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RED

Shlama 0 : 3 Byki

NSL 1st Division - The Odeum - 13 January 2012

Byki dominate throughout

The Red Team vaulted back into second place in the Red Section table last Friday, following their comprehensive 3:0 dismantling of Shlama FC. The Byki were led by Maciek Kekus and his two goals on the night. Lockdown defending accompanied a ball-possession style of play that left Shlama second-best at both ends of the field. The Byki still trail Red Section leaders Assyrian FC by eight points.

The Byki had given away points in their first encounter with Shlama, having to claw back from a two-goal deficit just to scrape out a draw. It was imperative that the Byki demonstrate their superiority right from the start.

Letting the ball do the work is a concept that the Byki have been chasing all season. On Friday, they displayed a mastery on the ball that forced Shlama to back up and defend. Shlama were actually quite good at keeping things compact in the back and were buttressed by a goalie who had good command of his area.

"I absolutely loved the way we worked the ball and played with patience," said coach George Gorecki. "No one forced anything; we simply made them chase us. Once we broke through and finally scored, Shlama got more adventurous in attack, but that only led to lots of counterattacks for us."

It took the Byki over 10 minutes to carve out a genuinely dangerous scoring chance. Todd Trowbridge stole the ball and slipped it to Minos Bouzoukis at the top of the arc. Bouzoukis returned the pass with one touch and Trowbridge crushed a shot that required a difficult reflex save from the keeper.

A Byki flurry in the latter stages of the first half resulted in a well-taken goal. Kekus won the ball in midfield and threaded a pass for Ammin Mehreioskouei, who gave the ball right back to Kekus, racing down the right wing. Poised to break the deadlock, Kekus was denied by the keeper's terrific kick save. Mehreioskouei chased the rebound into the corner and dished to Mike Stamatinos. Spotting Kekus wide open on the right, Stamatinos' pass set him up perfectly. Kekus made no mistake the second time around and blasted the ball home

from close range.

Shlama made a bid to level the affair with 0:32 left in the half, but goalie Ray Najera made a desperate foot save at the near post. After a solid first half, Najera passed the baton to Amit Khankari.

Khankari got caught in a tough spot 1:32 into the second half when the Byki made an ill-advised line change, helping Shlama into a breakaway situation. Khankari came out fast to clear the ball, but his attempt hit the Shlama player. The Byki avoided disaster when Alan Stevens backed up his keeper to cover the goal as the Shlama player slid his shot wide. Moments later, a Shlama shot clanged off of the goalpost.

The Byki burst forward on the counter and Mehreioskouei was chopped down in the box by the defender he had just beaten, prompting the referee to point to the spot. Marek Ciszewski converted the penalty for a 2:0 lead.

Shlama thought that they could get back into the game by keeping two strikers at the Byki end. All that did was allow the Byki to run wild on the counter. With a numerical advantage in the middle third of the field, the Byki forced Shlama to chase after the ball, which wore them out rapidly.

With 7:59 left, Ciszewski had eyes for his second goal of the match after winning a ball on the left wing. He tried to curl a floating shot into the upper corner at the far post, but the ball cruelly hit the framework, much to the relief of the Shlama keeper, rooted in place.

The Byki put a wrap on things with 4:05 to go. Kekus stole the ball in the Byki end of the field and sprinted forward to ignite a 2 v 1 break. He sent the ball to the right flank for Paul Mansur, who controlled the ball in the corner. He played a clever ball off the back boards, fooling the goalkeeper and finding an unmarked Kekus to tap home from the doorstep of the goal.

BYKI LINEUP (3-2): Najera – Trowbridge, Garnon, Stamatinos – Koenig, Ciszewski. **Bench:** Bouzoukis, Guzman, Kekus, Khankari, Mansur, Mehreioskouei, Stevens.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

0:1 – Kekus 1 (Stamatinos); 15:16.
0:2 – Ciszewski 2 (pk); 21:58.
0:3 – Kekus 2 (Mansur); 33:55.

Byki Men of the Match: Maciek Kekus and Paul Mansur

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BLUE

Fire 4 : 6 Byki

Miro Indoor Soccer League - The Max - 17 January 2012

Byki overcome defensive errors

The Blue Team finally got on the winning track last Tuesday in the Miro Indoor Soccer League when they downed Fire FC 6:4. Marek Ciszewski notched a hat trick and Mike Stamatinos contributed a pair of goals. Samah Onaissi registered a goal and an assist. The victory evens the Byki record to 1-0-1.

Winning the game, however, was about the only silver lining that Coach George Gorecki could find. "I wrote off the first game and all of the errors we made," he said. "What happened tonight was a real disappointment because our marking improved minimally, from atrocious to horrible. We were lucky that our opponent were too weak to make a comeback effort possible."

The Byki overcame deficits at 2:1 and 4:2 to squeeze out the three points. They scored four goals in the final 11:35 to snare victory from a game that they easily could have lost.

Onaissi's hustle got the Byki off to a roaring start. He applied pressure to a Fire player who had the ball in front of his penalty area and toe-poked a shot into the goal that left the defender and his goalkeeper unaware of what had just happened.

