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**2014 PSLC  
Over 40  
CHAMPIONS**

Stare Byki	<b>3</b>	National Soccer League 1st Division
SAC Wisła B	<b>4</b>	The Odeum 23 January 2015

## Byki finally shake off doldrums

The Byki had the appearance of an actual soccer team last Friday, a welcome turnabout from the desultory performances that had littered the indoor season thus far. They hung neck and neck with Red Section leaders SAC Wisla B, succumbing to the decisive goal by Wisla with a little more than three minutes left on the clock.

There are no moral victories, but a team has to start from somewhere if they want to climb out of the cellar position in the standings. "If I judge our team on the quality of their play tonight, they get pretty high marks," noted coach George Gorecki. "Our errors were few, yet they were crucial ones, and one can expect that a good team like Wisla will capitalize. Our anticipation going forward is that the standard we displayed tonight is our launch point and we must push harder to play even better."

Early goals by their opponents have plagued the Byki in recent matches and the wheels have fallen off quickly, as the Byki would abandon their tactical discipline. That discipline finally surfaced for the Byki on Friday and they were Wisla's equals at both ends of the field.

Winger Alen Mehagic came up big midway through the first half when he cleared a long Wisla shot just before it crossed the goal line. Moments later, Ben Rodriguez drilled a free kick from the right corner that the Wisla goalie did well to slap away.

Wisla broke the ice with 6:16 to go before the interval when they came quickly on the Byki during a 3 v 3 breakout. A booming shot from the right side beat goalkeeper Joe Meadow.

The Byki knotted the score 2:14 later when Meadow heaved a long throw to the halfway line for Mclain Roth. The midfielder won the battle for possession and then zoomed into the open space towards the Wisla goal. The keeper came off his line, but failed to get close enough to Roth to prevent him from lobbing the ball into the net.

Wisla regained the lead with 1:28 left, catching the Byki in a moment of indecision. They worked a simple give-and-go

play with a player posting at the arc. The Byki had lost their marks and were too slow to recover defensively, and the Wisla attackers made easy work of the scoring chance to go up 2:1.

Wisla looked to increase their lead right after the second-half kickoff, catching the Byki defense napping. Meadow came out of his box to block a shot from the left corner with his leg.

A second equalizer was inches away from reality when Roth and Marek Ciszewski engineered a counterattack during a Wisla power play. Roth's clever pass sprang Ciszewski on a breakaway. The keeper came out to engage Ciszewski, who easily maneuvered past him and sent the ball towards the goal. Full credit to the Wisla player who hustled to back up their goalie and cleared the ball to safety.

After Wisla upped their advantage to 3:1 with 15:43 left, the Byki went to work. With 12:09 to go, Roth sprinted along the left flank and fired on goal. The keeper deflected the ball and was fortunate to have a teammate clear away the rebound.

Roth led another attack along the right side, whizzing past a Wisla defender. Seemingly trapped in the corner, Roth squeezed a pass into the box for Miles Marmo. The unmarked Marmo deposited the ball into the back of the net to bring the Byki to within 3:2.

Ciszewski was inches away from an equalizer with 6:28 to go when his free kick from the top of the arc nicked the goalpost. Just 1:18 later, Jordan Stopka was alone in the box

## Byki Stats

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	7	2	9
Roth	2	3	5	Kekus	4	2	6
Marmo	2	0	2	Benavides	4	1	5
Champagne	0	2	2	Ciszewski	4	1	5
Rodriguez, B	1	0	1	Hurley	2	2	4
Rodriguez, C	1	0	1	Najera	2	0	2
Stamatinos	1	0	1	Rodriguez, J	0	2	2
Zudic	1	0	1	Jedrzejewski	0	1	1
Meadow	0	1	1	Melenderz	0	1	1
Rodriguez, J	0	1	1	Ramirez	0	1	1
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Team goals	1	x	x
Najera	76	9	4.50	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Meadow	228	30	5.00	Najera	38	3	3.00
Current record: 0-0-8				Meadow	228	41	6.83
				Current record: 1-0-6			



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and was denied by the keeper, legs splayed to block Stopka's shot.

Marmo netted the second equalizer with 3:40 left. He won a loose ball in the right corner and found the target with a shot executed from an impossible angle.

Wisla, however, snatched back the momentum only 0:36 later. Juan Rodriguez and a Wisla player tangled for the ball in front of the Byki penalty area and the force of the encounter sent Rodriguez sprawling. The Wisla player made no mistake, firing past Meadow.

The endgame did not fare well for the Byki. Gorecki had already planned on pulling Meadow for a sixth attacker, but the plan was scotched when Meadow's sliding challenge on a Wisla layer on the right wing resulted in a two-minute penalty with 1:58 to go. Having to play shorthanded and chasing the game proved to be too much for the Byki.

**BYKI LINEUP (1-3-1):** Meadow – Stamatinos (c) – Zachariah, Stopka, Roth – Marmo. **Bench:** Ciszewski, Mehagic, B. Rodriguez, J. Rodriguez, Sauerman.

#### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – Roth 2 (Meadow); 14:58.

2:3 – Marmo 1 (Roth); 27:21.

3:3 – Marmo 2; 34:20.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Mclain Roth

Romania SC	6	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White Division
Byki O-30	4	The Odeum 23 January 2015

## Byki hand over the points

The only team standing between the Byki and last place in the six-team Over 30 Division was Romania SC, who had logged just one point on the season so far. The only three points that the Byki had earned came via their 4:3 victory over Romania on opening night. The sides clashed again last Friday and the Byki looked like they were in charge with a 4:2 lead in the second half. The Romanians kept plugging away, to the tune of four unanswered goals, good enough for a 6:4 victory.

