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Stare Byki	2	Premier Soccer League 1st Division
FC Moldova	7	Soccer City 28 January 2018

Moldova overrun gassed Byki

The injury situation in the Byki roster went from bad to worse last week, as only eight healthy players were available for a showdown with First Division contenders FC Moldova. The Byki were able to make a game of it up until about midway through the second half, at which point the Moldovans hit the gas, scoring three times in the final seven minutes of the contest to walk away easy 7:2 winners. The Byki have 10 points from their 8 matches and are now mired in the middle of the table.

Six players were out injured and with two more otherwise unavailable, the Byki lined up with just two substitutes on the bench. Moldova came out strong and their pressure forced the Byki into mistakes that kept piling up en route to a 4:0 lead. "We managed things with a thin roster last week," said coach George Gorecki. "But Moldova brought a much higher level of pace and power than we saw against Jake's Stars."

It was the kind of scenario where the Byki could not afford to get behind early and then be forced into chasing the game. Moldova established control from the outset, scoring twice in the first five minutes. A big blast from the right wing gave keeper Alex Perez no chance at the 2:08 mark, and then slack marking from the Byki made it simple for Moldova to find an open man with a path to the goal.

The Byki rolled up their sleeves and got to work. Robby McClure concluded a long run after stealing the ball at midfield by centering for Ray Najera, whose point-blank attempt was tipped over by the Moldova goalie.

McClure was at it again a few minutes later, denied only by a desperate, sprawling kick save from the keeper. Moments later, newcomer Pete Karatzas led the counter-attack, dishing off for Dmytro Korinenko at the top of the arc. The keeper managed to deflect Korinenko's driven

shot high over the bar.

The match proceeded at a breakneck pace, a situation that the Byki could not possibly sustain. They remained in the thick of things, however. Kuba Banbor worked a quick 1-2 with Korinenko, setting up Banbor for a big blast. The goalkeeper proved equal to the task and then ignited a counter the other way. The Byki had too many players pushed forward, leaving their opponents to attack 2 v 1. The Byki dodged a bullet when the Moldovans botched a sitter.

Moldova kept pushing and got their reward, netting twice in the span of 1:16. It would have been three goals, if not for an insane save from Perez. Both of the goals were the result of a slow defensive reaction by the Byki, with fatigue the likely culprit.

Karatzas was not far away from opening his Byki account with 3:15 left in the half. After collecting a long, diagonal ball in the left corner from Peter Wigham, Karatzas drilled a shot immediately, forcing a kick save from the keeper.

"A four-goal deficit sounds like a lot," said Gorecki. "But the chances were there for us in the first half. Full credit to their keeper, but we needed to put some of those away."

The Byki wasted little time on that front to start the second frame. McClure carried the ball into the deep left corner and sent a pass off of the back boards. Mayhem ensued in the Moldova penalty area. Banbor cleaned things up by putting home a rebound of his own shot from close range.

Two minutes later, Moldova sent a player clean through on a breakaway, but Perez came hard off his line to clear the ball to safety.

With 8:35 left, the Byki looked like they might claw

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their way back into the contest, when a Moldova player handled the ball in his own penalty area, leading the referee to whistle for the spot kick. Korinenko did the honors and the Byki were down by only a pair at 4:2.

Moldova responded just 1:08 later, when a striker collected the ball at the top of the arc, turned and fired a bullet past Perez to make it 5:2. It was uphill all the way for the Byki from that point and the Byki simply didn't have enough fuel left in the tank to keep up. Moldova placed their stamp on the match with two late goals to wrap it up.

"It was unfortunate that we were not able to bring our best players when facing the top teams in three of the last four matches," said Gorecki afterwards. "The league won't stop and wait for us to get healthy. We can play with better fundamentals than we're shown."

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

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:4 – Banbor 2; 20:46.

2:4 – Korinenko 10 (pk) (pp); 31:25.

Byki Man of the Match: Alex Perez.

Byki Stats

FIRST TEAM, PSLC 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Korinenko	10	3	13
McClure	5	1	6
Sokolowski	2	3	5
Banbor	2	3	5
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	240	24	4.00
Chronowski	40	4	4.00

Current record: 3-1-4

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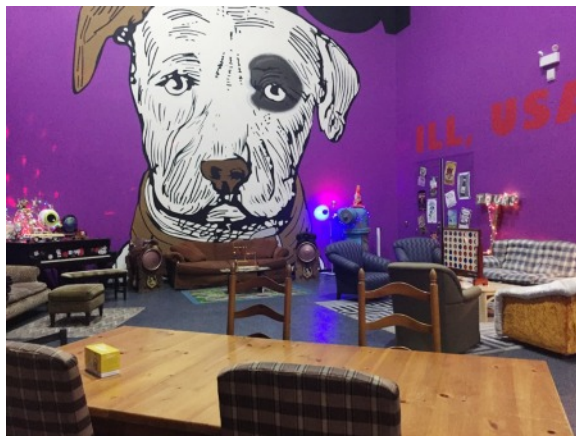
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MAJOR DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
SAC Lightning	8	7	0	1	38	10	21
Czarni Jaslo	8	6	1	1	40	17	19
SAC Wisla	8	5	2	1	29	22	17
Wisloka Chicago	8	5	0	3	35	23	15
Sockers FC Blue	8	3	2	2	28	17	11
SAC Lightning U-23	8	3	1	4	22	29	10
Sockers FC White	8	3	0	4	32	22	7
FC Bodrost	8	2	0	6	27	42	6
Torino FC	7	1	0	6	12	37	3
Chicago Fire Jr Gold	7	0	0	7	4	48	0

FIRST DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
SAC Lightning Over 30	8	8	0	0	50	17	24
FC Moldova	8	7	0	1	55	18	21
Jake's Stars Punishers	7	7	0	0	45	17	21
Thunder FC	8	4	1	3	26	24	13
Sting FC	8	4	0	4	19	40	12
Unia Chicago	8	3	1	4	25	24	10
Stare Byki FC	8	3	1	4	25	29	10
Sockers FC Black	8	2	2	4	27	34	8
Tarnovia Over 40	7	2	2	3	16	23	8
Jagiellonia	8	1	1	6	15	26	4
Sporting MD	8	1	0	7	23	42	3
Levski Chicago	8	1	0	7	30	62	3