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Wisla C	1	National Soccer League 1st Division
Stare Byki	6	The Odeum 3 March 2017

Experience counts for something

The Byki notched their third victory of the season last Friday when they dispatched Wisla's C Team 6:1, thanks to a four-goal outburst in the second half. Even though Wisla brought a massive squad to the game, loaded with teenagers, their speed advantage proved to be no match for the skill and experience of the Byki. Three of the Byki goals were scored by players in their 40s.

Roman Kramarz was one of those grizzled veterans, bagging two goals, to give him eight on the season. Marek Ciszewski was the other, scoring his 400th career goal for the Byki in all competitions. Youth was also served for the Byki, as 16-year-old Andy Sokolowski had his best game of the season first season, registering a goal and two assists.

The match got easier for the Byki as time went on. Wisla's early energy was something of an annoyance for the Byki, but once they began to focus on doing the simple things well, the Byki were in firm control of the contest.

The aggressive posture from Wisla disrupted the Byki offense initially, but it was only a matter of time before the Byki would take over. They gave notice to Wisla in the game's sixth minute. Amit Khankari played a long pass up the right side for Kramarz, who swept past the last defender and was denied when his shot rang off of the goalpost. Alan Stevens gained possession and found Mike Stamatinos, who lofted the ball to Ciszewski in the left corner. Ciszewski cut to the inside and deposited the ball into the back of the net for his historic goal.

Ciszewski has racked up 272 indoor goals, second all-time in club history to Sergio Bertinello's 342. Ciszewski's 128 outdoor goals make him the runaway leader in that category and his grand total of 400 places him at the very top of the scoring charts.

It will likely be Ciszewski's last goal for some time. His new job takes him to California, and while he may be back in town for the occasional cameo appearance, his steady presence as an influential player in the Byki lineup has unfortunately come to an end.

Wisla remained competitive by forging an equalizer 3:03 later. The Byki backed away as they set up in their defensive end and a Wisla player did not hesitate to cut loose from long distance when given the opportunity.

The Byki took the lead for good with 7:57 left in the half. A flurry of shots rained down on the Wisla goal in rapid-fire fashion. Brian Boeckeler's attempt from the top of the box was punched weakly by the Wisla keeper and Kramarz prevailed in the mad scramble at the foot of the Wisla goal.

It was a matter of inches that separated the Byki from a third goal 1:05 before the break. A poor Wisla clearance went right to Stevens on the right flank. His rocket hit the underside of the crossbar and Wisla had dodged another bullet.

At halftime, coach George Gorecki emphasized quick and simple passes to break down the Wisla defense and he wanted his players to mark more tightly. "Honestly, we weren't far away from being 4:1 up in that first half," Gorecki said afterwards. "So I didn't want to sound too negative. But I thought that we needed to be more focused and we saw that in the second half."

Goalkeeper Ray Najera thwarted Wisla's bid for a second equalizer early in the second half. He then became the catalyst for a scoring opportunity moments later. He heaved a long pass for Alen Mehagic in the neutral zone and Mehagic boomed a long shot from the left wing that required full effort from the goalie.

Mehagic finally found the back of the 3:03 later. Stevens intercepted a Wisla pass at midfield and immediately fed Mehagic at the top of the box. He quickly turned his marker and drove a low shot past the diving goalkeeper for a 3:1 lead.

Midway through the second half, Stevens poked the ball away from a Wisla player, and touched it to Kramarz, who carried the ball into the attacking zone. He found Sokolowski with an exquisitely timed centering pass and the youngster

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buried a first-time shot past the stunned goalkeeper.

Kramarz and Ciszewski had been counseling Sokolowski to keep his head up in order to see opportunities developing. The on-the-spot tutoring must have had its effect, as Sokolowski set up the final two scores for the Byki.

With 6:02 remaining, Sokolowski fought for possession along the right wing and sent the ball to Kramarz in the corner. The seemingly impossible angle hardly bothered Kramarz, who instinctively drilled a hard shot into the roof of the net to make it 5:1.

