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Primorac	9	National Soccer League
Stare Byki	0	Odeum North Field 17 January 2014

Primorac put a hurt on Byki

The defensive woes for the Byki went from bad to worse last Friday, as HNK Primorac administered a systematic 9:0 pounding to send the Byki crashing to a 0-0-6 record to start the season. The Byki were thoroughly outplayed from start to finish.

The breakdowns on defense were numerous and varied, and an eager Primorac squad took full advantage of the miscues. "We had players beaten off the dribble, players standing around not marking, we committed turnovers in our back third, lost marking on a corner kick, just to name a few," grumbled Byki coach George Gorecki, who admitted that it was one of the few times he could not think of one thing to say to his team after the debacle. The lack of fundamental play was jarring and the Byki have a big hill to climb in order to turn things around.

Primorac had eased into a 2:0 lead in the game's first five minutes. A Primorac player dribbled past two Byki as if they were practice cones on the first one and then, slack marking left a Primorac player open on the left wing to blast the ball past beleaguered goalkeeper Amit Khankari. Despite the onslaught, Khankari registered several glittering saves to bail out his teammates.

Primorac led 3:0 with 7:49 left before the break and added to their total a minute later when an unmarked player tapped home a ball played through the box on a corner kick. The gaffe infuriated Gorecki, to say the least. "When they set the ball down for the corner, we had everyone covered," said Gorecki. "Two seconds later, someone took their eye off their man and he comes in alone to finish." A Byki turnover in the back led to a 5:0 score at halftime.

The Byki regrouped somewhat to start the second half, holding Primorac scoreless for the first 10 minutes. Primorac found their second wind and banged home four more to put an exclamation point on the victory. Two of the goals came from Byki turnovers, one inside their own goal area. A Primorac player bent a free kick from the arc for the third goal, aided by a slight deflection off of a Byki defender. The final tally came just before the final whistle, as Primorac converted a quick counterattack while defending a Byki power play.

"It appeared that there were no limits as to the number of ways that we could concede goals tonight," lamented Gorecki.

BYKI LINEUP (3-1-1): Khankari – Sabo (c), Hurley, Stopka – Ciszewski – Koenig. **Bench:** Avalos, Banbor, Wood.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY
None.

Byki Man of the Match: None given

Byki Stats

FIRST TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Jimenez	4	1	5
Stopka	1	2	3
Kekus	2	0	2
Sabo	0	2	2
Onaissi	1	0	1
Ortiz	1	0	1
Hurley	0	1	1
Stamatinos	0	1	1
Wood	0	1	1
Zielinski	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Banbor	1	0	0.00
Khankari	132	21	6.05
Avalos	95	19	7.60

Current record: 0-0-6

O-40 TEAM, ODEUM O-40 LEAGUE

Player	G	A	Pts
Pedlow	6	2	8
Gibbs	4	1	5
Demarets	1	4	5
St Clair	3	1	4
Fleming	1	3	4
Lane	1	3	4
Ciszewski	1	1	2
Farhan	1	0	1
Fink	1	0	1
Huck	1	0	1
Posada	1	0	1
Aper	0	1	1
Gorecki	0	1	1
Jedrzejowski	0	1	1
Muehlbauer	0	1	1
Vlahakis	0	1	1
Team goals	3	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Farhan	2	0	0.00
Bolesta	210	41	7.81
Vlahakis	80	16	8.00
St Clair	14	4	11.43
Muehlbauer	16	5	12.50

Current record: 1-0-7

Jake's Stars	11	Odeum Over 40 League
Byki O-40	2	Odeum North Field 20 January 2014

Byki lose big on fantastic finishes

By Steven Pedlow

The Over 40 Team was handed another lesson by the league's top team, as Jake's Stars delivered an 11:2 beating last Monday. This was an improvement over the 14:1 smackdown that they inflicted on the Byki earlier in the season. The Over 40s dressed only seven players for that December 23 contest, but had a group of ten for the rematch. James Vlahakis did some game-day recruiting and newcomers Tyson Aper and Sean Marquez helped make this a more even game than the scoreline indicated. It must be emphasized, however, that the Stars displayed some first-class finishing and passing to coast to an easy win.

The Stars scored their first goal 40 seconds into the match. A 2 v 2 situation went all wrong for the Byki when a dribble to the right beat a Byki defender and forced Vlahakis to challenge a one-on-one shot. Meanwhile, the other attacker somehow was left open on the doorstep and a simple pass led to a goal. The Byki played solid defense to keep the score at 1:0 after ten minutes, but did not cause any difficulties for the Stars' goalkeeper.

