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Kosova pummel feeble Byki

The Byki started the new year the same way they ended the old one, with a defeat, enduring a 9:2 trouncing by FC Kosova last Friday. The Byki were overrun by the opportunistic counterattacks of Kosova, and were lacking in quality at both ends of the field. The Byki are 0-0-6 for the season; can they right the ship?

The Byki player pool was littered with injuries and absences, resulting in an eight-man squad versus Kosova. Although not an ideal set-up, smart teams can overcome these types of challenges. The approach taken by the Byki was anything but smart and Kosova took full advantage. It is also worth noting that Kosova's roster was just as shorthanded as that of the Byki, so both teams had to manage their minutes wisely.

Goalkeeper Ray Najera was the busiest Byki player on the field, subjected to a barrage of shots, thanks to slack marking from his teammates. "In the locker room, after the game, I told the players that they owed Ray a huge apology for the way they abandoned him on too many occasions," noted a dejected George Gorecki.

Gorecki had wanted his team to adopt a defensive posture because of the thin bench situation and then look for goals on the counterattack. That defensive mindset never took hold and the Byki were staring at a 4:0 deficit at halftime.

Kosova's first goal was a gift from the Byki at the 7:26 mark of the first half. Alan Bickel, deep in the Byki end of the field, tried to send a pass back to Najera. His attempt ricocheted off of the chest of a nearby Kosova player and past a startled Najera. Things only got worse from there.

A Byki turnover sent Kosova flying towards the Byki goal, with two players charging in alone on Najera. He came up with a massive save to blunt that opportunity, but Najera's heroics did not rub off on his teammates. Kosova made it 2:0 with 5:47 left, when they outran the Byki on the break.

Two more goals in the final 1:47 of the half were symptomatic of the Byki problems on the night. Costly turnover, Kosova counterattack, Byki slow to recover, Najera left on an island, Kosova goal. The second of those two goals came with 0:06 left on the clock, and no Byki back on defense.

The Byki might have thought that there wasn't enough time to get a goal, but Kosova's striker sure didn't.

The marking errors continued right into the second half. Kosova needed just 1:09 to increase their margin to 5:0. Their goalkeeper launched a long pass into the Byki end of the field, where an unmarked player blasted a shot past Najera. The score swelled to 6:0 just moments later and the Byki were desperate for a life preserver.

Ben Rodriguez stopped the bloodletting momentarily with 11:45 left in the contest. He capped off a long run down the left flank by taking advantage of the out-of-position Kosova keeper. Rodriguez made easy work of it, slotting into the empty net.

The Kosova team could easily laugh off that mistake, however, and merely kept piling on the goals. They made it 7:1 with 9:13 to go, knocking a simple pass off the back boards to a waiting teammate parked alone in the Byki penalty area. He slammed the ball past Najera with authority.

Kosova racked up two more goals in the final minutes, one coming from a counterattack (naturally) and one from a free kick at the Byki defensive line.

Rodriguez completed the scoring in the final minute of action. Alan Stevens cut loose from long distance and his shot slammed off of the back boards. The rebound came right to Rodriguez, who measured his attempt and drove it inside the far post for his third goal of the season.

The strategy of defend/counterattack worked with ruthless efficiency for Kosova. The Byki should have been taking notes.

BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1): Najera – Bickel, Stevens – Rodriguez, Khankari – De Rama. **Bench:** Mehagic, Sokolowski.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

6:1 – Rodriguez 2; 26:15.

9:2 – Rodriguez 3 (Stevens); 37:22.

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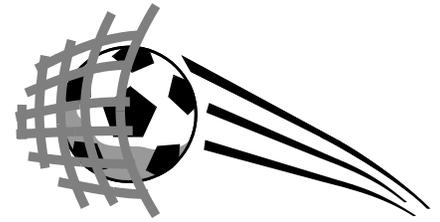
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There are two ways to win. You win if the two teams listed for a given week combine to score the highest number of points that weekend in the NFL. You also win if the two teams listed for a given week combine to score the lowest number of points that weekend in the NFL.

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What happens if a team is on a bye week?

Both teams listed on a ticket for a given week must play that week for the ticket to be valid. The same situation applies for the playoffs; if one or both teams listed for the playoff weeks are not in the playoffs, then the ticket is not valid for that week.

Will I be playing the same two teams every week?

No. The pairs of teams are selected at random. You have to check your ticket every week to see which teams are involved for that week.

Do the teams listed in a given week have to play one another in order to win?

No. In fact, it is highly unlikely that the teams listed will be playing one another. The only thing that counts is how many points are scored by the teams listed in their respective games.

What if someone else has the same teams that I do? Do we both win?

Every ticket is unique, so no other player has your two teams for a given week. There are a total of 496 tickets in play and the approximate odds of winning some kind of prize are 1 in 9.

What if there is more than one winning ticket?

If there is more than one winning ticket in a given week, the prize money will be split equally among the winners.

How do I know if I won?

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\$125 - Cash drawing #3
\$125 - Cash drawing #4

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CHAMPIONS DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Albanian Stars	6	6	0	0	31	15	18
CKS Warta	6	6	0	0	24	13	18
Deportivo Guerrero	6	3	0	3	20	19	9
SAC Wisla A	6	3	0	3	17	17	9
Vikings AA	6	3	0	3	22	18	9
Bosnia-Herzegovina A	6	2	0	4	20	26	6
Czarny Dunajec	6	1	0	5	16	29	3
Real Michoacan	6	0	0	6	8	21	0

MAJOR DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
SAC Wisla B	6	5	0	1	42	18	15
Berber Stars	6	5	0	1	29	13	15
FC Tryzub	6	5	0	1	36	19	15
Jagiellonia	6	3	0	3	25	21	9
SC Unia Chicago	6	3	0	3	21	20	9
Urahan FC	6	3	0	3	25	32	9
AAC Winged Bull	6	2	0	4	20	28	6
Albania FC	6	2	0	4	19	27	6
HDS Eagles	6	2	0	4	18	31	6
Stal Mielec	6	0	0	6	20	46	0

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC United	5	5	0	0	33	13	15	Chicago Dynasty FC	6	4	1	1	32	13	13
Vikings AA Over 30	5	5	0	0	22	5	15	HNK Primorac	5	4	0	1	32	21	12
FC Kosova	6	4	0	2	41	20	12	Matehuala FC	5	3	1	1	27	13	10
Chicago Inter Blue	6	2	1	3	13	26	7	Chicago Blast	6	3	0	3	34	24	9
Bosnia-Herzegovina B	6	1	1	4	20	38	4	SAC Wisla C	6	1	0	5	18	38	3
Stare Byki FC	6	0	0	6	19	34	0	Chicago Inter Yellow	6	0	0	6	15	61	0