The Byki nearly made it 2:0 several minutes later, when Kieron Inalsingh's header crashed off of the crossbar. Newcomer Stefan Soegaard supplied a nice cross from the wing and Inalsingh missed by inches.

The Byki were unable to maintain the early momentum and the game bogged down, as neither team looked good at holding possession. By allowing the Fire to hang around, the Byki courted disaster and disaster came in the form of two Fire goals in the span of 1:09. Both goals were the result of needless giveaways by the Byki.

But the Byki bounced back from those setbacks and got the equalizer just 1:18 after the Fire had taken the lead. Onaissi was leading the counterattack up the middle and drove a shot from distance that Ciszewski redirected past the befuddled goalie.

Byki marking turned to crap a few minutes later and the Fire scored two more goals 0:34 apart. In both cases, the Byki simply gave their opponents too much time and space. With the big goals in use in the Miro League, almost anyone can score if they can get the ball on frame.

The turnaround for the Byki began in the last quarter of the match. Mike Stamatinos led the way on a 3 v 1 break and fired a long-range bomb just inside the post. It was a moment of redemption for Stamatinos, whose poor backpass to goalkeeper Amit Khankari led to the Fire's second goal.

Stamatinos' goal ignited a flurry of offensive activity for the Byki. Ciszewski turned the Fire defense into his personal shooting gallery. After bashing two shots that the goalie was fortunate to block, Ciszewski controlled the ball on the left side of the penalty area and fired into the back of the net to bring the match level at 4:4.

The Byki netted the gamewinner with 4:35 left. The keeper blocked Inalsingh's shot, and when the Fire defense failed to clear, Stamatinos stepped up and fired a dart past the goalie for his second of the night.

Ciszewski worked a crafty counterattack with Jeff Samp with 1:09 to go. The two exchanged passes rapidly, with Ciszewski sending Samp into the clear. The keeper did well to save Samp's sharp-angle attempt. Moments later, Samp's shot from the left flank had everyone fooled, as the slow roller nicked off of the far post.

The clincher came in the dying seconds of the contest. Khankari booted a goal kick deep into the Fire end. When the goalkeeper made a halfhearted attempt to win the ball, Ciszewski calmly flicked the ball over him into the empty net to complete his hat trick.

BYKI LINEUP (1-3-2): Khankari – Samp – Stamatinos Worek, Dec – Inalsingh, Onaissi. **Bench:** Ciszewski, Fleming, Garnon, Soegaard.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

- 0:1 – Onaissi 2; 1:49.
- 2:2 – Ciszewski 3 (Onaissi); 20:21.
- 3:4 – Stamatinos 1; 28:25.
- 4:4 – Ciszewski 4; 29:08.
- 4:5 – Stamatinos 2; 35:25.
- 4:6 – Ciszewski 5 (Khankari); 39:53.

Byki Man of the Match: Marek Ciszewski

MIRO INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE January 17, 2012

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
United Serbs	2	2	0	0	20	10	6
TFS	2	2	0	0	12	8	6
Tatry FC	2	1	1	0	11	5	4
Odrawaz	2	1	0	1	14	9	3
Stare Byki FC	2	1	0	1	11	14	3
Chicago Celtic	2	0	1	1	8	13	1
Fire FC	2	0	0	2	11	18	0
LG Celtic Dads	2	0	0	2	5	16	0

OVER 40

Byki 5 : 11 Eagles

Champions O-40 League - Champions Soccer Arena - 13 Jan 2012

Second-half surge not enough

The Over 40 Team fought to keep their defensive shape throughout the first half of last Friday's encounter with AAC Eagles and were down 2:0 at the break. The second half proved to be a goalscoring donnybrook, as the Eagles outscored the Byki 9:5 to come away 11:5 winners. The defeat drops the

Byki to 0-0-6 in this brutal inaugural season in Itasca.

The Eagles scored their two first-half goals within four minutes of one another. The Byki goal was under siege in the 11th minute, as the defense blocked several shots. The ball eventually deflected over to an unmarked player on the left side of the box and his hard shot gave the Eagles the lead. A slick 2 v 1 counterattack doubled the lead shortly thereafter.

The Byki attack was nearly non-existent in the first half. The players had their hands full at the defensive end and could not build momentum to maintain consistent ball possession.

The Eagles revved their engines to start the second half and blitzed the Byki to the tune of four unanswered goals. The scoring barrage came a few minutes after Sven Dahlquist left the field following a knee injury. With the Byki bench down to two subs, things looked like an uphill climb for the remainder of the match.

Instead, the Byki began trading goals with the Eagles the rest of the way. Steven Pedlow sent a pass from the corner to Brian Huck, who was directly in front of the goal. His shot at the near post was saved by the goalie and came right back at Huck, whose flick to the far post found the back of the net.

A slick passing combination resulted in the second Byki tally, which came after the Eagles had knocked home two more. Dec sent the ball into Huck at the top of the arc. With a defender closing fast, Huck laid the ball off for Mariusz Gorski, whose low shot beat the keeper at the far post.

