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Byki look great...for a half

In a matchup of top versus bottom, the Byki came to The Odeum last Friday seeking their first points of the season and would have to knock off undefeated Jagiellonia Chicago in order to do it. The first half was an even contest, as both teams came out in aggressive fashion. But the Byki could not sustain this same quality after the break and the opportunistic Jagiellonia squad scored three times in a span of 4:52 to walk out 5:1 winners.

“Our defending has been our biggest problem so far this season,” said coach George Gorecki. “And we came out playing with discipline. The game was balanced in that first half; you couldn’t tell which team was in first place. And then, just like that, we reverted to our bad habits and Jagiellonia took full advantage.”

Indeed, two of the three second-half goals for Jagiellonia came on the counter, precisely what the team had discussed prior to kickoff. It is Jagiellonia’s biggest strength and the Byki kept things in check at the start. But when things started breaking down, the Byki appeared to be hit with an avalanche.

Jagiellonia were the first to dent the scoreboard, grabbing an unlikely lead after just 2:46. A pass off the back boards became a mad scramble. Goalkeeper Joe Meadow got a hand to the ball and an unfortunate deflection off of Alen Mehagic sent the ball into the Byki goal.

The Byki shook that off and got right back into the contest. Midfielder Ben Rodriguez fought for possession at midfield near the boards and beat two Jagiellonia players in the process. After that, Rodriguez was off to the races, blazing past a third defender and crushing a shot that nestled just inside the far post to knot things at 1:1 at the 5:43 mark.

Jagiellonia regained the lead with 7:07 to go when their striker turned past Juan Rodriguez and fired past Meadow.

The Byki netminder kept it at 2:1 with 4:50 left after an incredible series of saves. Meadow blocked one shot and then somehow saved the rebound from a prone position.

A second equalizer seemed imminent for the Byki just 0:43 into the second half. Juan Rodriguez cleared the ball to Marek Ciszewski at the halfway line. With a deft flick,

Ciszewski set himself up for a breakaway. His booming shot from the right side caught the keeper flush in the face. Ciszewski hustled after the rebound and dropped a pass back for Rob Zudic, whose shot was blocked. The keeper needed a few minutes to compose himself after his face-save, and was back between the pipes after wiping some blood from his nose.

A few minutes later, Meadow came up big again when Byki defenders pushed too far forward, exposing themselves to a 3 v 1 counterattack. Meadow, however, read the play expertly and snuffed the opportunity.

That counterattacking situation, however, was merely a prelude of what was to come. Jagiellonia scored a crucial third goal with 12:57 to go when the Byki allowed Jagiellonia too much space on the counter. Meadow had no chance on a blast from the right side.

Moments later, things went horribly wrong when the Byki clumsily botched a free kick in the Jagiellonia end of the field. The turnover led to a 2 v 1 breakout, which Jagiellonia handily converted for a commanding 4:1 lead. All of the good things that the Byki had created seemed like a distant memory by that point and what had been a closely contested game in the first half had rapidly devolved into a mismatch. A fifth tally with 8:05 to go completed the scoring.

BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1): Meadow – Sabo, J. Rodriguez – Zachariah – Champagne. **Bench:** Ciszewski, Mehagic, Najera C. Rodriguez, Stopka, Zudic.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY
2:1 – B. Rodriguez 1; 5:43.

Byki Man of the Match: Ben Rodriguez.

FIRST TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION				O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION			
Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts
Ciszewski	6	0	6	Champagne	4	1	5
Roth	1	1	2	Ciszewski	2	1	3
Rodriguez, B	1	0	1	Kekus	2	1	3
Stamatinos	1	0	1	Najera	1	0	1
Champagne	0	1	1	Ramirez	0	1	1
Rodriguez, J	0	1	1	Team goals	1	x	x
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Meadow	114	13	4.33	Najera	38	3	3.00
Najera	76	9	4.50	Meadow	114	22	7.33
Current record: 0-0-5				Current record: 1-0-3			



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Byki O-30	3	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White Division The Odeum 2 January 2015
RWB Adria	10	

Byki no match for powerhouse Adria

When the PSLC was scrambling to organize its first indoor competition this past fall, and Over 30 Division was the most likely avenue to get a league off the ground. Despite the existence of two outdoor Over 30 Divisions, the league needed help from the NSL to ensure that at least six teams would be playing. That help came from the NSL's RWB Adria, a longstanding dynamo in one of the oldest soccer leagues in the country. On Friday, the Byki got a taste of Adria's might, dropping a 10:3 decision in which Adria controlled the flow of the game for long stretches.

