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Stare Byki	7	National Soccer League 1st Division
Los Chasquis	3	The Odeum 6 March 2015

Byki offense revs its engine

The Byki exploded for six goals in the first 13 minutes of last Friday's encounter versus Los Chasquis and cruised their way to a 7:3 victory. Miles Marmo notched a hat trick, along with an assist, while Alen Mehagic found the back of the net twice. In total, six players found their way onto the scoresheet. In racking up their second win of the season, the Byki nudged ahead of Tricycles B for 10th place in the 12-team Red Section of the 1st Division.

The Byki wasted little time getting after a Chasquis side that was clearly unprepared to play. Marmo netted within the first 30 seconds and the Byki established their dominance early on. Chasquis responded poorly to immediate Byki pressure in their end, coughing up the ball to McLain Roth, who dropped a pass back for Cyril Zachariah. The winger squared the ball for Marmo, whose first-time blast zoomed in just under the crossbar.

Although a shot from the top of the penalty area tied the score for Chasquis a couple of minutes later, the Byki were undaunted in their quest for more goals. The goals came in bunches, and a double-digit tally at the end only escaped the Byki due to some substandard finishing in counterattacking situations.

With 13:41 left in the half, Roth singlehandedly pressured two Chasquis players at midfield during a Chasquis power play. He stole the ball and sprinted full steam towards goal. A spectacular save from the keeper denied Roth the ending that his effort deserved.

Just 0:22 later, the Byki regained the lead after a Chasquis player was sent to the sin bin, leaving both teams short one player. Zachariah pounded a shot off the back boards and the rebound ended up with Mehagic, who buried his shot from the left wing.

A four-goal flurry late in the first frame proved to be the killer blow. With 8:26 to go, Mike Stamatinos slid a pass to Mehagic on the left side and he promptly sent the ball right back to Stamatinos. The Byki sweeper wasted no time drilling a first-time bomb past the rooted goalkeeper to make it 3:1.

Marmo and Roth played key roles in the next two scores, which came just 0:57 apart. Roth led the counter and fed Marmo for his fifth goal of the season, and then engineered a big run right up the middle during a 3 v 1 break. Roth laid off for Rob Zudic, who then slid the ball to an unmarked Marmo for the tap-in at the far post.

The score swelled to 6:1 with 6:05 left, when a cross from Roth found Mehagic making a run into the middle of the penalty area. Mehagic did the rest, and the Byki figured that the rout was on.

But someone forgot to tell Chasquis that the game was over. They got a gift goal with 3:43 to go when a shot from distance deflected off of Juan Rodriguez and found the back of the net. With 1:58 left in the half, a shot from the left side zipped into the upper 90 of the far post, and suddenly, Chasquis had made their bid to get back into the contest at 6:3 at halftime.

"We really flexed our attacking muscles in the first half," said coach George Gorecki. "We absolutely did everything right. But we were conceding way too much space on defense to a team that is in love with the long ball and in love with their dribbling. We improved in that area significantly in the second half."

The Byki wound up scoring the only goal after the teams changed ends, but that only tacked on another score to a game that was well in hand. The real test would be to put down the clamps on defense.

The Byki passed that test with flying colors. They settled things right from the second-half kickoff. Marking got tighter, runners had no free space and goalkeeper Ray Najera handily cleaned up any messes that came his way. At a certain point in the second half, Chasquis were forced to commit more players forward and the Byki simply sat back, waited for the inevitable turnovers, and set their counterattack in motion.

They ran the counter to perfection midway through the

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second half. Marmo led the way during a 2 v 1 and waited for just the right moment to send the ball to Rob Zudic, who was making the run in the middle. Marmo's pass eliminated the defender and Zudic easily slotted past the goalkeeper to make it 7:3.

The Byki had three or four other similarly great opportunities, but squandered them with poor finishing, or waiting too long to make a pass. But that might be the only quibble on a night when everything seemed to click into place.

With three games left in the season, and a place in the top six impossible, Gorecki still has goals for his side. "We still want to climb the table, wherever that may take us," he noted afterwards. "We could still find a way into the top six next season, depending on where we finish, and depending on how many of these teams come back next season."

BYKI LINEUP (1-3-1): Najera – Stamatinos (c) – Mehagic, Sauerman, Roth – Marmo. **Bench:** B. Rodriguez, J. Rodriguez, Stopka, Zachariah, Zudic.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

- 1:0 – Marmo 4 (Zachariah); 0:30.
- 2:1 – Mehagic 1; 5:41.
- 3:1 – Stamatinos 2 (Mehagic); 10:34.
- 4:1 – Marmo 5 (Roth); 11:08.
- 5:1 – Marmo 6 (Zudic); 12:05.
- 6:1 – Mehagic 2 (Roth); 12:55.
- 7:3 – Zudic 2 (Marmo); 26:53.