A series of sizzling one-touch passes resulted in the final goal for the Byki. They came fast on the counterattack, as Sokolowski sent the ball to Ben Rodriguez in the deep right corner. The pair exchanged a few more tiki-taka passes in tight quarters and Rodriguez deposited the ball into the back of the net.

It was a comprehensive victory for the Byki, as they demonstrated the importance of experience and soccer smarts.

BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1): Najera – Stevens, Stamatinos (c) – Ciszewski, Sokolowski – Kramarz . **Bench:** Bickel, Boeckeler, Khankari, Mehagic, Rodriguez, Sabo.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

0:1 – Ciszewski 6 (Stamatinos); 5:28.
1:2 – Kramarz 7 (Boeckeler); 7:03.
1:3 – Mehagic 2 (Stevens); 27:05.
1:4 – Sokolowski 2 (Kramarz); 28:09.
1:5 – Kramarz 8 (Sokolowski); 31:08.
1:6 – Rodriguez 5 (Sokolowski); 35:45

Byki Men of the Match: Roman Kramarz, Andy Sokolowski, and Alan Stevens.

Bonus coverage! Alan Stevens has provided extended video highlights in the series of You Tube videos listed below.

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VghRlleGXbA>
2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZc0whHMeBw>
3. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XF5w4qQrIKI>
4. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WNbw_sCDzIY
5. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ozQQtErsjYo>
6. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VaJayA1rOTc>

Byki Stats

FIRST TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Kramarz	8	9	17
Sauerman	8	3	11
De Rama	5	3	8
Rodriguez	5	3	8
Ciszewski	6	1	7
Banbor	4	3	7
Stevens	2	5	7
Sokolowski	2	4	6
Mowry	3	1	4
Stamatinos	1	3	4
Khankari	2	0	2
Sabo	1	1	2
Champagne	1	0	1
Kekus	1	0	1
Mehagic	1	0	1
Bickel	0	1	1
Boeckeler	0	1	1
Najera	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Stevens	2	0	0.00
Najera	364	41	4.28
Mehagic	38	5	5.00
Khankari	90	14	5.91
Banbor	38	7	7.00

Current record: 3-1-10

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CHAMPIONS DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Albanian Stars	14	11	3	0	65	36	36
CKS Warta	14	9	3	2	58	41	30
Deportivo Guerrero	14	9	1	4	53	31	28
Bosnia-Herzegovina A	14	8	1	5	61	50	25
SAC Wisla A	14	5	2	7	47	55	17
Vikings AA	14	5	1	8	50	52	16
Real Michoacan	14	1	2	11	28	56	5
Czarny Dunajec	14	1	1	12	38	79	4

MAJOR DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Berber Stars	14	11	2	1	67	25	35
SAC Wisla B	14	9	1	4	79	49	28
FC Tryzub	14	9	1	4	64	47	28
AAC Winged Bull	14	9	1	4	67	43	28
Albania FC	14	6	1	7	56	57	19
HDS Eagles	14	6	1	7	55	58	19
Urahan FC	14	5	1	8	55	67	16
Jagiellonia	14	5	0	9	48	54	15
SC Unia Chicago	14	3	0	11	31	70	9
Stal Mielec	14	3	0	11	36	88	9

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC United	14	12	1	1	92	35	37	Chicago Dynasty FC	14	12	1	1	78	24	37
Vikings AA Over 30	14	12	1	1	77	28	37	Matehuala FC	14	7	2	5	62	55	23
FC Kosova	14	8	0	6	76	61	24	Chicago Blast	14	7	1	6	68	55	22
Bosnia-Herzegovina B	14	5	1	8	66	70	16	HNK Primorac	14	6	2	6	65	66	20
Chicago Inter Blue	14	4	1	9	37	65	13	SAC Wisla C	14	2	1	11	51	90	7
Stare Byki FC	14	3	1	10	51	67	10	Chicago Inter Yellow	14	0	0	14	25	132	0