The counterattacking style of Romania worked wonders for their comeback effort. For their part, the Byki failed to get enough people in good defensive positions and Romania capitalized with ruthless efficiency.

Romania got on the board first after 4:24 had elapsed and the Byki replied a few minutes later. A poor clearance by a Romanian defender went directly to Maciek Kekus and the sniper made no mistake, blasting the ball home from inside the box.

The Byki quickly fell asleep on defense shortly after the ensuing kickoff. With the ball loose in front of goal, Marek Ciszewski got there first and kicked it out of danger.

Romania lost their discipline in the closing moments of the first half. They were constantly complaining to the officials anytime a whistle went against them, but they finally crossed the line and the referee sent the blowhard to the sin bin. The Byki took full advantage, as Reggie Champagne fired from the left flank after taking a pass from Juan Rodriguez with 2:01 left.

The Byki took a 2:1 lead into the break and kept right on going. The Romanians helped once again by sassing the referee just moments after the start of the second frame, putting the Byki on the power play. Esau Melendez shot from just outside the box and the ball deflected to Ciszewski in the deep corner. Ciszewski seized the opportunity, sliding a shot from a difficult angle past the goalie to make it 3:1.

Romania got to within 3:2 only 0:47 later. A slick pass into the Byki penalty area found a forward unmarked and he handily redirected the ball into the net.

The Byki continued their push and needed just 0:35 to get their two-goal lead back. Kekus led a 2 v 1 counterattack and timed his pass to Sergio Benavides perfectly. The Romanian defender committed himself and Kekus' pass eliminated him from the play.

A Byki turnover in the defensive third swung the seesaw back to Romania with 15:18 left. Several players scrambled for possession and a Romanian player gained control and fired past Joe Meadow.

More sloppy play by the Byki in the back end led to an odd-man break for Romania. Two quick passes in succession left the Byki in tatters and the game was suddenly level at 4:4 with 7:22 to go.

Another easy score for Romania came when they maximized their effort on a counterattack, while the fatigued Byki could not be bothered to track back. The Byki had several substitution problems on a night when fatigue should not have been a factor, fielding a full squad of at least 11 for only the second time this season. Romania sealed the deal with their sixth goal 0:58 from the end.

**BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1):** Meadow – Jdrzejowski, J. Rodriguez – Ciszewski, Kekus – Benavides. **Bench:** Banbor, Champagne, Gorecki, Guzman, Melendez.

#### BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – Kekus 4; 12:41.

1:2 – Champagne 7 (J. Rodriguez); 16:59.

1:3 – Ciszewski 4 (Melendez); 19:55.

2:4 – Benavides 4 (Kekus); 21:17.

**Byki Man of the Match:** Maciek Kekus.

# NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

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## MAJOR DIVISION

<b>Red Section</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>	<b>Blue Section</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Albanian Stars	7	6	1	0	29	12	19	RWB Adria	6	6	0	0	42	10	18
CKS Warta A	8	3	1	4	27	25	10	Chicago Fire U-23	8	4	2	2	29	19	14
AAC Winged Bull	8	3	0	5	24	38	9	Chicago Stars	7	3	3	1	24	22	12
Bosnia i Hercegovina	7	3	0	4	23	27	9	SAC Wisla A	7	2	1	4	25	24	7
Lancer SC	7	2	1	4	20	28	7	Berber Stars	7	1	0	6	16	35	3
Tricycles SC A	8	2	1	5	17	36	7								

## FIRST DIVISION

<b>Red Section</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>	<b>Blue Section</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
SAC Wisla B	8	7	0	1	60	18	21	Gremio FC	8	6	1	1	35	26	19
CKS Warta B	8	7	0	1	36	18	21	Albania FC	8	6	0	2	41	25	18
Jagiellonia Chicago	8	6	0	2	48	20	18	Dabrovia	8	5	1	2	44	23	16
HNK Primorac	8	5	0	3	34	26	15	FC Tryzub	8	5	1	2	38	26	16
Assyrian FC	8	5	0	3	47	30	15	Chicago Dynasty FC	8	4	3	1	28	18	15
FC Kosova	8	5	0	3	40	25	15	Olympiacos Chicago	8	4	0	4	23	23	12
Bosnia United	8	4	1	3	34	36	13	Stal Mielec	8	3	3	2	30	31	12
Wisloka Chicago	8	3	2	3	30	32	11	Los Chasquis	8	3	2	3	29	23	11
SC Krajina-Chicago	8	2	1	5	22	59	7	FC Goon Squad	8	3	2	3	28	30	11
Chicago Inter Yellow	8	1	0	7	21	48	3	Chicago Inter Blue	8	1	1	6	16	43	4
Tricycles SC B	8	1	0	7	19	54	3	ANCI Niniveh FC	8	1	0	7	16	43	3
Stare Byki FC	8	0	0	8	14	39	0	Chicago Blast U-18	8	0	0	8	15	32	0

## PSLC OVER 30 DIVISION

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	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
RWB Adria	7	7	0	0	57	20	21
Chicago Rangers FC	7	4	1	2	31	42	13
Levski Chicago 2014	7	4	1	2	38	26	13
Torino FC	7	2	1	4	26	33	7
Romania SC	7	1	1	5	27	38	4
Stare Byki FC	7	1	0	6	24	44	3