	1	11	22	45	10
Westchester United	16	1	0	15	19	79	3

**PSLC OVER 30 WHITE DIVISION****22 September 2019****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Levski Chicago 2014	14	12	1	1	70	12	37
Tricolorii FC	16	10	1	5	49	26	31
FC Igloopol	15	9	3	3	43	31	30
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
AEK FC Chicago	14	7	3	4	41	25	24
FC Oasu	15	6	6	3	45	30	24
International SC	16	5	3	8	41	49	18
Chicago Rangers FC	14	2	4	8	14	51	10
Shogun	15	2	1	12	16	65	7
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	12	12	0	0	36	8	36
United Dynamo	12	8	2	2	34	18	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	12	4	1	7	30	25	13
Real FC Blues	11	1	2	8	22	43	5
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>3</b>

**PSLC OVER 48 DIVISION****26 September 2019****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	<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
<b>Stare Byki FC</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>9</b>
Atletico Torino FC	14	2	1	11	18	46	7
St Charles Celtics Silverbacks	13	2	1	10	21	52	7