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Stare Byki	3	Premier Soccer League 1st Division
Sting FC	6	Soccer City 11 February 2018

Byki plagued by errors

The giveaway game continued for the Byki last Sunday and Sting FC were appreciative beneficiaries. They scored several ridiculously simple goals and cruised to a 6:3 victory. The loss, the fourth in a row for the Byki, drops them to ninth place in the table.

It was the first time in a while that the Byki were able to field 11 healthy players, but that was not enough to counteract a bevy of technical and mental mistakes. The opportunistic Sting team made the most out of Byki turnovers, a situation perfectly suited to their counterattacking style.

It was really a style that the Byki should have punished. On defense, Sting left four men back to surround their penalty area in a zone defense and allowed a lone striker to hang out near midfield to wait for counterattacks. The Byki were unable to solve the four-man zone and were left outnumbered when too few players would hustle to retreat on defense.

The Byki struck first at the 2:59 mark. A Sting player botched a free kick in the Byki end of the field and sent the ball right to Ray Najera. He ignited a counterattack to Kuba Banbor, who carried the ball into the Sting box and dished to Joe Sauerman, in perfect position to tap the ball home.

That early lead should have allowed the Byki to establish a rhythm in the contest, but instead, it was back to fighting internal demons. Less than four minutes after having taken the lead, they conceded the equalizer after a sloppy turnover in the back. Two passes later, a Sting player fired home from the deep left corner.

With 8:30 left in the first half, slack marking by the Byki gave a Sting player an open look from the left flank and he buried the shot for a 2:1 lead.

The Byki made things square just 1:42 later. Banbor

intercepted a lazy pass in the Sting end of the field and worked a nifty series of combination passes with Volkan Akbas. The striker picked out the low corner and drilled a shot just inside the post.

Pete Karatzas nearly put a smile on his teammates' faces two minutes later, when his bomb from the left side crashed off of the crossbar.

Once the Byki collected their breath following the frenzied, back-and-forth first half, they appeared set to take control of matters after the sides switched ends. It certainly started out well enough. After a clearance down the right wing, Najera was first to the ball and drilled it off of the back boards for Akbas, who played the high bounce with a back-header that caught the goalkeeper by surprise as he grabbed hold of the ball.

With 11:33 to go, Robby McClure carried the ball towards the penalty arc and the Sting goalie came in hard to intervene. McClure lifted the ball past the sliding keeper for an unmarked Sebastian Falinski, whose shot from close range was easier to make than to miss.

After surviving that scare, Sting parlayed a flubbed clearance into an empty-net goal with 10:41 to go. Alex Perez had come out of his goal to track down a long ball and suddenly found himself in no-man's land when he failed to get the ball out.

Sting placed themselves in prime position with 5:38 left. The desperate Byki had pushed all five field players forward to maximize pressure on the Sting goal. Despite shouts from the bench to keep tabs on Sting's lone striker hanging out at midfield, no one accounted for him and the inevitable counterattack left Perez stranded.

The Byki pulled to within 4:3 with 4:06 to go. With two goals to make up, coach George Gorecki told everyone to push forward and create a six-attacker situation. The

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move paid off, as Sauerman slipped a pass to Falinski. His powerful shot from the left corner gave the keeper no chance.

A high-pressure gambit, however, is not without its risks, and Sting went 5:3 up with 2:21 left. A poor giveaway in the back wound up in the back of the net yet again.

In desperation mode, the Byki came close with 1:27 on the clock. Sauerman created a sliver of space in the right corner and squared a pass for Banbor. The keeper did well to block Banbor's first-time shot. Sting added an insurance goal in the waning seconds to put a wrap on the victory.

BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1): Perez – Stamatinos (c), Falinski – Stevens, McClure – Akbas. **Bench:** Banbor, Crist, Karatzas, Najera, Sauerman.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Sauerman 2 (Banbor); 2:59.
 2:2 – Akbas 3 (Banbor); 13:12.
 3:4 – Falinski 1 (Sauerman); 35:54

Byki Man of the Match: Kuba Banbor.

Byki Stats

FIRST TEAM, PSLC 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Korinenko	10	3	13
McClure	5	3	8
Banbor	3	5	8
Sokolowski	2	3	5
Akbas	3	1	4
Sauerman	2	2	4
Stevens	2	0	2
Stamatinos	0	2	2
Asyl	1	0	1
Falinski	1	0	1
Karatzas	1	0	1
Crist	0	1	1
Perez	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Najera	40	1	1.00
Chronowski	40	4	4.00
Perez	320	33	4.13

Current record: 3-1-6

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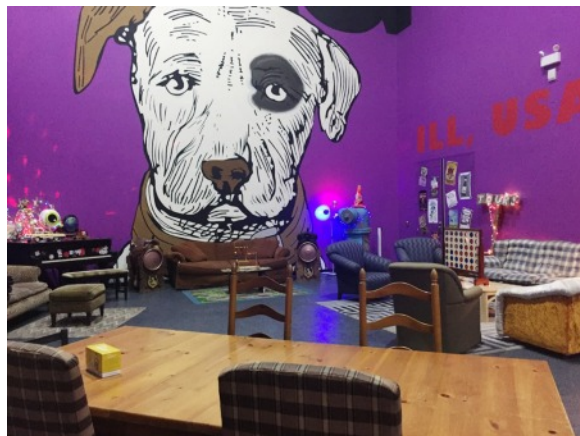
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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts		GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Czarni Jaslo	10	8	1	1	51	22	25	Jake's Stars Punishers	9	9	0	0	54	20	27
SAC Lightning	10	8	0	2	43	17	24	SAC Lightning Over 30	10	9	0	1	56	25	27
SAC Wisla	10	7	2	1	36	26	23	FC Moldova	10	8	0	2	61	24	24
Wisloka Chicago	10	6	0	4	42	29	18	Sting FC	10	6	0	4	33	47	18
Sockers FC Blue	10	4	2	3	39	20	14	Thunder FC	10	5	1	4	30	31	16
Sockers FC White	10	4	0	5	40	30	12	Unia Chicago	10	4	1	5	38	30	13
SAC Lightning U-23	10	3	1	6	28	39	10	Sockers FC Black	10	3	2	5	34	39	11
FC Bodrost	10	3	0	7	34	49	9	Tarnovia Over 40	9	3	2	4	27	36	11
Torino FC	9	2	0	7	21	42	6	Stare Byki FC	10	3	1	6	30	38	10
Chicago Fire Jr Gold	9	0	0	9	4	64	0	Jagiellonia	10	2	1	7	22	34	7
								Levski Chicago	10	2	0	8	39	70	6
								Sporting MD	10	1	0	9	28	58	3