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West Bosnia 1 : 5 Byki

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Byki pound Bosnians, playoffs ahead

The Red Team qualified for the NSL indoor playoffs for the second year running, following their dominating 5:1 victory over West Bosnia SC last Friday. The Byki and Stal Mielec are level on 24 points, but Mielec hold the tiebreaker edge over the Byki and retain second place in the Red Section. The Byki will be using the final two regular-season matches to optimize their game as they seek their first-ever indoor playoff win.

The match nearly wound up as a forfeit win for the Byki, as the Bosnians scrambled to get their team on the field before the forfeit interval expired. The Bosnians might have done better if they had stayed home, as they played the game with no substitutes on the bench. "We handled an undermanned opponent just the way you're supposed to," commented coach George Gorecki. "You step on their throat and don't let up until the game is over."

The Byki broke into the lead with 8:48 left in the first half. Todd Trowbridge concluded a lengthy run up the field with a shot from the right flank. A West Bosnia player blocked it, but then attempted a tricky pass off of the back boards. The ball went straight to Marek Ciszewski, whose ruthless blast gave the goalkeeper no chance.

Two great saves by the Bosnian goalie kept the deficit at one goal. Amin Mehreioskouei turned his defender at the top of the arc and cracked a shot that the keeper managed to deflect. Moments later, the keeper barely got a piece of Jordan Stopka's rocket from the right corner.

Two goals either side of halftime put the Byki in complete control. With 1:14 left before the break, Mike Stamatinos gained possession and drilled a shot that was blocked. The ricochet wound up in the middle of the Bosnian penalty area, where Maciek Kekus banged home his fifth goal of the season.

The score went to 3:0 in the first minute of the second half as the Byki raced forward on the counterattack. The goalkeeper blocked Ciszewski's attempt from the deep corner and the rebound came straight back to Ciszewski, who centered the ball to the unmarked Stopka for the easy tap-in.

Fatigue became a factor for West Bosnia and only the heroics from their netminder kept the score respectable.

Mehreioskouei had two excellent scoring chances four minutes apart, both thwarted by extraordinary saves.

The score swelled to 4:0 with 7:28 to go and the Ciszewski-Stopka combination stepped up for an encore. Ciszewski received a pass in the deep corner and drew a defender towards him. Stopka filled the newly opened space and knocked home his second tally of the night.

A slick piece of gamesmanship resulted in the fifth goal for the Byki. Paul Mansur threaded the needle with a long pass up the middle to split the defense. Kekus was obviously his intended target and the Bosnians thought so as well. Kekus stuck his leg out to receive the ball, but instead dummied the pass and allowed the ball to roll unimpeded into the net.

The Byki spoiled the shutout with a comical sequence 3:17 from the end. As they tried to control a bouncing ball at midfield, Mansur and Alan Stevens misplayed the ball back towards Amit Khankari. Both Mansur's initial pass and Stevens' attempt to head the ball along were too weak, stranding Khankari, who had come out of his box. A Bosnian forward, hustling with his last bit of energy, got there first and tucked

Byki Stats

RED TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION				BLUE TEAM, MIRO SOCCER LEAGUE			
Player	G	A	Pts	Player	G	A	Pts
Ciszewski	9	5	14	Kekus	9	5	14
Stopka	7	3	10	Onaissi	4	5	9
Kekus	5	2	7	Uriza	4	5	9
Mansur	3	4	7	Inalsingh	5	2	7
Herholdt	2	5	7	Fleming	4	2	6
Banbor	4	2	6	Soegaard	3	3	6
Koenig	3	3	6	Ciszewski	5	0	5
Mehreioskouei	4	1	5	Mansur	3	2	5
Stamatinos	0	4	4	Stamatinos	3	1	4
Guzman	2	1	3	Buur	1	3	4
Trowbridge	1	2	3	Garnon	1	2	3
Uriza	2	0	2	Hodge	1	1	2
Stevens	1	1	2	Mehagic	1	1	2
Bouzoukis	1	0	1	Samp	1	1	2
Garnon	0	1	1	Worek	1	1	2
Team goals	1	x	x	Dec	1	0	1
				Gibbs	1	0	1
				Khankari	0	1	1
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA	Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Stopka	1	0	0.00	Ofrikhter	40	4	4.00
Khankari	208	12	2.19	Khankari	240	33	5.50
Najera	323	27	3.18	Najera	80	14	7.00

Current record: 7-3-4

Final record: 4-0-5

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the ball into the empty net.

