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CHAMPIONS**

Byki 0-30	6	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White Division
Rangers	8	The Odeum 16 January 2015

Second-half surge falls short

The Over 30 Team certainly brought their scoring shoes to The Odeum last Friday, scoring five times in the last 14 minutes of the match. The only problem was that Chicago Rangers had few problems solving the Byki defense and they went home 8:6 winners. This, despite the Rangers playing the entire match without any substitutes.

It was the second time this season that the Rangers dressed just six players in a match versus the Byki and the lack of subs hardly seemed to matter. The Rangers won the first encounter between the sides 3:1.

The Rangers got off to a dream start, grabbing the lead just 0:57 into the match. The ball was trapped in a tangle of legs in the corner to the right of goalkeeper Joe Meadow. As three players wildly kicked at the ball, it somehow trickled over the goal line.

After the Rangers had gone up 2:0, the Byki responded with an impressive strike from Reggie Champagne. Juan Rodriguez supplied a pass from midfield to Champagne, who set up at the arc, with his back to goal. Champagne flicked the ball into the air and then turned to lash a vicious shot past the rooted goalkeeper.

The Rangers employed a smart strategy to mitigate their lack of substitutes by playing directly as often as possible. They frequently played long passes out of the back, or their goalkeeper heaved the ball to a waiting striker. The Byki helped make this strategy pay off by consistently ignoring the cherry-picking striker.

The Rangers made it 3:1 when Meadow stuck out his leg to block a shot, and a resourceful Rangers player tapped in the rebound unmarked. Moments later, the Byki were beaten when a field-length throw by the Rangers goalie found a forward who was unnoticed by the Byki defense. He handily beat Meadow from short range.

Poor marking plagued the Byki throughout the first half. The Rangers went 5:1 up in the dying moments when

a player stuck in the corner dropped a pass to an open runner in the box. The Rangers player slammed the ball home first-time.

The second half was a frenzy of goals from both teams. The sizeable lead that the Rangers had built proved crucial, as they ran out of steam after the intermission.

The Byki came out looking for goals and were denied 1:24 into the second half by a sensational save from the Rangers' keeper. Sergio Benavides and Chris Hurley worked a combination play inside the box, leaving the goalie off balance. As he fell backwards, he somehow deflected Hurley's shot to safety.

A power play paid off for the Byki with 14:30 left in the contest. Esau Melendez played a corner kick back to Rodriguez, who switched the play to Champagne on the left. Champagne played a smart ball back for the onrushing Hurley, who hit a rocket into the upper corner to make it 5:2.

The Rangers got that one back with a power play of their own just 1:35 later. They followed that up by transforming a Byki turnover in midfield into a breakaway situation in which two players swooped in on Meadow. Despite his penchant for heroics between the pipes, Meadow had no answers when his teammates left him stranded.

The Byki then reeled off four goals in the span of 4:29, fueling hope that a comeback still might be in the cards.

PSLC OVER 30 DIVISION

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria	5	5	0	0	33	14	15
Chicago Rangers FC	5	4	1	0	25	18	13
Levski Chicago 2014	6	3	1	2	34	24	10
Torino FC	6	2	1	3	24	29	7
Stare Byki FC	6	1	0	5	20	38	3
Romania SC	6	0	1	5	21	34	1



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Maciek Kekus initiated the barrage when he was perfectly positioned to knock home the rebound of a Melendez shot that the keeper had blocked.

Moments later, the Rangers gifted the Byki a goal when an errant pass in their back third went to Champagne. The midfielder accepted the gift with grace as he pounded the ball into the back of the net from out in front to make it 7:4.

After the Rangers added another to their total with 5:35 left, the Byki broke out on the counter 1:03 later. Kekus led a 3 v 2 up the field and the Rangers fought to thwart the situation. A scramble in the Rangers' penalty area ended when Benavides squeezed a shot past the goalie to make it 8:5.

Ray Najera brought the Byki to 8:6 with 3:29 to go. Kekus once again rushed his way past the fatigued Rangers and crushed a shot from distance. The keeper could only deflect the ball, landing at the feet of Najera, who took care of the business for his second goal of the campaign.

The Rangers desperately packed their defense the rest of the way, hoping that they had enough gas in the tank to withstand further pressure from the Byki. Although the Byki carried the play for the remainder of the contest, they were unable to break down the Rangers.

Clearly, the mistakes in the first half that led to five goals for the Rangers created the hill that the Byki simply could not climb.

BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1): Meadow – Hurley, J. Rodriguez – Champagne, Kekus – Benavides. **Bench:** Jedrzejowski, Melendez, Najera.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:2 – Champagne 5 (J. Rodriguez); 6:11.
 2:5 – Hurley 2 (Champagne); 23:30.
 3:7 – Kekus 3; 30:02.
 4:7 – Champagne 6; 31:37.
 5:8 – Benavides 3; 33:28.
 6:8 – Najera 2; 34:31

Byki Man of the Match: Reggie Champagne

Stare Byki	1	National Soccer League 1st Division
Assyrian FC	7	The Odeum 16 January 2015

Byki caught in Assyrian deluge

The winless Byki were overwhelmed right from the start last Friday versus Assyrian FC and struggled to be competitive during a comprehensive 7:1 defeat. Three goals by the Assyrians came on the counterattack, as they consistently pushed forward with a numerical advantage.

