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## Dynasty pull away from running – on-fumes Byki

All of soccer’s negative forces rained down on the Byki last Friday, when they were only able to dress six players versus Chicago Dynasty. The Byki showed plenty of heart, but they eventually ran out of gas, and Dynasty bagged two late goals to clinch a 5:2 win. The Byki fall to a dismal 1-1-9 for the season.

It was one of those weeks. Despite a slew of players already missing, among them the top three goalies on the depth chart, the Byki expected to manage the situation, with nine players expected on the roster. Late cancellations turned nine players into six and the Byki were faced with the daunting task of going the duration with no substitutes.

Things got so desperate that Alen Mehagic, fighting a virus all week, was pressed into duty at goalkeeper. It was Mehagic’s first appearance in goal for the Byki. “Given the situation, Alen did a good job for us tonight,” said coach George Gorecki. “He blocked quite a few shots and that kept us in the game.”

Just being able to keep their heads above water was the primary goal for the Byki. They stressed keeping a good defensive shape and then looked for opportunities on the break. After some shaky moments in the first few minutes of the match, the Byki displayed the kind of teamwork necessary in order to stay competitive.

That shaky start, however, translated to two Dynasty goals in the first 5:15. The first came at the 1:31 mark, as loose marking by the Byki allowed a Dynasty player to crank a long shot from the left wing that went screaming into the upper corner of the net. It was certainly a well-struck ball, but the Byki were simply giving up too much time and space.

Three minutes later, an open Dynasty player lined up a shot from the top of the arc and Mehagic deflected the ball to safety.

A communication breakdown gifted Dynasty their second goal. A pass off of the back boards found an unmarked player in front of the Byki goal, and he tapped the ball past the

stranded Mehagic. Two Byki players in the penalty area were caught flat-footed as the ball came off the boards.

The Byki caught a break when the mouthy Dynasty goalkeeper got a blue card for dissent. When he refused to stop yapping, the referee doubled his pleasure and tacked two extra minutes onto the penalty.

The Byki created several good opportunities during the power play. Bryan de Rama’s first-time shot clanged off of the post, while Roman Kramarz was denied twice in succession by excellent reaction saves by the goalie.

Amid this flurry of activity, Dynasty banged home a shorthanded goal when the Byki had pushed too many players forward on the power play and failed to get back after Dynasty cleared the ball away.

A three-goal deficit and no subs on the bench would have made it easy for the Byki to pack it in and just concede the points. But they maintained their fighting spirit and knocked home two goals late in the first half when both teams had a man in the penalty box.

Reggie Champagne, making his first indoor appearance after recovering from a hamstring injury, got things rolling with 2:42 to go when a Dynasty player got sloppy and lost possession of the ball in his own end. Champagne saw the keeper out of position and sailed a shot into the unguarded net to make it 3:1.

The Byki scored their second after a dazzling display of rapid ball movement. Champagne started the play on the right wing and swung the ball over to Mike Stamatinos, who in turn, found Kramarz on the left. It was a tough angle for Kramarz, but he had plenty of time to line it up and he fired past the keeper to bring the Byki to within one at halftime.

The players had already expended a lot of energy to make the game competitive and they would have to deal with fatigue as an extra opponent in the second frame. They maintained an excellent level of discipline and teamwork throughout most of the half, but they simply did not have enough gas

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left in the tank to mount any kind of sustained attacking pressure.

They kept up the fight at the defensive end and Mehagic notched several crucial blocks and interventions. In the end, Byki legs simply gave way and Dynasty pounced on their opportunity.

Dynasty went 4:2 up with 6:05 to go when they caught the Byki short on a counterattack. A big blast from the right flank gave Mehagic no chance.

The only legitimate chance for the Byki came with 4:16 left and the Byki working hard to exploit a counterattack situation. Kramarz fired a shot from close range, but the keeper read it correctly and smothered the shot.

Dynasty completed the scoring with 1:42 left. The exhausted Byki had slumped into a deep defensive position, too pooped to keep up. Dynasty unleashed several uncontested shots at the Byki goal. Although these shots missed the target, the Byki also failed to clear their zone to relieve the pressure which would allow them to regroup. Dynasty eventually got one past Mehagic to wrap up the points.

“The guys played their hearts out,” noted Gorecki. “We had to be nearly mistake-free to get something out a tough situation like this one.”

**BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1):** Mehagic – Bickel, Stamatinos (c) – De Rama, Champagne – Kramarz .

**BYKI SCORING SUMMARY**

1:3 – Champagne 1; 16:18.

2:3 – Kramarz 3 (Stamatinos); 17:21.

**Byki Man of the Match:** None given

# Byki Stats

## FIRST TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Sauerman	8	3	11
De Rama	5	3	8
Rodriguez	4	3	7
Kramarz	3	4	7
Ciszewski	5	1	6
Mowry	3	1	4
Banbor	2	2	4
Stevens	1	3	4
Sokolowski	1	2	3
Stamatinos	1	2	3
Khankari	2	0	2
Champagne	1	0	1
Kekus	1	0	1
Mehagic	1	0	1
Bickel	0	1	1
Najera	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Stevens	2	0	0.00
Najera	288	36	4.75
Mehagic	38	5	5.00
Banbor	38	7	7.00
Khankari	52	11	8.04

Current record: 1-1-9

# NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

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## CHAMPIONS DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
CKS Warta	11	9	2	0	48	22	29
Albanian Stars	11	9	2	0	48	26	29
Deportivo Guerrero	11	7	0	4	36	24	21
Bosnia-Herzegovina A	11	5	1	5	41	38	16
Vikings AA	11	5	0	6	43	37	15
SAC Wisla A	11	3	2	6	29	40	11
Real Michoacan	11	1	1	9	16	39	4
Czarny Dunajec	11	1	0	10	26	61	3

## MAJOR DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Berber Stars	11	8	2	1	52	22	26
SAC Wisla B	11	8	0	3	67	34	24
FC Tryzub	11	7	1	3	51	39	22
AAC Winged Bull	11	6	1	4	50	38	19
HDS Eagles	11	5	1	5	39	44	16
Urahan FC	11	5	0	6	46	51	15
Albania FC	11	4	1	6	39	49	13
Jagiellonia	11	4	0	7	37	43	12
SC Unia Chicago	11	3	0	8	28	48	9
Stal Mielec	11	2	0	9	31	72	6

## FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Vikings AA Over 30	10	10	0	0	54	18	30	Chicago Dynasty FC	11	9	1	1	60	20	28
FC United	10	9	0	1	64	27	27	HNK Primorac	10	6	1	3	56	49	19
FC Kosova	11	7	0	4	62	39	21	Matehuala FC	10	5	1	4	49	43	16
Chicago Inter Blue	11	4	1	6	30	50	13	Chicago Blast	11	4	1	6	47	43	13
Bosnia-Herzegovina B	11	3	1	7	47	59	10	SAC Wisla C	11	2	1	8	45	71	7
Stare Byki FC	11	1	1	9	38	59	4	Chicago Inter Yellow	11	0	0	11	20	94	0