The Byki displayed the total package and fully earned the three points. This kind of consistent play will be necessary in the postseason.

BYKI LINEUP (3-2): Khankari – Bouzoukis, Mansur, Stamatinos (c) – Mehreioskouei, Kekus. **Bench:** Ciszewski, Guzman, Stevens, Trowbridge, Stopka.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

0:1 – Ciszewski 9; 10:12.
0:2 – Kekus 5 (Stamatinos); 17:46.
0:3 – Stopka 6 (Ciszewski); 19:44.
0:4 – Stopka 7 (Ciszewski); 30:32.
0:5 – Mansur 3; 33:41.

Byki Man of the Match: Marek Ciszewski

BLUE

Byki 9 : 2 LG Celtics

Miro Indoor Soccer League - The Max - 6 March 2012

Byki deliver crushing blow in finale

The Blue Team waited all season for a performance like this one and it was gratifying to see the team exit the Miro Indoor Soccer League on a high note, as they dismantled LG Celtics Dads 9:2 last Tuesday. After sloppily coughing up a 2:0 lead, the Byki turned the screws on the Celtics and scored seven unanswered goals. The Byki finish the season at 4-0-5, and by virtue of the two wins in the consolation playoff bracket, they claim fifth place in the league.

Maciek Kekus had a big night, scoring four goals and assisting on a fifth. Lazaro Uriza had a hat trick of assists, while scoring his fourth goal of the season. Paul Mansur turned in a notable performance, with two goals and an assist.

The Byki scored several goals the easy way, capitalizing on errors by the Celtics in front of their own goal. It was familiar territory for the Byki, who frittered away many of the games early in the season because of those very same mistakes. In the first meeting between the sides, the Celtics handily took advantage of those blunders and beat up on the Byki 8:4.

On Tuesday, the Byki needed less than five minutes to jump out to a 2:0 lead. Uriza sent a precise ball towards the goal from midfield and Kekus redirected it into the net with a flick header. Just 1:18 later, Mansur ran down a ball in midfield and embarked on a run that took him to the right corner. He centered the ball for Kekus and the striker did the rest.

The Celtics pulled to within 2:1 when the Byki found themselves a man short on the field. Coach George Gorecki

messed up when he altered the rotation of the defensive subs without telling everyone involved and the Celtics did well to take advantage of the unbalanced Byki. They tied the game a couple of minutes when a laser-like kick-in rocketed past a helpless Amit Khankari.

The Byki closed the door on the Celtics, bagging three goals in the span of 3:36. Adam Hodge stepped into a passing lane at midfield to steal the ball and found Kekus, who unselfishly laid off for Mike Stamatinos. The winger had plenty of time to line up his shot and drilled the ball past the keeper, rooted to his line.

The Celtics played giveaway moments later when a defender tried to play the ball back to the keeper. Sensing pressure from the Byki, his hurried clearance deflected off of a teammate right to Kekus, who completed his hat trick with a simple chance from close range.

The Byki surged to a 5:2 lead when Kristian Buur stole the ball and quickly found Kekus, who exchanged passes with Sam Onaissi, setting up Kekus for the effortless tap-in. The trio nearly did it again 0:39 later, but Kekus incredibly banged a sitter off the face of the crossbar.

