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Byki **2 : 3** Tricycles B

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## Byki let 2-goal lead slip away

A New Year's hangover might be the explanation for why the Byki failed to finish off Tricycles SC B last Friday. The Byki quickly established a solid 2:0 lead and then watched the Tricycles whittle it down, until they nabbed the game-winner with 1:25 left. The loss drops the Byki to 2-0-5 for the season.

The Byki began the contest with very sharp play on both sides of the ball. They moved the ball around quickly with accurate passes and their swarming defensive play left the Tricycles with little room to operate. That start appeared to lay the foundation for a good night of soccer. But the Byki could not seal the deal, as a lack of finishing and fundamental errors in the back proved costly.

It took just 3:32 for the Byki to break out on top. Ohad Garnon put high pressure on a Tricycles defender near the boards and his weak pass was cut off by Bryan de Rama. Turning quickly to his left, de Rama fired a low shot from outside the box, finding the corner of the goal.

The score increased to 2:0 midway through the first half. Todd Trowbridge sent a square ball to Ben Rodriguez near the boards. Rodriguez sprinted forward along the wing and his eagle eye spotted an opening at the far post. Shooting from a seemingly impossible angle, Rodriguez drove the ball past a sprawled goalkeeper.

The Byki squandered an outstanding opportunity to bag a third goal with 2:42 left in the half. Chris Koenig laid off a pass on the right wing for Jordan Stopka. He threaded the needle with an exquisite diagonal pass for an unmarked de Rama, but de Rama sent the sitter over the crossbar.

The Tricycles halved the deficit with 0:54 before halftime, executing a 2 v1 counterattack with precision, taking advantage of too many Byki players pushed forward.

Although that late goal didn't really turn the tide for

the Tricycles, some very sloppy play by the Byki 5:32 into the second half helped bring the game level again. After a Byki goal kick went directly to the feet of a Tricycles player, a tragic sequence unfolded, as the Byki scrambled all over the defensive third trying to get the ball out of danger. They appeared to be a step behind on every Tricycles pass and equalizer was inevitable.

With the sides playing on equal terms, the points were up for grabs. Trowbridge sought to give the Byki the lead with 5:30 to go when he pressured an opponent in the defensive end of the field. He turned quickly to fire off a shot from the top of the arc and was denied by a miracle save from the keeper.

The Tricycles looked set to go ahead with 3:06 left when an unmarked player shot from close range. Amit Khankari reacted well to the difficult shot and his diving save kept things at 2:2.

The winner came with 1:25 left and resulted from a disappointing series of defensive errors. A Tricycles player appeared to be trapped in the corner to Khankari's left and somehow escaped when he executed a deft give-and-go. With the Byki focused on closing him down, he laid off an unselfish pass to a wide-open teammate in the middle of the penalty area, who easily side-footed the ball into the back of the net.

The Byki sent Stopka out to replace Khankari and played with six attackers the rest of the way. The Tricycles kept their defense compact and organized and brought home the three points.

**BYKI LINEUP (2-1-2):** Najera – Trowbridge, Stamatinos (c) – Guzman – Mehagic, B. Rodriguez. **Bench:** Ciszewski, de Rama, Garnon, Khankari, Koenig, Stopka.

### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – DeRama 1; 3:32.

2:0 – B. Rodriguez 6 (Trowbridge); 9:45.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Todd Trowbridge

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LG White **8 : 7** Byki 0-35

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## Byki stunned by bottom feeders

By Steven Pedlow

The Over 35 Team started the second session of the Miro Indoor Soccer League poorly by losing 8:7 to LG Celtic Dads White last Thursday. The Byki had beaten the winless Celtics twice in the first session by a combined score of 15:4. The Byki were disorganized, had no possession, couldn't find the open player, didn't get back on defense, and still almost won the game.

A frustrating aspect of the Miro League is the absence of discipline with respect to the rules. The Celtics have two teams competing in the league and have shown no hesitation to shuttle players between the two teams as needed. This happened on Thursday and was reminiscent of the poorly organized league at the St Charles Sportsplex, in which the Byki played in 2009-10. In the second match on Thursday's schedule, several Celtics players did double duty for Celtics Green and some Byki helped fill in for OTHG. It would be more appropriate to describe the Miro League as a pick-up game where a referee shows up.

The game started well for the Byki with a nice give-and-go between Tony Kotsy and Paul Daly that unlocked the Celtics defense for a 1:0 lead after only 1:12. The Byki then fell apart rapidly. Only 0:34 later, the game was tied when the Byki midfielders did not cover back after losing the ball. The Celtics worked a nice 3-on-2 drill to level the score. Six minutes later, a Byki defender moved up to take a corner kick, and the subsequent clearance by the Celtics led to a 3-on-1 break. That's handing the game away. Less than a minute later, the Celtics put a nice long shot into the Byki net for a 3:1 lead. With 10 minutes gone, the Byki fell behind 4:1 when a cross was back-heeled into the Byki net by a Celtics player who beat his marker to the six-yard box.

