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Stare Byki	<b>5</b>	National Soccer League 1st Division
Bosnia B	<b>7</b>	The Odeum 30 December 2016

## Byki defense in tatters in shootout

For the second time in three matches, the Byki showed quite a bit of proficiency in racking up the goals. It started when the Byki put home seven against HNK Primorac in a losing effort two weeks ago. Last Friday, they were on the short end of a 7:5 scoreline versus Bosnia-Herzegovina B. Only three other teams in the NSL's First Division have conceded more goals, and the Byki remain pointless after five matches.

The situation on Friday only got worse when starting goalkeeper Ray Najera was a late scratch, forcing Kuba Banbor into emergency duty. The three other Byki on the roster with goalkeeping experience were all unavailable. Coach George Gorecki, however, did not excuse the defensive blunders for lack of a proper goalie. "It was important for us to take a disciplined, defensive posture in this match," he said. "We failed miserably and dug a deep hole for ourselves."

The Bosnians were also a team searching for an identity, coming into the contest with just one point from four matches, which was a far cry from their dominant form last winter, when they narrowly missed out on promotion.

They broke the game open midway through the first half, when they knocked in three goals in the span of 5:03. A long shot from the Byki defensive line during a Bosnia power play gave Banbor no chance, finding the upper corner of the goal.

A few minutes later, Banbor made a nifty foot save, but the rebound wound up at the far post, where an unmarked player slid the ball home. Banbor came out of his box with 4:35 left to clear a ball to safety, but instead cleared it to an opponent, who shot into the empty net from distance.

The Byki pulled one back with 3:02 to go. Ben

Rodriguez intercepted a weak pass in the Bosnia defensive end and sent the ball to Roman Kramarz in the box. With the keeper at his mercy, Kramarz slotted home to make it 3:1.

Bosnia then transformed a Byki scoring opportunity into a goal of their own late in the first half. Joe Sauerma found Rodriguez open deep in the corner from a restart. Rodriguez centered for Marek Ciszewski, setting off a wild scramble in the goal box. The Bosnians cleared and went right on the counterattack. The Byki responded slowly and the deficit sat at 4:1 at the break.

The Byki showed their attacking prowess to start the second half, scoring two unanswered goals in the first 6:13. Sauerma sent a pass into the Bosnian box for Maciek Kekus, whose shot was kicked aside by the goalkeeper. Andy Sokolowski won possession in the deep corner and found Kekus still open in the middle and the striker did the rest. Sokolowski, making his debut for the Byki, is the fifth player whose father also played for the club. Mark Sokolowski is an original Byk and played in the club's first-ever match.

A bit of craziness earned the Byki a dubious power play with 12:47 left in the game. After Ciszewski stood in front of the Bosnian keeper as he tried to release the ball, words were exchanged. When the ball was downfield, the keeper kicked out at Ciszewski and earned himself a blue card. Bryan de Rama measured the ensuing free kick from the arc with precision, sending the ball into the upper 90 to bring the Byki to within 4:3.

The Bosnians were unfazed by the comeback attempt

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and simply put their foot on the gas and tore gaping holes in the Byki defense. One dribbling wizard gave the Byki fits and made life miserable for Banbor. Three unanswered goals later, Bosnia led 7:3.

The plucky Byki did not go down without a fight. With 4:58 left, Ciszewski stole the ball from a Bosnian defender and went directly to goal. The keeper blocked Ciszewski's shot, but left the ball free in the goal area. Ciszewski was closest to the loose ball and tapped home.

Seconds later, the Byki made it interesting when de Rama's incisive pass found Sauerman on the right side of the penalty area. Sauerman measured carefully and slotted past the goalie to make it 7:5.

The Byki had no more gas left in the tank, however, to get any closer. The wide-open affair was more wide-open than the Byki could handle.

**BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1):** Banbor – Stamatinos (c), Sauerman – Sokolowski, de Rama – Kramarz. **Bench:** Bickel, Ciszewski, Kekus, Rodriguez.

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

1:3 – Kramarz 1 (Rodriguez); 15:58.  
 2:4 – Kekus 1 (Sokolowski); 22:54.  
 3:4 – De Rama 3 (pp); 25:13.  
 4:7 – Ciszewski 2; 33:02.  
 5:7 – Sauerman 3 (De Rama); 33:48.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Bryan de Rama

# Byki Stats

**FIRST TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION**

Player	G	A	Pts
Sauerman	3	3	6
Mowry	3	1	4
Kramarz	1	3	4
De Rama	3	1	4
Khankari	2	0	2
Kekus	1	0	1
Sokolowski	0	1	1
Ciszewski	2	1	3
Stamatinos	1	1	2
Rodriguez	1	1	2

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Stevens	2	0	0.00
Khankari	14	1	2.71
Najera	136	17	4.75
Banbor	38	7	7.00

Current record: 0-0-5

# NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

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## CHAMPIONS DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Albanian Stars	5	5	0	0	26	12	15
CKS Warta	5	5	0	0	20	10	15
Vikings AA	5	3	0	2	19	13	9
Deportivo Guerrero	5	3	0	2	17	15	9
SAC Wisla A	5	2	0	3	13	14	6
Bosnia-Herzegovina A	5	1	0	4	16	24	3
Czarny Dunajec	5	1	0	4	13	25	3
Real Michoacan	5	0	0	5	6	17	0

## MAJOR DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
SAC Wisla B	5	4	0	1	37	17	12
Berber Stars	5	4	0	1	23	10	12
FC Tryzub	5	4	0	1	31	16	12
Jagiellonia	5	3	0	2	24	17	9
SC Unia Chicago	5	3	0	2	17	15	9
Urahan FC	5	3	0	2	22	26	9
AAC Winged Bull	5	2	0	3	19	23	6
Albania FC	5	1	0	4	14	23	3
HDS Eagles	5	1	0	4	14	30	3
Stal Mielec	5	0	0	5	17	41	0

## FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC United	4	4	0	0	26	9	12	HNK Primorac	4	4	0	0	30	17	12
Vikings AA Over 30	4	4	0	0	18	5	12	Chicago Dynasty FC	5	3	1	1	28	11	10
FC Kosova	5	3	0	2	32	18	9	Chicago Blast	5	3	0	2	33	17	9
Chicago Inter Blue	5	2	1	2	13	22	7	Matehuala FC	4	2	1	1	20	12	7
Bosnia-Herzegovina B	5	1	1	3	16	31	4	SAC Wisla C	5	0	0	5	11	33	0
Stare Byki FC	5	0	0	5	17	25	0	Chicago Inter Yellow	5	0	0	5	10	54	0