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| Jagiellonia | 4 | Premier Soccer League 1st Division |
| Stare Byki | 0 | Soccer City 4 March 2018 |

Is it spring yet?

If a team ever needed a bounce-back victory, it was the Byki. Their five-game losing skein was broken up following a forfeit win on February 25, but getting a legitimate three points would be so much more satisfying. Jagiellonia Chicago, however, had other ideas and gave the Byki a thorough 4:0 shellacking that was not as close as the score indicated. The Byki end the regular season with a dismal 4-1-8 record, good for 10th place in the 12-team First Division.

The Byki appeared to be a step behind Jagiellonia at both ends of the field, as Jagiellonia players consistently stepped into spaces to intercept passes. They were potent on the counter, leaving the Byki in chase mode far too frequently. Once the Byki fell behind in this game, there was a feeling that a comeback was simply not in the cards.

“The lack of fundamentals has been a killer factor for us all season long,” lamented coach George Gorecki. “I had an inkling that the lack of regular training was going to hurt us. I just never thought that the effect would be this significant.” The Byki were unable to organize weekly practices this winter for the first time in many years due to their inability to find a suitable venue.

Jagiellonia have not exactly been burning up the First Division either. In fact, the Byki won the first meeting between the sides by a 3:2 scoreline. And in a strange quirk of scheduling, the teams will face off again in the classification match this week that will decide seeding position in the postseason tournament

on March 18.

The first salvo came from the Byki just 3:35 into the contest. Striker Volkan Akbas finished off a long run by cutting inside when he reached the Jagiellonia penalty area and drilled a shot that hit the post. Better marksmanship would have been useful, as the keeper was frozen in his tracks when Akbas uncorked his shot.

Jagiellonia took the lead at the 7:04 mark. The Byki were quite sloppy yet again in the back third and a Jagiellonia player intercepted. He fired past a backpedaling Alex Perez, caught out of position after the turnover.

Five minutes later, Jagiellonia made it 2:0 on the power play, gifted to them when the Byki were clumsy during a substitution situation, resulting in the Byki having too many men on the field. “A really terrible sequence on our part,” fumed Gorecki afterwards. “Everybody’s got a partner and you switch with that partner. It should be very simple.”

Robby McClure had goal on his mind with 5:48 left in the half. He stole the ball at the halfway line and tore down the right flank. The keeper came out fast and hard and blocked McClure’s attempt.

Jagiellonia made a bid for a third tally just before the break as they beat the Byki on the counter. A Jagiellonia player skipped past Perez, who had aggressively come out of his box to challenge for the ball. A hustling Mike Stamatinos cleared the shot to safety when a goal appeared inevitable.

Pre-season training
SATURDAY, MARCH 17
Olympic Park
Schaumburg, IL
10.00 AM - 12.00 noon

2017

NSL FIRST DIVISION
PSLC OVER 30 B DIVISION

CHAMPIONS

The teams battled back and forth in the second half, but Jagiellonia seemed content with their two-goal lead. The Byki began sending more players forward and the field tilted slightly towards the Jagiellonia goal. They would be a tough nut to crack, as it turned out.

With 8:10 to go, Brian Boeckeler's pass out of his own half sprang Andy Sokolowski on a breakaway. The keeper came out to engage Sokolowski and managed to deflect his attempt with a desperate leg save.

A couple of minutes later, Kuba Banbor lofted a high ball from midfield into the box, where McClure's flick header bounced off of the crossbar.

Jagiellonia wrapped up the scoring with a pair of late goals. With the Byki pushing higher and higher, the opportunity was ripe for counterattacking sorties in the final minutes. Jagiellonia converted two such situations to put the three points in the bank.

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

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

Byki Man of the Match: None given.

Byki Stats

FIRST TEAM, PSLC 1st DIVISION

| Player | G | A | Pts |
|------------|----|---|-----|
| Korinenko | 11 | 3 | 14 |
| 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 |
| Team goals | 3 | x | x |

| Goalie | Min | GA | GAA |
|------------|-----|----|------|
| Najera | 80 | 4 | 2.00 |
| Perez | 400 | 37 | 3.70 |
| Chronowski | 40 | 4 | 4.00 |

Current record: 4-1-8

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PREMIER SOCCER LEAGUE of CHICAGOLAND STANDINGS

March 4, 2018

MAJOR DIVISION

FIRST DIVISION

| | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts | | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
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| Czarni Jaslo | 13 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 63 | 30 | 31 | Jake's Stars Punishers | 13 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 71 | 31 | 36 |
| SAC Lightning | 13 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 54 | 26 | 30 | SAC Lightning Over 30 | 13 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 63 | 31 | 32 |
| SAC Wisla | 13 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 45 | 36 | 27 | FC Moldova | 13 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 70 | 30 | 29 |
| Sockers FC Blue | 13 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 57 | 33 | 24 | Tarnovia Over 40 | 13 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 46 | 52 | 20 |
| Wisloka Chicago | 13 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 49 | 38 | 22 | Sting FC | 13 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 35 | 57 | 18 |
| SAC Lightning U-23 | 13 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 44 | 46 | 19 | Unia Chicago | 13 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 47 | 41 | 17 |
| Sockers FC White | 13 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 56 | 43 | 16 | Sockers FC Black | 13 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 49 | 48 | 17 |
| FC Bodrost | 13 | 4 | 0 | 9 | 45 | 59 | 12 | Thunder FC | 13 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 37 | 40 | 17 |
| Torino FC | 12 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 30 | 57 | 6 | Jagiellonia | 13 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 36 | 41 | 13 |
| Chicago Fire Jr Gold | 12 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 7 | 82 | 0 | Stare Byki FC | 13 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 34 | 45 | 13 |
| | | | | | | | | Levski Chicago | 13 | 3 | 0 | 10 | 50 | 84 | 9 |
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