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Shorthanded Byki can't keep up

After notching a memorable two-goal performance versus Sockers FC, Byki midfielder Robby McClure went one better last Sunday, registering a hat trick in 6:4 defeat to Jake's Stars Punishers. The Stars have yet to drop any points this season, as evidenced by their efficient passing approach. The Byki fell to fifth place in the table with a record of 3-1-3 at the midway point of the campaign.

McClure, who didn't expect to be included on the First Team's roster for the indoor season, has shown good value. "Robby came out to pre-season training and I could see that his style would fit right in with our tactics," noted coach George Gorecki. "He's become a valuable addition."

The Byki have been bitten by the injury bug this season. Five players were missing against the Stars and hobbled striker Volkan Akbas soldiered on, playing through a sore ankle he picked up in the Sockers match. Gorecki called in Ray Najera to bolster the squad. Gorecki himself suited up in case of an extreme situation, but fortunately did not have to enter the match.

The Stars came with a loaded roster and their superiority in numbers, in addition to their tactical know-how, proved to be more than the Byki could handle. "I'm not unhappy with the way we played," observed Gorecki. "The chances were there to get more goals, but in these conditions, it's crucial to put those chances away."

The Byki were not far away from opening the scoring, when Akbas stole the ball at midfield and raced to goal immediately. His hard shot slammed off of the back boards, but the rebound was too hot for Dmytro Korinenko to handle for a put-back.

Moments later, Korinenko dispossessed a Stars player and beat two defenders to create an opening. He had the goalkeeper off balance, yet the netminder came up with a desperate leg save to deny Korinenko. The Stars then came fast on the counter, picking just the right time to catch the

Byki off guard. Mike Stamatinos couldn't get his clearance outside the box and a Stars player buried the rebound for a 1:0 lead.

The Stars survived a nervous sequence with 7:33 left in the half. The keeper blocked McClure's attempt from the left flank, leaving the ball loose on the doorstep of the goal. Korinenko came in to follow up and the goalie showed he still had one more trick left up his sleeve.

The first half finished in frantic fashion, as the sides collectively racked up five goals in the final 5:36. The Byki started the goal parade when Korinenko chased down a long ball on the right wing and dropped a pass for Kuba Banbor. There was no magic for the goalie this time, as Banbor crushed a first-time shot to make it 1:1.

The Stars regained the lead just 0:40 later, breaking down the Byki with simple passes and beating goalkeeper Alex Perez from close range. They increased their lead to 3:1 with 3:29 to go, as Byki defenders failed to follow open runners.

The Byki pulled to within 3:2 just 0:39 later, as they relentlessly peppered the Stars goal. The keeper managed to block McClure's shot from the left side and then went one better to snuff Banbor's one-timer on the rebound. But McClure proved that the third time is the charm and slammed the ball into the back of the net.

The Stars caught a break in the final minute of the half, when a shot caught McClure's arm, prompting the referee to award a penalty kick. "It was a very tough PK, for sure," said Gorecki. "But Robby's arm was kind of in the wrong spot. " The Stars converted the penalty and took a healthy 4:2 lead into the intermission.

It would be essential for the Byki to score the next goal in order to stay competitive. That came with 8:56 gone in the second half. McClure stole the ball, played a quick 1-2, and was off to the races. The goalkeeper stuck out a leg to deflect McClure's shot, but McClure was first to the loose

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ball and knocked it into an empty net to make it 4:3.

The Stars got that one back with 8:53 left in the contest. A shot from the deep right corner zinged past Perez and found the far post to restore the two-goal advantage.

The game became stretched in the final minutes, as the Byki pressed higher up the field to try to find more goals. This created lots of counterattacking opportunities for the Stars, who messed up several promising situations with off-target shooting. They converted one such situation with 2:08 to go to give them a commanding 6:3 lead.

The Byki continued to battle and got their reward with 1:20 left. McClure stepped into to snatch a sloppy restart from the Stars and sprinted to goal from midfield. He faked past the last defender and then got the keeper to commit early. McClure sidestepped him and deposited the ball into the back of the net.

BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1): Perez – Stamatinos (c), Wigham – Banbor, McClure – Korinenko. **Bench:** Akbas, Najera, Stevens.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – Banbor 1 (Korinenko); 14:24.

2:3 – McClure 3; 17:10.

3:4 – McClure 4; 28:56.

4:6 – McClure 5; 38:40.

Byki Man of the Match: Robbie McClure.

Byki Stats

FIRST TEAM, PSLC 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Korinenko	9	3	12
McClure	5	1	6
Sokolowski	2	3	5
Banbor	1	3	4
Akbas	2	1	3
Stevens	2	0	2
Sauerman	1	1	2
Stamatinos	0	2	2
Asyl	1	0	1
Crist	0	1	1
Perez	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Najera	40	1	1.00
Perez	200	17	3.40
Chronowski	40	4	4.00

Current record: 3-1-3

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MAJOR DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
SAC Lightning	7	6	0	1	32	10	18
Czarni Jaslo	7	5	1	1	30	15	16
SAC Wisla	7	5	1	1	26	19	16
Wisloka Chicago	7	4	0	3	28	21	12
Sockers FC Blue	7	3	1	2	25	14	10
SAC Lightning U-23	7	3	1	3	20	22	10
Sockers FC White	7	2	0	4	26	20	6
FC Bodrost	7	2	0	5	25	32	6
Torino FC	5	1	0	5	10	31	3
Chicago Fire Jr Gold	5	0	0	6	4	42	0

FIRST DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
SAC Lightning Over 30	7	7	0	0	38	13	21
FC Moldova	7	6	0	1	48	16	18
Jake's Stars Punishers	6	6	0	0	39	13	18
Sting FC	7	4	0	3	18	32	12
Stare Byki FC	7	3	1	3	23	22	10
Thunder FC	7	3	1	3	21	23	10
Tarnovia Over 40	6	2	2	2	15	18	8
Sockers FC Black	7	2	2	3	23	28	8
Unia Chicago	7	2	1	4	17	23	7
Sporting MD	7	1	0	6	21	38	3
Levski Chicago	7	1	0	6	26	50	3
Jagiellonia	7	0	1	6	11	24	1