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Real FC	2	Premier Soccer League Over 40 B Division
Byki O-40	4	Windemere Park 13 October 2019

Byki advance to QFs

The Over 40 Team found a sliver of joy last Sunday in what has been an otherwise dismal 2019 season when they beat Real FC 4:2 in a play-in match in the Over 40 B Division post-season tournament. It was only the second victory of the season for the Byki, and that first win also came versus Real. The Byki will face first-place Deerfield this coming Sunday.

The match was a veritable goal explosion for the attack-challenged Byki. It was only the second time all season that they have scored more than two goals in a match. Diego Penafiel netted twice and BK Park, making a late, but timely, debut, added a goal and an assist.

And they really should have doubled their total on Sunday. The Byki created loads of 100% scoring opportunities, but failed to convert. Their 1:0 lead in the first half looked pretty safe, but a dubious penalty just before the break allowed Real to equalize. The Byki, however, weren't going to let this one slip away, pounding home three tallies to wrap things up.

Real played a gambling style of defense, pushing up a very high defensive line and getting burned by Byki attacking speed. Inaccurate shooting and timely goalkeeping prevented the match from getting out of hand early.

In the sixth minute, the Byki ended an extended sequence of passes with Miguel Guevara leaning back to steer a header on frame. Moments later, fullback Dave Safford won the ball and sent it to Sean Marquez near the left touchline. Marquez beat his man at midfield and sprinted to goal, only to be clipped from behind in the Real area. The referee pointed to the spot and Ruben Bullon did the honors to give the Byki the lead.

Ten minutes later, Park and Marquez worked some nifty 1-2 passes, leading to Marquez running down the left flank. His centering pass found Guevara alone in the middle, but the Real keeper came up big and blocked Guevara's attempt.

The Byki attacked in waves. In the 27th minute, the Byki

cleared the ball to midfield and Guevara was off to the races. He laid off a pass for Park in the box and he shot over the bar.

In the 35th minute, Park sprinted alone from midfield, easily shedding the last defender. The keeper came early to engage Park and steered him the right side of the box. Park's off-balance chip went wide of the post.

Two minutes later, goalkeeper Luis Tobias came off his line to gather a ball played over the top. After he grabbed the ball, a Real player ran into him, inadvertently hitting him in the head. After feeling dizziness, Tobias left the field and was replaced by Jay Brough.

Disaster struck in the 43rd minute, when a Real player went down on the periphery of the penalty area, leading the referee to whistle for a penalty kick. Some players thought that the decision was a tainted make-up call. Real converted from the spot, and all of a sudden, those missed chances loomed ominously for a Byki side without a decent break all season.

Those fears proved unfounded, as the Byki needed but two minutes of the second half to regain the lead. Bullon cleared the ball to Guevara at the halfway line, springing yet another breakaway. Guevara raced to goal and the Real keeper came out to challenge. Guevara touched the ball to the supporting Park, who fired past a player trying to defend the goal line.

In the 55th minute, Guevara collected a Byki clearance following a Real corner and ran box to box on the counter. He found Park, who had only the goalie to beat. His first touch was too big and the keeper grabbed it.

The Byki put their stamp on the affair just after the hour mark. Park carried the ball deep into the left-wing channel and drove a low centering pass into the mixer. Guevara dummied the ball for Penafiel, who chased it on the right side of the area. His shot from a sharp angle zipped underneath

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the keeper for a solid 3:1 lead.

Real climbed back in with 18 minutes to go, when a striker turned in the box and drilled a high shot past Brough.

The Byki had a chance to seal it in the 81st minute. Safford played Marquez with a long ball down the left side. The keeper came out to try to win the ball, but failed. Marquez dropped it back for Penafiel, who shot wide from 15 yards.

The Byki kept hunting for goals. Marquez dragged a shot across the face of goal in the 85th minute that rolled just wide of the back post. Two minutes later, Steven Pedlow was open in the box and was denied by a brilliant diving save by the goalkeeper.

