

Stare BykiPremier Soccer League<br/>1st DivisionLightning5January 2018

## Lightning torch Byki on the break

The Byki spent the first half of last Sunday's encounter with SAC Lightning looking for a way to snap out of their post-holiday malaise. Lightning had built up a 4:0 lead to that point and then managed to beat back a Byki comeback attempt in the second half to secure a 5:3 victory. With seven points from five matches, the Byki sit in the middle of the First Division table.

"I had a bad feeling that we might start out slowly," commented coach George Gorecki. "It is not unusual for Byki teams to forget how to play soccer following a prolonged break. And the situation is made worse with us not having regular training this season. We eventually turned it around, but the early mistakes just kept piling up."

The Byki made some noise in the first five minutes, when Dmytro Korinenko initiated a restart from the top of the arc. He found Cuba Asyl in the left corner and the midfielder's powerful shot was blocked by the keeper. The loose ball ricocheted off of Alan Stevens' knee right back to the goalie.

Lightning scored at the 6:09 mark after sprinting out on the counterattack. Netminder Alex Perez charged out of his box to challenge for the ball, but the Lightning forward got past him, leading to a wild scramble in front of the Byki goal. Players were doing everything they could to block Lightning attempts, but the ball finally found the back of the net on the third try.

The Byki came right back 1:31 later. Asyl slid a pass to Joe Sauerman at midfield, who then sent a diagonal pass to Korinenko in the left corner. With no marker near him, Korinenko measured his shot carefully, yet was thwarted by the keeper's incredible leg save.

Lightning upped their advantage to 2:0 midway through

the half, again beating the Byki on the counter. The Byki inexcusably loafed while getting back on defense and a Lightning defender opportunistically sprinted into the open space. An insightful pass to switch the field caught this player in stride and he blasted a shot past Perez.

It was a theme that continued to play out more frequently as halftime approached. Lightning's tactics were impeccable. On defense, they crowded their penalty area with three defenders and lured the Byki into trying to attack through the middle. When the inevitable turnover occurred, the Byki failed to hustle back and scoring chances abounded for Lightning. They came close with 3:28 left, when a shot from close range hit the post. Lightning found the target 1:09 later, converting a 3 v 2 breakout. The score swelled to 4:0 with 1:49 to go following a bad Byki turnover in the back third of the field.

The Byki arose from their torpor with a rousing turnabout, needing just 0:54 of the second half to get on the board. Robbie McClure intercepted a pass at midfield, igniting a 3 v 2 to the Lightning goal. He released a well timed pass to Korinenko on the right side of the box. Korinenko drilled an unstoppable shot just under the bar.

Just 1:24 later, Sauerman danced the ball out of a crowd in the Lightning penalty area and laid off a pass to Asyl in the deep right corner. Asyl somehow uncorked a shot on target from a very tough angle and the goalkeeper displayed tremendous reflexes to deny the midfielder.

The pressure on Lightning intensified shortly thereafter, as they had to defend a Byki power play. Although the Byki failed to score, they created three high-quality chances that Lightning somehow managed to block. "Our power play was a really strong sequence," said Gorecki. "Alan Stevens and Sebastian Falinski created space by

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parking in front of the goalie and the outside guys just went bombs away. We were unlucky to not have scored"

With 10:45 left in the contest, Kuba Banbor won a loose ball in the box and fed Korinenko, who sliced the ball into the goal for his team-leading seventh tally of the season.

Down 4:2, the Byki were feeling confident and had plenty of time left on the clock. Lightning went to the man-advantage with 7:14 left and converted to regain a three-goal cushion.

The Byki got to within 5:3 with 3:44 to go. Sauerman stole the ball on the right wing and went straight towards the Lightning penalty area. As defenders converged, he slipped the ball to Korinenko in the box, and he deftly directed it to Asyl, who guided the ball home.

In the end, sloppy play and poor giveaways doomed the Byki.

**BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1)**: Perez – Falinski, Sauerman – Asyl, Stevens (c) – Korinenko. **Bench**: Akbas, Banbor, Bickel, McClure, Wigham.

#### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:4 – Korinenko 6 (McClure; 20:54. 2:4 – Korinenko 7 (Banbor); 29:15. 3:5– Asyl 1 (Korinenko); 36:16.

Byki Man of the Match: Dmytro Korinenko.

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Player	G	Α	Pts							
Korinenko	7	2	9							
Sokolowski	2	3	5							
Akbas	2	0	2							
Stevens	2	0	2							
Sauerman	1	1	2							
Banbor	0	2	2							
Stamatinos	0	2	2							
Asyl	1	0	1							
Crist	0	1	1							
McClure	0	1	1							
Perez	0	1	1							
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA							
Najera	40	1	1.00							
Perez	120	11	3.67							
Chronowski	40	4	4.00							
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SAC Lightning	5	5	0	0	26	3	15	FC Moldova	5	5	0	0	37	8	15
SAC Wisla	5	4	1	0	21	14	13	Jake's Stars Punishers	5	5	0	0	33	9	15
Czarni Jaslo	5	3	1	1	20	12	10	SAC Lightning Over 30	5	5	0	0	26	8	15
Wisloka Chicago	5	3	0	2	20	16	9	Sockers FC Black	5	2	2	1	21	16	8
Sockers FC Blue	5	2	1	2	23	13	7	Tarnovia Over 40	5	2	2	1	12	10	8
SAC Lightning U-23	5	2	1	2	13	18	7	Stare Byki FC	5	2	1	2	15	16	7
FC Bodrost	5	2	0	3	19	21	6	Thunder FC	5	2	0	3	16	21	6
Sockers FC White	5	1	0	4	20	19	3	Sting FC	5	2	0	3	9	27	6
Torino FC	4	0	0	4	3	21	0	Unia Chicago	5	1	0	4	11	19	3
Chicago Fire Jr Gold	4	0	0	4	3	31	0	Levski Chicago	5	1	0	4	17	35	3
								Jagiellonia	5	0	1	4	9	16	1