Another scoring spurt in the final 12 minutes put the game to bed. Uriza had quickly gained a reputation on his prowess in dead-ball situations and the Celtics lined up a three-man wall for a free kick within shooting range. Uriza instead dinked the ball over to Stefan Soegaard and the unmarked midfielder picked his spot at the far corner of the goal to make it 6:2.

Uriza drilled a corner kick into the mixer 0:41 later and Mansur won the battle in a crowded goalmouth to score from short range. Uriza then capped off his busy night with booming a free kick from the left of the Celtic penalty area to boost the lead to 8:2.

Mansur scored his second goal of the match with 4:12 to go. He stole a weak pass in the Celtic end of the field. With the keeper aggressively coming off his line, Mansur was forced to take his run to the right side, near the corner. With nothing to lose, he sent the ball towards the goal and found the back of the net from the most difficult of angles.

“Finishing in fifth place is not a significant achievement,” noted Gorecki. “But it was the highest possible placement for our team, given that we had finished the regular season in the bottom four of the league. The players are naturally asking themselves what might have happened if we had played this way from the start.”

BYKI LINEUP (2-3-1): Khankari – Samp, Uriza – Buur, Stamatinos, Hodge – Kekus. **Bench:** Inalsingh, Mansur, Ofrikhter, Onaissi, Soegaard.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Kekus 6 (Uriza); 3:07.
2:0 – Kekus 7 (Mansur); 4:25.
3:2 – Stamatinos 3 (Kekus); 10:31.
4:2 – Kekus 8; 12:28.
5:2 – Kekus 9 (Onaissi); 14:07.
6:2 – Soegaard 3 (Uriza); 28:29.
7:2 – Mansur 2 (Uriza); 29:10.
8:2 – Uriza 4; 32:39.
9:2 – Mansur 3; 35:48

Byki Men of the Match: Maciek Kekus, Paul Mansur and Lazaro Uriza

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MAJOR DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FK Kozarac	14	7	4	3	56	37	25	RWB Adria A	14	14	0	0	91	22	42
B-H Lilies Royal	14	7	3	4	47	44	24	Albanian Stars	14	12	0	2	84	24	36
Tricycles SC A	14	6	3	5	40	44	21	Hellenic United Blue	14	7	1	6	52	40	22
SAC Wisla	14	5	2	7	56	61	17	CKS Warta A	14	7	0	7	53	50	21
KF Tirana	14	2	3	9	41	63	9	FK Republika Srpska A	14	4	2	8	47	72	14
B-H Lilies	14	2	2	10	50	94	8	Chicago Pride	14	1	0	13	30	96	3

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Assyrian FC	14	13	1	0	65	23	40	Hellenic United White	14	11	1	2	64	22	34
Stal Mielec	14	8	0	6	60	42	24	Zaglebie SC	14	9	0	5	52	25	27
Stare Byki FC	14	7	3	4	45	39	24	RWB Adria B	14	7	3	4	60	41	24
Gremio FC B	14	4	2	8	48	58	14	Winged Bull A	14	6	1	7	37	48	19
Shlama FC	14	2	4	8	30	56	10	West Bosnia SC	14	4	1	9	30	67	13
CKS Warta B	14	2	0	12	26	58	6	FK Republika Srpska B	14	2	2	10	26	64	8

SECOND DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Gremio FC A	14	11	1	2	65	25	34	NK Prijedor	14	11	2	1	55	21	35
HNK Primorac	14	9	2	3	67	40	29	FC Kosova	14	9	3	2	73	49	30
Chicago Inter Yellow	14	8	2	4	56	42	26	Tricycles SC B	14	7	4	3	49	33	25
Naperville Strikers	14	6	0	8	49	52	18	Chicago Dynasty FC	14	5	3	6	41	37	18
Chicago Inter Blue	14	2	3	9	38	70	9	Pitbulls SC	14	4	0	10	43	65	12
Winged Bull B	14	0	0	14	23	80	0	Chicago Inter White	14	1	2	11	29	74	5