In the process of falling this far behind, the Byki offense consisted mostly of players losing the ball while trying to dribble through the defense or taking wild shots from distance that were well wide or sometimes were deflected out for corner kicks. Several of the corner kicks, as well as some crosses, generally were hit too hard and went out for throw-ins. The Byki finally got a break when Dan Jedrzejowski's long shot hit the crossbar. The ball bounced right to Brian Huck, who headed the ball off the crossbar again. This time, it bounced down to Daly, who tapped it into the empty net to make it 4:2 with 28:07 left. Only a

minute later, the Celtics goalkeeper gave the ball right to Huck in front of the net. Huck immediately kicked the ball to the far corner of the net to bring the Byki to within 4:3. Now energized, the Byki tied the game soon after on a great passing sequence between Nick Elmkinni, Kieron Inalsingh, and ending with Huck, who scored his second goal in less than a minute.

This kind of passing would have led to an easy win, but the Celtics showed more of a passing game than the Byki. With 24:04 left, the Celtics regained the lead when a Celtics player danced through the middle of the Byki defense and blasted a goal. A minute later, the defense was responsible for the Celtics' next goal, when a Byki defender passed into the middle from the back corner. A Celtics player controlled the ball and slotted it home to put his team up 6:4 with 22:52 to go.

Once again, the Byki came back when Huck dribbled down the side and passed to a wide open Daly, who fired home his second goal of the game with 20:36 left. The Celtics defense helped the Byki tie the game with 11:30 to go when a bad pass went right to Daly, who completed a hat trick to make it 6:6.

Predictably, it took less than a minute for the Celtics to break into the lead again when the goalie initiated an attack up the right side. The right-side defender moved the ball up to the right wing, who slid to the center and ripped a shot into the upper left corner when the Byki failed to close him down. With 6:50 left, the Celtics made it 8:6 when the Byki cleared a corner kick back to an unmarked Celtics player, who slotted home.

With 2:38 left, Jim Jacobs's shot was denied by the post and the rebound bounced right to Daly, who netted his fourth goal of the game. A third comeback was not in the cards for the Byki, as they were unable to threaten the Celtics goal again.

In the first session, the Byki allowed seven goals twice to the champions, Tetry FC. Conceding eight goals to the sad-sack Celtics shows that team cohesion was lacking. Next up for the Byki is Tetry FC, so a better effort will be needed in order to be competitive.

**BYKI LINEUP (2-3-1):** Vlahakis – Jedrzejowski, Kotsy – Jacobs, Weslar, Zygmunt – Daly. **Bench:** Elmkinni, Huck, Inalsingh, Muehlbauer, Pedlow.

### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

0:1 – Kotsy 1 (Daly), 1:12.  
 4:2 – Daly 1 (Huck), 11:53.  
 4:3 – Huck 1, 12:54.  
 4:4 – Huck 2 (Inalsingh), 13:45.  
 6:5 – Daly 2 (Huck), 19:24.  
 6:6 – Daly 3, 28:30.  
 8:7 – Daly 4 (Jacobs), 37:22.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Paul Daly

# NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

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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 A	7	5	1	1	36	21	16	RWB Adria A	7	6	1	0	43	15	19
B-H Lilies A	7	4	0	3	21	22	12	Chicago Fire U-23	7	4	3	0	30	16	15
KF Tirana	7	4	0	3	24	27	12	Hellenic United AC	7	4	1	2	39	23	13
Assyrian FC	7	2	1	4	26	33	7	FK Kozarac	7	4	1	2	30	18	13
Tricycles SC A	7	2	0	5	14	28	6	FK Republika Srpska	7	1	1	5	29	48	4
CKS Warta	7	1	1	5	20	28	4	SAC Wisla	7	0	0	7	16	49	0

## FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria B	7	7	0	0	48	20	21	West Bosnia SC	7	7	0	0	44	11	21
Lancer FC	7	5	1	1	40	21	16	Zaglebie SC	7	6	0	1	52	23	18
Khaboor FC	7	4	2	1	30	19	14	Stal Mielec	7	5	0	2	28	19	15
Gremio FC A	7	4	0	3	37	23	12	B-H Lilies B	7	4	1	2	41	25	13
Gremio FC B	7	4	0	3	29	27	12	Shlama FC	7	3	1	3	28	24	10
Chicago Dynasty FC	7	2	1	4	15	25	7	HNK Primorac	7	2	2	3	33	26	8
Stare Byki FC	7	2	0	5	26	34	6	Tricycles SC B	7	2	0	5	21	37	6
Chicago Inter Yellow	7	1	0	6	16	39	3	Albanian Stars B	7	0	0	7	21	64	0
FC Kosova	7	1	0	6	26	54	3	Chicago Inter Blue	7	0	0	7	11	55	0

## MIRO INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

January 3, 2013

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
LG Celtic Dads Green	1	1	0	0	12	2	3
LG Celtic Dads White	1	1	0	0	8	7	3
Stare Byki FC	1	0	0	1	7	8	0
OTHG	1	0	0	1	2	12	0
Tatry FC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0