The result was put to bed two minutes from the end when Bullon was shoved from behind in the box, leading to the second penalty of the day for the Byki. Penafiel made no mistake from the spot and the 4:2 win assured the Byki of more soccer in October.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Tobias – Towsey, Safford, Fink, Jimenez, King (c) – Penafiel, Bullon – Marquez, Pedlow, Park – Guevara. **Bench:** Brough, Carrillo, Muehlbauer.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

0:1 – Bullon 5 (pk); 7th.
1:2 – Park 1 (Guevara); 47th.
1:3 – Penafiel 2 (Park); 64th.
2:4 – Penafiel 3 (pk); 88th.

Byki Man of the Match: BK Park.

Stare Byki	1	Premier Soccer League First Division
Red Devils	4	Oak Brook 6 October 2019

Red Devils too much for Byki

The Byki relished their opportunity to have another crack at First Division leaders Red Devils FC when the sides met at Oak Brook on October 6. The Red Devils handily took care of the Byki in the first meeting, a 5:3 win. The Byki thought they had more to give and looked forward to the rematch. The contest was a competitive back-and-forth affair, but the Red Devils' superiority won out, as they pulled away in the second half for a 4:1 victory.

The Red Devils were on the verge of clinching first place prior to kickoff, as the pack of teams chasing them only had slim, mathematical possibilities of claiming the crown. "They are easily the best team in the First Division," said coach George Gorecki. "All of our other opponents this season have shown their various flaws, but the Red Devils are head and shoulders above the rest." Gorecki's players weren't so sure that the Red Devils were that much better than the Byki, but the results between the teams and the Red Devils having lost just once in 18 matches tells the whole story.

The Red Devils held the early territorial advantage in the rematch, but the Byki defense was well organized and repelled any incursions close to the penalty area. The Byki came closest to scoring in the opening phase, when Daniel

Hernandez lofted a cross to the corner of the 6-yard box. Dmytro Korinenko, a defender, and the keeper all challenged to win the ball and a floater was kicked off the line by a Red Devils defender.

The visitors broke through in the 23rd minute. A long pass led a Red Devils players into the deep right corner. He clashed with Richard Daguerre, leaving the Byki fullback on the turf. The Red Devils player laid the ball back for an unmarked teammate, who slotted home from 12 yards.

The rest of the first half was a battle for possession and the Byki went into the break confident that an equalizing goal, and more, was achievable. But it was the Red Devils who were more ready coming out of the gate. Two minutes into the second half, a dangerous free kick caused mayhem in the Byki penalty area. The Byki dodged that bullet, but were not so lucky just moments later, when a Red Devils cross from the flank resulted in defensive confusion and the ball was pushed over the line for a 2:0 lead.

The Red Devils kept coming and were denied in the 66th minute when JD Joiner, stepping in as emergency goalkeeper, tipped a long-range bomb over the bar.

The Byki continued to fight and got their reward 15 minutes from the end. Alan Stevens launched a long throw-in into the box, where a defender headed the ball out, winding up back with Stevens in the right-wing channel. Stevens floated the ball into the middle, where Anton Papou headed along for Phil Parker, whose wondrous bicycle kick glanced off the underside of the bar to bring the Byki to within 2:1.

The burst of momentum was short-lived, however. Three minutes later, the Red Devils regained their two-goal cushion when they unlocked the defense with quick passes on the counterattack. The Red Devils nabbed a clinching goal in the 85th minute, when a bouncing ball on the doorstep of the goal could not be cleared away.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Joiner – Stamatinos (c), Darvish, Stevens, Daguerre – Parker, Hernandez – Korinenko, Borkar, Voltaire – Papou.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:2 – Parker 2 (Papou); 75th.

Byki Man of the Match: Enrique Voltaire.

Igloopol	3	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White Division
Byki 0-30	2	Prairie Lakes Park 6 October 2019

Byki fall in Igloopol mud pit

The Over 30 Team were hardly looking forward to playing FC Igloopol on their tiny field at Prairie Lakes Park, but the conditions were significantly worsened by heavy rains in the preceding days, transforming the field into something resembling a cow pasture. The match proceeded anyway and the taffy pull ended with Igloopol claiming a 3:2 victory and essentially ending any hope for the Byki to reach second

place in the table.