Huck's second strike of the match made it 8:3. Similar to his first goal, he was well positioned to punch home his own rebound of a shot attempt that had been rejected by the keeper.

Huck certainly brought his shooting shoes to the match. After the keeper parried away another scoring attempt, Gorski was in the right spot to send the rebound home to make it 9:4.

A few minutes later, the Byki made it 10:5 when Huck drilled a shot right at the goalkeeper, who deflected the ball to Robert Dec. The midfielder picked his spot and drilled a shot past the keeper's shoulder at the near post.

Brian Huck and Steven Pedlow contributed to this story.

BYKI LINEUP (3-2-1): Barnas – Dahlquist, Gorecki, Bolesta – Pedlow, Dec – Huck. **Bench:** Gorski, Lowczyk, Muehlbauer, Zadlo.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:6 – Huck 5 (Pedlow); 30th.
 2:8 – Gorski 3 (Huck); 35th.
 3:8 – Huck 6; 38th.
 4:9 – Gorski 4 (Huck); 40th.
 5:10 – Dec 2; 45th.

Byki Man of the Match: Jerzy Barnas

CHAMPIONS OVER 40 LEAGUE							
January 13, 2012							
	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
SAC Wisla	5	5	0	0	55	8	15
Champions FC	5	5	0	0	49	14	15
AAC Eagles	5	3	0	2	45	24	9
Torino FC	3	1	0	2	9	23	3
Tamayo	3	0	0	3	0	18	0
Stare Byki FC	6	0	0	6	16	79	0

Byki Stats

RED TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Herholdt	2	5	7
Koenig	3	3	6
Ciszewski	2	2	4
Stopka	2	2	4
Mansur	1	3	4
Banbor	2	0	2
Guzman	2	0	2
Kerkus	2	0	2
Mehreioskouei	2	0	2
Uriza	2	0	2
Bouzoukis	1	0	1
Stevens	1	0	1
Trowbridge	1	0	1
Garnon	0	1	1
Stamatinos	0	1	1
Team goals	1	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Khankari	95	6	2.40
Najera	209	15	2.73

Current record: 4-2-2

BLUE TEAM, MIRO SOCCER LEAGUE

Player	G	A	Pts
Ciszewski	5	0	5
Onaissi	2	2	4
Stamatinos	2	0	2
Kekus	1	1	2
Gibbs	1	0	1
Inalsingh	0	1	1
Khankari	0	1	1
Mansur	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Khankari	80	14	7.00

Current record: 1-0-1

O-40 TEAM, CHAMPIONS O-40 LEAGUE

Player	G	A	Pts
Huck	6	2	8
Gorski	4	1	5
Dec	2	3	5
Pedlow	1	3	4
Dahlquist	1	0	1
Muehlbauer	1	0	1
Passi	1	0	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Barnas	139	27	9.71
Muehlbauer	34	8	11.76
Lowczyk	61	18	14.75
Dec	16	5	15.63
Elm kinssi	41	16	19.51
Zadlo	9	5	27.78

Current record: 0-0-6

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MAJOR DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FK Kozarac	8	5	3	0	35	16	18	RWB Adria A	8	8	0	0	63	12	24
B-H Lilies Royal	8	5	1	2	37	32	16	Albanian Stars	8	7	0	1	50	16	21
Tricycles SC A	8	3	2	3	22	27	11	Hellenic United Blue	8	4	1	3	25	23	13
SAC Wisla	8	3	1	4	37	35	10	CKS Warta A	8	3	0	5	26	31	9
B-H Lilies	8	1	2	5	31	58	5	FK Republika Srpska A	8	2	2	4	28	43	8
KF Tirana	8	0	2	6	26	41	2	Chicago Pride	8	0	0	8	15	61	0

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Assyrian FC	8	7	1	0	31	17	22	Hellenic United White	8	6	1	1	37	10	19
Stare Byki FC	8	4	2	2	24	21	14	Zaglebie SC	8	5	0	3	26	14	15
Stal Mielec	8	4	0	4	30	20	12	RWB Adria B	8	4	2	2	34	16	14
Gremio FC B	8	2	2	4	27	32	8	West Bosnia SC	8	3	1	4	14	40	10
CKS Warta B	8	2	0	6	17	26	6	Winged Bull A	8	3	1	4	22	25	10
Shlama FC	8	0	3	5	13	28	3	FK Republika Srpska B	8	1	1	6	9	35	4

SECOND DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Chicago Inter Yellow	8	6	2	0	43	25	20	NK Prijedor	8	8	0	0	37	10	24
Gremio FC A	8	6	0	2	35	14	18	FC Kosova	8	4	2	2	35	26	14
HNK Primorac	8	5	1	2	38	20	16	Tricycles SC B	8	3	2	3	27	24	11
Naperville Strikers	8	5	0	3	32	18	15	Chicago Dynasty FC	8	3	1	4	23	24	10
Chicago Inter Blue	8	1	2	5	22	41	5	Pitbulls SC	8	2	0	6	23	38	6
Winged Bull B	8	0	0	8	14	52	0	Chicago Inter White	8	0	0	8	15	52	0