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Inter Yellow	2	National Soccer League 1st Division
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Byki get a W in a big way

After six consecutive weeks of frustration and disappointment, the Byki put in superior efforts on both sides of the ball last Friday, easily dismantling the teenagers from Chicago Inter Yellow by an 8:2 scoreline. Joe Sauerman notched a hat trick, while Kuba Banbor contributed two goals and two assists in the rout. In total, eight of the eleven Byki in uniform found their way onto the scoresheet.

Going into the match, the Byki and Inter were last two First Division teams without a point, so something had to give. Even though the Byki have quite a few defensive clunkers this season, Inter have been a defensive sieve, having conceded an incredible 61 goals in their first six matches. If the Byki were going to break out of their slump, Inter appeared to be the perfect antidote.

It also didn't hurt that the Byki finally fielded a roster that featured two full lines, so substitutions were frequent, and all players were on their toes, ready to jump into the field.

"It was about time for a performance like this one," said coach George Gorecki afterwards. "It's obvious that these kids were overmatched, but I was happy to see that we maintained a dominant position throughout the game. We really took care of business."

Actually, Inter have their goalkeeper to thank for keeping the margin as close as it was. Gorecki counted at least four occasions where the Inter keeper saved what looked like 100% scoring chances.

The Byki exploded for a three-goal blitz in the middle portion of the first half. Alan Stevens stole the ball and found Sauerman alone on the right. The midfielder went directly to goal and smashed a low shot just inside the far post at the 6:27 mark to open things up.

Moments later, the hustling Marek Ciszewski created a turnover in the Inter defensive end and drilled home his third goal of the campaign from the top of the box.

The score went to 3:0 with 9:47 to go. Netminder Ray Najera cleared a loose ball along the right flank for Sauerman,

who tore past a defender and dinged a low shot off of the inside of the far post.

Stevens made a strong bid for 4:0 with 8:10 left when he sent a free kick on frame from the Inter defensive line. The keeper reacted late, got a hand to the ball, and deflected it off of the goalpost.

It only took a few minutes for the fourth to finally find the back of the net. Ben Rodriguez sprinted in on the counterattack and dished to Banbor, unmarked in the penalty area. Banbor shot low, forcing the keeper to dive, but he had the misfortune of Banbor's shot slamming off the boards, off his back, and over the line.

Inter's goalie was very busy in the closing moments of the first half. He denied Ciszewski and Rodriguez in one-on-one situations, and then tipped Sauerman's rocket from the top of the arc to safety.

The halftime chat was simple and succinct: keep up the aggressive play at both ends and finish the game with same enthusiasm that was created at the start. Naturally, the Byki tossed that aside seconds after the kick-off. Najera fumbled a backpass and an Inter player swooped in tap into the empty net to make it 4:1.

The Byki needed just 0:33 to respond and it was decisive. Banbor led a 2 v 1 counter straight up the middle. When the defender took a step towards him, Banbor released a pass to the supporting Alen Mehagic, who slotted past the diving keeper. Banbor, happy to get the assist, said that an even smarter play would have been for Mehagic to return the ball to Banbor, who had an empty net staring at him.

Moments later, Sauerman stole the ball from an Inter defender and had only the keeper to beat. A fantastic kick save kept the score at 6:1.

Two goals in 0:28 would prove to be the last shovels dirt

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thrown onto Inter. Sauerman eventually completed his hat trick with a steal and then converted the breakaway chance with 12:33 left in the match. He followed that up with another steal/breakaway and was taken down by the desperate goalie, resulting in a penalty kick. Banbor stepped up to the spot after Sauerman was reluctant to do the honors himself.

Aside from his gaffe earlier in the game, Najera had little on his plate on a night when the Byki dominated the possession battle. But a sloppy turnover with 9:24 left ignited Inter's best sequence of the night. Najera saved an open shot, blocked the rebound while still on his back, and then repelled a third attempt when his teammates failed to clear the zone.

The final tally for the Byki also came on the counter. Banbor delivered a sweet pass for Bryan de Rama, who slid home his fourth goal of the season from close range to make it 8:1.

Inter converted a late power play opportunity in the final seconds of their man advantage, when a long shot took a deflection and scooted past Najera, who already committed himself to the ball's original trajectory.

Smart soccer was in abundance on the night. It's up to the Byki to maintain this approach every week, because future opponents won't always be inexperienced teenagers.

BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1): Najera – Stamatinos (c), Stevens – Ciszewski, Sauerman – De Rama. **Bench:** Banbor, Bickel, Khankari, Mehagic, Rodriguez.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Sauerman 4 (Stevens); 6:27.
 2:0 – Ciszewski 3; 7:05.
 3:0 – Sauerman 5 (Najera); 9:15.
 4:0 – Banbor 1 (Rodriguez); 13:47.
 5:1 – Mehagic 1 (Banbor); 20:02.
 6:1 – Sauerman 6; 25:27.
 7:1 – Banbor 2 (pk) (pp); 25:55.
 8:1 – De Rama 4 (Banbor); 30:31

Byki Man of the Match: Joe Sauerman

Byki Stats

FIRST TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Sauerman	6	3	9
De Rama	4	1	5
Rodriguez	3	2	5
Ciszewski	3	1	4
Mowry	3	1	4
Banbor	2	2	4
Kramarz	1	3	4
Khankari	2	0	2
Stamatinos	1	1	2
Stevens	0	2	2
Kekus	1	0	1
Mehagic	1	0	1
Najera	0	1	1
Sokolowski	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Stevens	2	0	0.00
Khankari	14	1	2.71
Najera	218	28	4.88
Banbor	38	7	7.00

Current record: 1-0-6

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

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CHAMPIONS DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Albanian Stars	7	6	1	0	33	17	19
CKS Warta	7	6	1	0	26	15	19
Deportivo Guerrero	7	4	0	3	22	19	12
SAC Wisla A	7	3	1	3	20	20	10
Vikings AA	7	3	0	4	22	20	9
Bosnia-Herzegovina A	7	3	0	4	26	27	9
Czarny Dunajec	7	1	0	6	17	35	3
Real Michoacan	7	0	1	6	11	24	1

MAJOR DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
SAC Wisla B	7	6	0	1	50	21	18
Berber Stars	7	6	0	1	39	14	18
FC Tryzub	7	6	0	1	39	21	18
SC Unia Chicago	7	3	0	4	24	28	9
AAC Winged Bull	7	3	0	4	27	30	9
Jagiellonia	7	3	0	4	27	24	9
Urahan FC	7	3	0	4	27	39	9
Albania FC	7	2	1	4	23	31	7
HDS Eagles	7	2	1	4	22	35	7
Stal Mielec	7	0	0	7	21	56	0

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Vikings AA Over 30	6	6	0	0	30	9	18	Chicago Dynasty FC	7	5	1	1	37	16	16
FC United	6	5	0	1	36	18	15	HNK Primorac	6	5	0	1	37	25	15
FC Kosova	7	5	0	2	49	24	15	Matehuala FC	6	3	1	2	31	21	10
Chicago Inter Blue	7	3	1	3	20	30	10	Chicago Blast	7	3	0	4	38	32	9
Bosnia-Herzegovina B	7	1	1	5	24	43	4	SAC Wisla C	7	1	0	6	22	45	3
Stare Byki FC	7	1	0	6	27	36	3	Chicago Inter Yellow	7	0	0	7	17	69	0