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CHAMPIONS**

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Rangers	2	The Odeum 20 February 2015

Byki finally solve Rangers

The third time was the charm for the Over 30s, as they toppled Chicago Rangers 4:2 last Friday. The Rangers had beaten the Byki in their previous two meetings this season, 3:1 and 8:6. The common theme from all three matches was that the Rangers played without any substitutes. The Byki finally realized how to force a shorthanded opponent into submission by simply making the ball do the work. The victory moves the Byki into fifth place in the six-team league.

Although it took a while for the Byki to get their bearings, it was clear that they were the better team. They eventually made their numerical superiority into an advantage that the Rangers could not overcome.

The Byki opened their account with 7:50 left in the first half, thanks to a stylish combination play between Marek Ciszewski and Sergio Benavides. Ciszewski slid a pass to Benavides on the right side and Benavides played the ball square right into Ciszewski's path. Ciszewski accelerated into the space, blew past the last defender, faked the keeper to the ground, and deposited his seventh goal of the campaign into the back of the net.

A second goal looked imminent 2:37 later. Cyril Zachariah and Reggie Champagne executed a slick give-and-go in the box, leaving Zachariah with a shot from an angle on the right side. The keeper made the reflex save to deny Zachariah.

Ciszewski then ran solo on a counterattack, and having beaten everyone, only needed to knock the ball home. He clanged the crossbar instead and the Rangers maintained some hope.

Ciszewski changed that around in impressive fashion with 2:30 to go. Esau Melendez cleared the ball out of the deep corner to the right of the Byki to goal to Ciszewski, who proceeded to shred his way through the fatigued Rangers. He made no mistake after luring the keeper off his line.

Just when the Byki thought that things were well in hand, the opportunistic Rangers caught them napping to open the second half. Catching the Byki on the counter would be the only strategy for the Rangers and they sent the ball past Ray

Najera to make it 2:1.

The Byki replied right away to put the Rangers in their place. Ciszewski dropped a pass to Alex Guzman at the top of the penalty area. Guzman directed the ball off the back boards, landing right at Ciszewski's feet. Ciszewski made easy work to complete his hat trick by slotting home from out in front.

That goal took the wind out of the Rangers' sails and they spent the rest of the match in survival mode. They tried to stretch the Byki by leaving a striker deep, but that rarely troubled a Byki side intent on defending their territory. On the rare occasions that the Rangers got through, Najera expertly policed his area. No Rangers half-chance became dangerous thanks to Najera's timely interventions.

The fourth Byki goal was a crowning achievement of excellent ball movement. With 8:24 left, the Rangers got desperate and chose to leave two strikers in the Byki end of the field. Rather than reacting defensively, the Byki instead pushed their attack and forced the Rangers to defend in a 4 v 3 situation. The strikers never came back to help and the Byki made them pay. Paul Gibbs set up Guzman in satisfying fashion.

The Rangers completed the scoring with a goal in the final minute. The late tally did little to inspire a comeback, however. They were too pooped to even react to the Byki on the ensuing kickoff. The Byki simply played keepaway to run off the remaining time on the clock.

BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1): Najera – Zachariah, Hurley – Champagne, Gibbs – Benavides. **Bench:** Ciszewski, Gorecki, Guzman, Melendez.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

- 1:0 – Ciszewski 7 (Benavides); 11:10.
- 2:0 – Ciszewski 8 (Melendez); 16:30.
- 3:1 – Ciszewski 9 (Guzman); 22:42.
- 4:1 – Guzman 1 (Gibbs); 29:36.

Byki Man of the Match: Marek Ciszewski.



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Dabrovia one step ahead of Byki

The matchup between the Byki and Dabrovia last Friday was a good test to see whether the resurgence by the Byki over the last three weeks was sustainable. Dabrovia were in second place in the Blue Section of the 1st Division, very much in the mix for a promotion spot. Little mistakes by the Byki added up, and a solid Dabrovia squad took full advantage and came away 5:3 winners. The defeat drops the Byki to 1-1-9 for the season.

Clearly, Dabrovia were the aggressors in the match. The Byki came up second-best in too many of the 50-50 challenges and Dabrovia parlayed their superiority into a 4:1 lead early in the second half. The Byki gamely tried to get back into the match and their attacking efforts fell just short.

The Byki made the first bid to go in front in the game's fifth minute. Marek Ciszewski's booming attempt to finish off a counterattacking situation resulted in a loose ball in the Dabrovia penalty area. Cristian Rodriguez and Ciszewski both had rebound attempts blocked and no one could punch home a ball that was careening through the Dabrovia goal area. Dabrovia turned the situation into their favor on the ensuing counter, taking advantage of slack marking en route to a 1:0 lead.

The Byki went level only 1:33 later, thanks to great second effort from Cyril Zachariah. The keeper blocked Rob Zudic's shot from the left side, leaving the rebound for Zachariah. The goalie reacted well, snuffing Zachariah, but Zachariah made no mistake on the putback to make it 1:1.

Dabrovia took the lead position shortly thereafter, knocking home two goals in the span of 2:14. A weak defensive clearance by the Byki gifted Dabrovia an easy scoring chance and they followed that up with a lightning-quick counterattack. The Byki were slow to react and found themselves trailing by two.

Mclain Roth appeared to be in prime position to get the Byki back in the game with 5:56 left when he used the boards to pass the ball to himself, opening up a shot from close range. Dabrovia's keeper made a spectacular save to deny Roth.