Byki Men of the Match: Miles Marmo and Alen Mehagic

Torino FC	4	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White Division
Byki O-30	3	The Odeum 6 March 2015

Torino do enough in 1st half

It wasn't until the second half of last Friday's matchup versus Torino FC that the Byki finally had their full complement of players. By that time, Torino had built a comfortable 3:0 advantage. The Byki won the second half 3:1, but the hole that they had dug was simply too deep. The fifth-place Byki now trail Torino by four points in the standings with three to play. The teams will meet for the third time in the season finale on March 27.

The Byki started the match with just eight players in uniform and promptly adopted a conservative and defensive approach to the match. They were content to sit back and absorb Torino's pressure. Although that tactic allowed the depleted Byki to conserve energy, it no longer became viable once Torino went into the lead after six minutes.

Torino went up 2:0 with 6:47 left before halftime when a striker created space in the right corner and fired past a defenseless Joe Meadow. A blast from close range in the dying moments of the first half staked Torino to a 3:0 lead.

More players trickled into the Byki bench as the first half wore on and the Byki were now in a position to inject some

life into a moribund attack. They responded in impressive style, scoring twice within the first four minutes of the second half.

The Byki ran the counterattack to perfection at the 1:21 mark when Maciek Kekus and Sergio Benavides rushed forward in a 2 v 1. Kekus started the play with a steal and then dribbled up the middle. At the moment that the Torino defender committed, Kekus made the killer pass to Benavides, whose shot whistled under the crossbar for his seventh goal of the season.

The score went to 3:2 just 2:36 later when the Byki caught Torino napping on a restart. A Torino player has been given a two-minute time penalty and Alex Guzman made sure that the Byki took full advantage of the power play opportunity. With a free kick at the top of the arc, he slid the ball to an unmarked Ray Najera in the left corner. Najera saw his opening and squeezed a shot into tight space and found the inside of the far post.

Torino righted the ship a couple of minutes later when a booming shot from the left wing found the back of the net.

The Byki continued their hard work and cut the deficit to 4:3 with 6:03 left in the contest. They beat Torino on the counter yet again. Kekus initiated the play in the Byki half of the field and sent a pass to Juan Rodriguez. With lots of open space in front of him, Rodriguez hit the accelerator and knifed his way through the Torino defense, handily beating the keeper for his first goal of the campaign.

The Byki would get no closer, as the experienced Torino side tightened the defensive clamps and secured the three points.

BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1): Meadow – Hurley, J. Rodriguez – Kekus (c), Gibbs – Benavides. **Bench:** Gorecki, Guzman, Jedrzejowski, Melendez, Najera.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

- 3:1 – Benavides 7 (Kekus); 20:21.
- 3:2 – Najera 3 (Guzman); 22:57.
- 4:3 – J. Rodriguez 1 (Kekus); 31:57.

Byki Man of the Match: Juan Rodriguez.

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria	12	11	1	0	89	36	34
Chicago Rangers FC	12	7	1	4	50	62	22
Levski Chicago 2014	12	6	2	4	68	45	20
Torino FC	12	4	2	6	43	53	14
Stare Byki FC	12	3	1	8	40	62	10
Romania SC	12	1	1	10	32	64	4

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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	12	10	2	0	50	24	32	RWB Adria	11	11	0	0	80	24	33
Bosnia i Hercegovina	12	6	0	6	49	50	18	Chicago Stars	11	6	4	1	44	32	22
CKS Warta A	12	5	2	5	46	42	17	Chicago Fire U-23	12	5	2	5	46	38	17
AAC Winged Bull	12	3	3	6	37	52	12	SAC Wisla A	11	4	2	5	44	35	14
Tricycles SC A	13	3	1	9	31	62	10	Berber Stars	12	1	0	11	31	74	3
Lancer SC	12	2	2	8	32	57	8								

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
CKS Warta B	13	11	0	2	68	34	33	FC Tryzub	13	10	1	2	79	38	31
SAC Wisla B	13	10	1	2	93	34	31	Gremio FC	13	9	3	1	58	32	30
Assyrian FC	13	10	0	3	86	38	30	Albania FC	13	9	1	3	81	43	28
Jagiellonia Chicago	13	9	1	3	76	37	28	Stal Mielec	13	7	4	2	59	39	25
FC Kosova	13	8	2	3	59	33	26	Dabrovia	13	7	2	4	67	39	23
HNK Primorac	13	7	1	5	51	47	22	Chicago Dynasty FC	13	6	4	3	49	33	22
Wisloka Chicago	13	6	2	5	57	48	20	Olympiacos Chicago	13	6	1	6	40	39	19
Bosnia United	13	6	1	6	56	63	19	Los Chasquis	13	5	2	6	48	53	17
SC Krajina-Chicago	13	3	1	9	33	100	10	FC Goon Squad	13	3	3	7	43	68	12
Stare Byki FC	13	2	1	10	33	52	7	Chicago Inter Blue	13	1	1	11	21	81	4
Tricycles SC B	13	2	0	11	27	79	6	Chicago Blast U-18	13	1	0	12	27	69	3
Chicago Inter Yellow	13	1	0	12	29	82	3	ANCI Niniveh FC	13	1	0	12	25	84	3