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Defensive errors crush Byki

With a solid four points earned in their last two matches, the Byki had given the appearance of turning a corner in this indoor season. And with a match looming against Bosnia-Herzegovina B last Friday, the Byki must have felt good about their chances, as they were tied on points with the Bosnians. Instead, the Byki endured their most lopsided and embarrassing defeat of the season. The Bosnians extended a comfortable 4:2 lead at the break into a 10:2 smackdown. Yes, there are more questions than answers with this Byki team.

Defensively, the Byki were a mess from start to finish. The Bosnians had ample time and space with the ball, peppering Amit Khankari's goal with a barrage of shots. It is amazing that he emerged with all limbs intact after having faced so many close-range scoring attempts.

And when the Byki weren't holding their marks, which happened often, they were giving the ball away with costly turnovers in their defensive third. Passes across the middle and fancy heel passes wound up at the feet of the Bosnians, who undoubtedly were delighted to receive such gifts.

In the first meeting between the sides, Kuba Banbor was pressed into duty as an emergency goalkeeper, so a large goal total was not unexpected. But in that match, the Byki offense was humming and they gave the Bosnians as good as they got. The Byki were on the short end of a 7:5 scoreline that night and rightly could have expected more from themselves in a rematch with a full squad.

But the Byki went in the opposite direction last Friday. Their brief attacking flurry in the first half was all of the offense that they could muster. The Bosnians have won just two matches this season, both against the Byki.

Bosnia took the lead at the 3:35 mark when an unmarked player at the back post easily tapped home a pass that cut through a slack-marking Byki defense.

The Byki righted the ship seven minutes later when they converted a power-play opportunity. Unlike previous results from man-advantage situations, the Byki calmly worked the

ball from wing to wing to keep the Bosnian defense off balance, Ben Rodriguez took the ball from the right and swung it to Alan Stevens on the left, Stevens drove a long shot towards goal and the deflected blast gave the keeper no chance at a save.

Just 0:37 later, the Byki took the lead, following a slick combination play, where Bryan de Rama set up Rodriguez for an impressive finish. That would be as close as the Byki would get to the Bosnian goal for the remainder of the contest.

Shortly after goal from Rodriguez, Bosnia knotted things at 2:2. An errant Byki pass was intercepted inside their defensive third and a Bosnian player took the ball straight at goal, driving it past a diving Khankari.

Bosnia took the lead for good with 4:21 left in the half, thanks to a costly turnover in the Byki end of the field. And the crap marking continued just 1:45 later on a Bosnian restart. They played a free kick deep in the corner to the right of Khankari back to the top of the box, where an unmarked player picked his spot and made it 4:2.

A pair of goals 0:34 apart in the first few minutes of the second half pretty much cemented Bosnia's domination and set in motion a rout of gargantuan proportions.

Bad passes, bad decisions, bad marking and, at times, plain bad luck plagued the Byki for the balance of the match. The Byki appeared powerless to stanch the onslaught; the harder they tried to dig out of the hole, the deeper it seemed to get.

Coach George Gorecki wasn't pleased with any aspect of this shambolic mess. "We talked about a defense-first approach before the game," he lamented. "But defense-first means everyone has defensive responsibilities. We simply made it too easy for Bosnia."

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

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – Stevens 1 (Rodriguez); (pp); 10:47.
2:1 – Rodriguez 4 (De Rama); 11:24.

Byki Man of the Match: None given

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CHAMPIONS DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
CKS Warta	9	8	1	0	40	16	25
Albanian Stars	9	8	1	0	41	22	25
Deportivo Guerrero	9	6	0	3	33	21	18
Bosnia-Herzegovina A	9	4	0	5	35	34	12
SAC Wisla A	9	3	1	5	22	32	10
Vikings AA	9	3	0	6	28	30	9
Real Michoacan	9	1	1	7	15	33	4
Czarny Dunajec	9	1	0	8	20	46	3

MAJOR DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Berber Stars	9	7	1	1	45	17	22
SAC Wisla B	9	7	0	2	57	28	21
FC Tryzub	9	7	0	2	44	27	21
Albania FC	9	4	1	4	31	35	13
AAC Winged Bull	9	4	1	4	36	33	13
HDS Eagles	9	4	1	4	31	39	13
Jagiellonia	9	4	0	5	33	28	12
SC Unia Chicago	9	3	0	6	25	36	9
Urahan FC	9	3	0	6	31	47	9
Stal Mielec	9	0	0	9	23	66	0

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Vikings AA Over 30	8	8	0	0	44	13	24
FC United	8	7	0	1	55	22	21
FC Kosova	9	5	0	4	52	31	15
Chicago Inter Blue	9	4	1	4	27	42	13
Bosnia-Herzegovina B	9	2	1	6	37	54	7
Stare Byki FC	9	1	1	7	32	49	4

Blue Section

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Chicago Dynasty FC	9	7	1	1	51	16	22
HNK Primorac	8	5	1	2	49	42	16
Matehuala FC	8	4	1	3	40	35	13
Chicago Blast	9	4	1	4	45	35	13
SAC Wisla C	9	1	1	7	32	64	4
Chicago Inter Yellow	9	0	0	9	18	79	0