When a Dabrovia player sassed the referee excessively moments later, the Byki were presented with a four-minute power play and squandered the opportunity in disappointing fashion, Dabrovia were the aggressors for much of the penalty time and one could hardly tell that they were playing shorthanded. "Our performance on the power play didn't really come as much of a surprise to me," said coach George Gorecki afterwards, reacting to the frustration of players in the locker room. "The power play has to be practiced to be effective and we don't have enough players attending training to prepare adequately."

Just 2:49 into the second frame, Dabrovia slipped passes through and around the Byki to take a commanding 4:1 lead. But the Byki refused to back down and capped off a stretch of dominant possession soccer. They kept Dabrovia pinned back in their own end for an extended period and capped things off with a terrific goal. Ciszewski escaped from a jam in the right corner and centered for Joe Sauerman, who volleyed into the back of the net from close range.

Dabrovia got that one back with 12:47 left in the match. A Byki turnover in the back third proved devastating and the Dabrovia striker made no mistake to put them 5:2 up.

The Byki had one more run left in them and put Dabrovia under pressure for the final five minutes. Reggie Champagne started the play at midfield with a simple pass to Roth along the right flank. Roth accelerated into space, squeezed out of a tight situation in the corner, and scored from a crazy angle with the deftest of touches past the prone goalkeeper to pull the Byki to within 5:3.

With 1:44 left, Dabrovia appeared ready to put the final stamp on the match. The Dabrovia striker received a long pass and wove past two defenders and had faked keeper Ben Beard to the turf. Beard managed to force the striker into an off-balance shot, and easy empty-netter pinged off of the goalpost.

Miles Marmo also came within inches just moments later. He found space on the right side and crushed a shot that beat everyone but the near post.

BYKI LINEUP (1-3-1): Beard – Stamatinos (c) – Mehagic, Zachariah, Roth – Marmo. **Bench:** Champagne, Ciszewski, Flynn, C. Rodriguez, J. Rodriguez, Sauerman, Zudic.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – Zachariah 1; 6:53.
2:4 – Sauerman 2 (Ciszewski); 23:19.
3:5 – Roth 3 (Champagne); 32:43.

Byki Man of the Match: Mclain Roth

FIRST TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION				O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION			
Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts
Ciszewski	7	2	9	Ciszewski	9	1	10
Roth	3	3	6	Kekus	6	4	10
Marmo	3	1	4	Champagne	7	2	9
Rodriguez, B	2	2	4	Benavides	6	3	9
Stopka	3	0	3	Hurley	2	3	5
Sauerman	2	1	3	Najera	2	0	2
Champagne	0	3	3	Guzman	1	1	2
Rodriguez, C	2	0	2	Melenderz	0	2	2
Flynn	1	1	2	Rodriguez, J	0	2	2
Zachariah	1	1	2	Gibbs	0	1	1
Stamatinos	1	0	1	Jedrzejewski	0	1	1
Zudic	1	0	1	Ramirez	0	1	1
Meadow	0	1	1	Team goals	1	x	x
Pineda	0	1	1				
Rodriguez, J	0	1	1				
				Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
				Najera	114	8	2.67
				Meadow	266	50	7.14
				Current record: 2-1-7			
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA				
Beard	114	8	2.67				
Najera	76	9	4.50				
Meadow	228	30	5.00				
Current record: 1-1-9							

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MAJOR DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Albanian Stars	10	9	1	0	45	20	28	RWB Adria	9	9	0	0	66	19	27
AAC Winged Bull	11	3	3	5	35	49	12	Chicago Stars	10	6	3	1	42	30	21
Bosnia i Hercegovina	10	4	0	6	32	40	12	Chicago Fire U-23	10	5	2	3	36	26	17
CKS Warta A	10	3	2	5	34	33	11	SAC Wisla A	9	2	2	5	32	32	8
Tricycles SC A	11	3	1	7	25	49	10	Berber Stars	10	1	0	9	24	58	3
Lancer SC	10	2	2	6	28	43	8								

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
CKS Warta B	11	10	0	1	55	26	30	Gremio FC	11	8	2	1	52	30	26
SAC Wisla B	11	9	0	2	79	28	27	FC Tryzub	11	8	1	2	69	32	25
Assyrian FC	11	8	0	3	71	35	24	Dabrovia	11	7	2	2	63	29	23
FC Kosova	11	7	1	3	54	31	22	Albania FC	11	7	1	3	65	37	22
Jagiellonia Chicago	11	7	1	3	61	31	22	Stal Mielec	11	6	3	2	50	33	21
Wisloka Chicago	11	5	2	4	44	40	17	Olympiacos Chicago	11	6	1	4	37	28	19
Bosnia United	11	5	1	5	43	54	16	Chicago Dynasty FC	11	4	4	3	38	33	16
HNK Primorac	11	5	1	5	38	43	16	Los Chasquis	11	4	2	5	39	45	14
SC Krajina-Chicago	11	3	1	7	31	87	10	FC Goon Squad	11	3	3	5	37	48	12
Tricycles SC B	11	2	0	9	26	69	6	Chicago Inter Blue	11	1	1	9	19	64	4
Stare Byki FC	11	1	1	9	26	47	4	ANCI Niniveh FC	11	1	0	10	20	67	3
Chicago Inter Yellow	11	1	0	10	26	69	3	Chicago Blast U-18	11	0	0	11	21	58	0

PSLC OVER 30 DIVISION

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria	10	10	0	0	80	32	30
Chicago Rangers FC	10	6	1	3	45	55	19
Levski Chicago 2014	10	5	1	4	60	40	16
Torino FC	10	3	2	5	36	44	11
Stare Byki FC	10	2	1	7	34	58	7
Romania SC	10	1	1	8	32	58	4