The game was lost during the next ten minutes, and the Byki must tip their cap to some great finishing. With 11 minutes gone, the Stars made it 2:0 on a rebound after a good save by Vlahakis. Two minutes later, a screaming shot to the upper corner made it 3:0. In the 17th minute, the Stars were 3-on-3 and displayed the precision of a basketball team executing their half-court offense. The Stars' striker was barely open, but nevertheless hit a shot that went into the upper corner to make it 4:0.

The Byki were falling apart now and less than a minute later, a defensive giveaway led to a two-on-none goal. Two minutes after that, a Byki giveaway in the offensive zone led to a 2 v 1 break the other way. Halfway through the game, Jake's Stars had an insurmountable 6:0 lead.

With 17 minutes left, the Stars upped their advantage to 7:0 on a 2 v 2 counterattack, when the attacker beat his man and buried the ball just inside the far post. As the Stars began to relax a bit, the Byki started to attack more. Nothing came of it, though, and the score turned to 8:0 with just over 10 minutes left when an attacker beat a Byki defender on the left side and toe poked the ball into the goal. Vlahakis could only say, "Nice shot" to that finish.

A minute later, the Byki finally got on the board. Aper took a long shot that had a chance to just sneak under the bar. The goalkeeper caught it, however, and the whole Byki bench sighed disappointedly. The keeper then dropped the ball, and as he tried to grab it again, Charles St. Clair alertly poked the ball into the net. The play was another lesson showing how important it is to not give up on the ball.

With six minutes left, the Stars finished off a corner-kick play. When the ball was pulled back from the corner, the Stars player slotted home from a narrow angle. With two minutes left, the Byki scored a second when Steven Pedlow passed through the legs of a defender to Sal Farhan to create a 2 v 1. Farhan blasted a near post goal to make it 9:2.

The Byki were only a minute away from a single-digit loss when a comical own goal ruined it. A Byki defender was trapped in the corner, but his passback found the net to make it 10:2 with 0:45 left. The Byki were looking for a third goal, but a near miss resulted in a 2 v 1 counterattack goal to make the score 11:2 with only 0:12 to go.

Team captain Pedlow was surprisingly pleased by the performance of this teammates and complimented them on the effort. Although other Byki players were not so pleased by the pasting, no one could argue the class of the finishing by Jake's Stars.

BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1): Vlahakis – Lane, Jedrzejowski – Aper, Marquez–St Clair. **Bench:** Farhan, Fink, Muehlbauer, Pedlow.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY
8:1 – St Clair 3 (Aper); 30:22.
9:2 – Farhan 1 (Pedlow); 37:45.

ODEUM OVER 40 LEAGUE

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Jake's Stars	8	7	0	1	61	22	21
Asteras	8	7	0	0	63	29	21
Torino FC	8	7	0	1	54	21	21
Albania FC	8	5	0	3	48	28	15
Olimpiacos	8	3	0	5	43	35	9
Tricycles SC	8	2	0	6	31	39	6
Stare Byki FC	8	1	0	7	24	68	3
FC Pints	8	0	0	8	14	100	0

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

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MAJOR DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Albanian Stars	6	5	0	1	35	17	15
Chicago Fire U-23	6	4	1	1	33	21	13
SAC Wisla	6	4	0	2	26	20	12
Tricycles SC A	6	2	1	3	24	23	7
RWB Adria B	6	1	1	4	19	29	4
KF Tirana	6	0	1	5	13	25	1

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria A	6	6	0	0	38	12	18
CKS Warta	6	6	0	0	30	13	18
ANCI Assyrian A	6	2	0	4	15	24	6
Chicago Stars	6	2	0	4	14	21	6
Ethnikos Chicago	6	2	0	4	14	33	6
Zaglebie SC	6	0	0	6	11	34	0

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Kosova	6	5	0	1	30	18	15
Chicago Dynasty FC	6	4	0	2	27	16	12
Albania FC	6	3	1	2	23	26	10
ANCI Assyrian B	6	2	1	3	19	25	7
Chicago Inter	6	2	0	4	18	23	6
Gremio FC	6	1	0	5	21	32	3

Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Lancer FC	6	5	1	0	32	8	16
Jagiellonia Chicago	6	4	1	1	33	18	13
Stal Mielec	6	4	0	2	20	15	12
HNK Primorac	6	3	0	3	27	25	9
Tricycles SC B	6	1	0	5	14	27	3
Stare Byki FC	6	0	0	6	9	40	0