Under the best conditions, the fields at Prairie Lakes are far too small for an adult competitive league, yet some teams in the PSLC seem to love playing soccer in a closet-like tightness. The width of the field is less than 60 yards, making any throw-in from the attacking half of the field the equivalent of a free kick into the box. The fields don't absorb water too well, quickly turning them into quagmires. The situation in this match were so dire that the field claimed Mark Zeman as a victim; he rolled his previously injured ankle, taking him out of the game. Two other teammates also became part of the walking wounded.

Igloopol ignored the scrappy conditions and went out to a quick 2:0 lead. In both cases, long balls over the top were converted into back-post tap-ins.

The Byki rallied and managed to bring the match level before halftime. Colin Kirk made an overlapping run behind Zeman, who slipped him the ball. Kirk fired immediately and the burly Igloopol keeper blocked the shot. The resourceful Richard Sodeinde was first to the ball and knocked it home to make it 2:1.

Ten minutes later, Alex Guzman's diagonal cross from the left side found Sodeinde on the back post. The striker got the ball away from his defender and slotted home his eighth goal of the campaign.

The sides trudged through the slop in the second half and Igloopol crafted the winning goal with 15 minutes left. Colin Kirk stepped up late and a shot from outside of the box got past Amit Khankari.

Colin Kirk and Richard Sodeinde contributed to this story.

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

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

2:1 – Sodeinde 7; 25th.

2:2 – Sodeinde 8 (Guzman); 35th.

Byki Man of the Match: Richard Sodeinde.

Sofia BG	3	Premier Soccer League Over 48 Division
Byki O-48	0	FORFEIT 10 October 2019

Another forfeit for the Byki

The Over 48 Team tried their best to reschedule a postponed match versus Sofia BG, and after a second failed attempt, were forced to forfeit on October 10, due to a lack of available players. The injury bug has hit the Over 40 and Over 48 Teams hard this season, but one frustrating factor that prevented the Byki from answering the bell versus Sofia was that some players had a conflict with indoor matches with other teams on the same night.

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Red Devils FC	18	13	4	1	60	26	43
Unia Chicago	14	9	2	3	52	24	29
Thunder Sports Club	17	8	5	4	52	32	29
Borrachos FC	17	9	2	6	43	25	29
SC Polonez	17	9	1	7	61	53	28
Stare Byki FC	16	8	2	6	31	35	26
BH Lillies	16	6	6	4	41	30	24
Shogun Wind	17	4	1	12	24	49	13
Sting SC	18	3	4	11	39	68	13
Westchester United	18	1	1	16	22	83	4

PSLC OVER 30 WHITE DIVISION**13 October 2019****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Levski Chicago 2014	16	13	1	2	73	15	40
Tricolorii FC	17	11	1	5	52	26	34
FC Igloopol	17	10	3	4	46	36	33
Stare Byki FC	16	9	2	5	53	31	29
AEK FC Chicago	15	8	3	4	43	26	27
FC Oasu	16	6	6	4	46	32	24
International SC	18	7	3	8	45	50	24
Chicago Rangers FC	16	3	4	9	17	53	13
Shogun	17	3	1	13	19	67	10
Stimulus Package United	16	0	0	16	7	65	0

PSLC OVER 40 B DIVISION**13 October 2019****www.pslchicagoland.com**

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Deerfield	13	12	1	0	37	9	37
United Dynamo	12	8	2	2	34	18	26
FK Danubia	13	8	0	5	44	27	24
Lake Zurich Aces	13	7	1	5	48	23	22
Park Ridge Rogues	13	7	0	6	27	30	21
Gato Verde	15	5	2	8	33	49	17
MANA United SC	13	5	1	7	36	26	16
Real FC Blues	12	1	3	8	23	44	6
Stare Byki FC	14	1	0	13	15	71	3

PSLC OVER 48 DIVISION**11 October 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	11	8	0	3	35	21	24
HNK Concordia	8	5	1	2	20	11	16
Olympiacos Chicago	13	5	1	7	32	42	16
Stare Byki FC	13	3	0	10	20	58	9
Atletico Torino FC	14	2	1	11	18	46	7
St Charles Celtics Silverbacks	13	2	1	10	21	52	7