The Assyrians put pressure on the Byki goal immediately. Confusion in the back by the Byki left an Assyrian player with a golden opportunity, thwarted only by the

heroics of goalkeeper Joe Meadow. Unable to clear the ball away, the Byki were still in scramble mode and an unmarked Assyrian player tapped home at the far post after only 1:05 had elapsed.

The Assyrians made it 2:0 midway through the first half. They launched a quick counterattack and capitalized on naïve marking by the Byki. Two Byki went to challenge the player with the ball, and, predictably, the ball found its way to an open man to slide home from close range.

A Byki flurry at the end of the half looked promising. Marek Ciszewski won the ball in the corner and centered for Cyril Zachariah. The keeper blocked Zachariah's shot and gobbled up Reggie Champagne's rebound attempt. The Assyrians came out firing, beating the Byki the other way with a 3 v 1 counter to make it 3:0 at the break.

The Assyrians put the contest out of reach within the first six minutes of the second half, scoring twice from counterattack situations. In both cases, the Byki simply could not get enough people goal-side of the ball.

The score swelled to 7:0 by the middle of the second half, as Byki marking appeared to have taken a vacation.

The Byki avoided the shutout with just 0:22 left in the game. The Byki worked a 3 v 2 situation against the complacent Assyrians, who were likely already banking the three points. Champagne led the attack straight up the middle and dished to the supporting Rob Zudic on the left wing. Zudic adroitly clipped the ball over the advancing goalie for his first goal of the season.

BYKI LINEUP (1-3-1): Meadow – J. Rodriguez – Zachariah, C. Rodriguez, Ciszewski – Najera. **Bench:** Champagne, B. Rodriguez, Singh, Stopka, Zudic.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:7 – Zudic 1 (Champagne); 37:38.

Byki Man of the Match: None given.

FIRST TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION				O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION			
Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts
Ciszewski	6	0	6	Champagne	6	2	8
Roth	1	2	3	Benavides	3	1	4
Champagne	0	2	2	Ciszewski	3	1	4
Rodriguez, B	1	0	1	Kekus	3	1	4
Rodriguez, C	1	0	1	Hurley	2	2	4
Stamatinos	1	0	1	Najera	2	0	2
Zudic	1	0	1	Jedrzejowski	0	1	1
Rodriguez, J	0	1	1	Ramirez	0	1	1
				Rodriguez, J	0	1	1
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Team goals	1	x	x
Najera	76	9	4.50				
Meadow	190	26	5.20				
Current record: 0-0-7				Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
				Najera	38	3	3.00
				Meadow	190	35	7.00
				Current record: 1-0-5			

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	6	5	1	0	24	10	16	RWB Adria	6	6	0	0	42	10	18
CKS Warta A	7	3	1	3	22	19	10	Chicago Fire U-23	7	3	2	2	21	16	11
AAC Winged Bull	7	3	0	4	22	35	9	Chicago Stars	6	3	2	1	21	19	11
Lancer SC	6	2	1	3	18	23	7	SAC Wisla A	6	2	0	4	22	21	6
Bosnia i Hercegovina	6	2	0	4	17	22	6	Berber Stars	6	1	0	5	13	27	3
Tricycles SC A	7	1	1	5	14	34	4								

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
SAC Wisla B	7	6	0	1	56	15	18	Gremio FC	7	6	1	0	32	20	19
CKS Warta B	7	6	0	1	33	18	18	Albania FC	7	5	0	2	36	23	15
Jagiellonia Chicago	7	5	0	2	42	16	15	Dabrovia	7	4	1	2	39	21	13
Bosnia United	7	4	1	2	30	30	13	FC Tryzub	7	4	1	2	32	23	13
HNK Primorac	7	4	0	3	25	25	12	Chicago Dynasty FC	7	3	3	1	23	18	12
Assyrian FC	7	4	0	3	40	29	12	Olympiacos Chicago	7	4	0	3	21	18	12
FC Kosova	7	4	0	3	33	24	12	Stal Mielec	7	3	3	1	28	26	12
Wisloka Chicago	7	3	2	2	29	25	11	FC Goon Squad	7	3	2	2	26	24	11
SC Krajina-Chicago	7	2	1	4	21	50	7	Los Chasquis	7	2	2	3	24	21	8
Chicago Inter Yellow	7	1	0	6	21	45	3	ANCI Niniveh FC	7	1	0	6	16	38	3
Tricycles SC B	7	1	0	6	18	47	3	Chicago Inter Blue	7	0	1	6	10	41	1
Stare Byki FC	7	0	0	7	11	35	0	Chicago Blast U-18	7	0	0	7	13	27	0