Once Adria chose to field an Over 30 side, it basically put everyone else on notice that they were playing for second place. The last time the NSL had an Over 30 Division indoors, all Adria did was go 16-0-0. They've extended that streak another three games this season, and their gaudy +12 goal difference this early in the campaign merely underscores the obvious about where the other competitors stand.

Against the Byki, the Adria scoring machine didn't really shift into gear until midway through the first half, at which point they led 2:0. Marek Ciszewski cut the lead in half with 9:21 left before the break when he pounded home a rebound of a pass off the back boards.

Despite the quality that Adria brought to field, the nine-man Byki squad were holding their own. The holiday period posed a lot of roster problems for the Byki. Chris Hurley and Dan Jdrzejowski are confident that mid-season signings will provide the team a greater level of depth.

Adria displayed an impressive level of patience, luring the Byki into unfavorable matchups, and then striking with precision. They found the back of the net three more times for a 5:1 lead at the interval.

The upped their advantage to 7:1 in the second frame. The Byki responded with a nifty 3 v 2 counterattack of their own with 10:56 to go. Maciek Kekus led the charge with a forceful run up the middle of the field. He dished off to

Reggie Champagne in the left corner and the midfielder found the back of the net for the fourth time this season.

Champagne was in the thick of things 3:11 later as he tried to gain possession in tight quarters on the left side. He sent a pass into the middle for Ray Najera, who converted a slick, no-look, back-heel shot. Najera will want to send the tape of that goal for replay on Sports Center.

The remainder of the contest resembled a possession exercise normally seen in training. Adria were content to move the ball around the back third of the field and then look for a killer pass once the ball movement created an opening. They knocked home two more in this fashion to wrap up the three points.

BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1): Meadow – Hurley, J. Rodriguez – Kekus, Gibbs – Ciszewski. **Bench:** Champagne, Gorecki, Najera.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:2 – Ciszewski 2; 9:39.

7:2 – Champagne 4 (Kekus); 27:04.

8:3 – Najera 1 (Champagne); 30:15

Byki Men of the Match: None given

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria	3	3	0	0	21	9	9
Chicago Rangers FC	3	3	0	0	13	8	9
Torino FC	4	2	0	2	18	19	6
Levski Chicago 2014	4	1	1	2	21	18	4
Stare Byki FC	4	1	0	3	10	25	3
Romania SC	4	0	1	3	16	20	1

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MAJOR DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Albanian Stars	4	4	0	0	18	8	12	RWB Adria	4	4	0	0	33	6	12
CKS Warta A	5	3	1	1	20	12	10	Chicago Stars	4	2	2	0	15	10	8
Lancer SC	5	2	0	3	16	21	6	Chicago Fire U-23	5	2	1	2	16	13	7
Bosnia i Hercegovina	4	2	0	2	11	11	6	SAC Wisla A	4	1	0	3	15	16	3
AAC Winged Bull	5	1	0	4	10	26	3	Berber Stars	5	1	0	4	8	20	3
Tricycles SC A	5	1	0	4	9	28	3								

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Jagiellonia Chicago	5	5	0	0	36	8	15	Dabrovia	5	4	1	0	36	10	13
SAC Wisla B	5	4	0	1	38	10	12	Gremio FC	5	4	1	0	26	16	13
CKS Warta B	5	4	0	1	20	13	12	Stal Mielec	5	3	2	0	25	17	11
Bosnia United	5	3	0	2	20	21	9	FC Goon Squad	5	3	0	2	20	18	9
HNK Primorac	5	3	0	2	12	16	9	Olympiacos Chicago	5	3	0	2	15	13	9
Wisloka Chicago	5	2	1	2	20	21	7	Albania FC	5	3	0	2	23	18	9
SC Krajina-Chicago	5	2	1	2	16	30	7	Chicago Dynasty FC	5	2	2	1	14	16	8
Assyrian FC	5	2	0	3	22	25	6	FC Tryzub	5	2	1	2	22	20	7
FC Kosova	5	2	0	3	16	16	6	Los Chasquis	5	2	0	3	17	14	6
Tricycles SC B	5	1	0	4	12	23	3	Chicago Inter Blue	5	0	1	4	7	32	1
Chicago Inter Yellow	5	1	0	4	15	31	3	Chicago Blast U-18	5	0	0	5	10	22	0
Stare Byki FC	5	0	0	5	9	22	0	ANCI Niniveh FC	5	0	0	5	7	26	0