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Byki 1 : 2 Winged Bull

NSL 1st Division - The Odeum - 9 March 2012

Sloppy Byki pay the price

The Red Team brought a bagful of mistakes to the Odeum last Friday and the end result was a 2:1 loss to Winged Bull, which locked the Byki into third place in the Red Section going into the NSL playoffs this Sunday. "It was the kind of night where better finishing would have overshadowed our fundamental errors," lamented coach George Gorecki. "We might not have deserved to lose this game, but we really didn't do enough to win it either."

The early missteps and uncharacteristic turnovers took the Byki away from the focused effort that led to a thrashing of West Bosnia on March 2. The Byki quickly morphed from a confident group to one that was playing with a fear of failure. Winged Bull took full advantage of Byki laxness and scored the goals that would ultimately put them over the top.

Winged Bull caught the Byki defense pushed too far forward with 3:48 gone and a striker burst into space on a breakaway. Ohad Garnon sprinted to get back into the play, but clumsily bundled himself over the back of the striker, prompting the referee to assess a double penalty, which meant that the Byki had to play shorthanded for four minutes. "That was a curious decision by the referees," said Gorecki. "That foul is either a normal blue card or a straight red for denying a scoring opportunity. It was almost as though the officials did not want to send someone off that early in the match."

The Byki were mostly organized for the lengthy power play and had a couple of shorthanded chances, but Winged Bull eventually found an opening in the Byki diamond formation, sending a diagonal ball to the back post, where an unmarked player knocked the ball home for a 1:0 lead.

The Winged Bull keeper was probably their most valuable player, denying the Byki on several occasions. With 8:42 left in the half, Marek Ciszewski received a pass in the corner, spun his defender out of the way, and fired a shot that the keeper stabbed away with a foot save. Just 1:31 later, the Byki rushed forward on the counter. Some quick passes between Paul Mansur and Chris Koenig set up Maciek Kekus in the penalty area, but the goalie came up with a magnificent save.

The Byki had the better of the possession as the half came

to a close and they needed something to ignite a scoring barrage. The spark came shortly after the start of the second half. Alex Guzman received a pass just as he came into the field from the bench and spotted Ciszewski running into space behind the defense. A perfectly weighted pass sent Ciszewski into the clear and his blast from the right flank left the goalkeeper rooted to his line. "As soon as my first touch got me past the defender, I knew the ball was going into the goal," said Ciszewski.

Sustained pressure by the Byki made it appear that the go-ahead goal was imminent. Koenig won the ball in the corner and astutely dropped a pass back for Todd Trowbridge in the box. The keeper somehow dove to knock the ball away from the goal. Moments later, Ciszewski cracked a shot from the right corner and the goalie's sprawling save kept the score level.

Unfortunately, the breakthrough never came for the Byki. The opportunistic Winged Bull forwards made the Byki pay for a costly turnover in the defensive zone and an open shot from distance gave keeper Amit Khankari no chance with 5:12 to go.

The rest of the match was one-way traffic towards the Winged Bull goal. The Byki sent Jordan Stopka in for Khankari for the last two minutes to play with six attackers, but that desperation tactic was not sufficient to find an equalizer.

The Byki have shown that they can play competitively against anyone in the 1st Division. They have also shown that they can play down to the level of an inferior opponent. That will have to change if the Byki are to realize playoff success.

BYKI LINEUP (3-2): Khankari – Bouzoukis, Mansur, Trowbridge – Ciszewski, Stopka. **Bench:** Garnon, Guzman, Kekus, Koenig, Stevens, Uriza.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY
1:1 – Ciszewski 10 (Guzman); 20:30.

Byki Man of the Match: Alex Guzman

Byki Stats

RED TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Ciszewski	10	5	15
Stopka	7	3	10
Kekus	5	2	7
Mansur	3	4	7
Herholdt	2	5	7
Banbor	4	2	6
Koenig	3	3	6
Mehreioskouei	4	1	5
Guzman	2	2	4
Stamatinos	0	4	4
Trowbridge	1	2	3
Uriza	2	0	2
Stevens	1	1	2
Bouzoukis	1	0	1
Garnon	0	1	1
Team goals	1	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Stopka	1	0	0.00
Khankari	246	14	2.16
Najera	323	27	3.18

Current record: 7-3-5

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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	15	7	4	4	60	42	25	RWB Adria A	15	15	0	0	98	23	45
B-H Lilies Royal	15	7	3	5	50	48	24	Albanian Stars	15	13	0	2	89	28	39
Tricycles SC A	15	6	3	6	41	51	21	Hellenic United Blue	15	8	1	6	56	43	25
SAC Wisla	15	6	2	7	62	62	20	CKS Warta A	15	8	0	7	61	56	24
KF Tirana	15	2	3	10	47	71	9	FK Republika Srpska A	15	4	2	9	48	78	14
B-H Lilies	15	2	2	11	54	99	8	Chicago Pride	15	2	0	13	35	100	6

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Assyrian FC	15	14	1	0	77	27	43	Hellenic United White	15	12	1	2	71	23	37
Stal Mielec	15	9	0	6	66	45	27	Zaglebie SC	15	9	0	6	54	29	27
Stare Byki FC	15	7	3	5	46	41	24	RWB Adria B	15	8	3	4	67	44	27
Gremio FC B	15	4	2	9	49	65	14	Winged Bull A	15	7	1	7	39	49	22
Shlama FC	15	3	4	8	34	58	13	West Bosnia SC	15	4	1	10	34	79	13
CKS Warta B	15	2	0	13	29	65	6	FK Republika Srpska B	15	2	2	11	29	70	8

SECOND DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Gremio FC A	15	12	1	2	71	25	37	NK Prijedor	15	12	2	1	66	21	38
HNK Primorac	15	10	2	3	73	43	32	FC Kosova	15	10	3	2	76	49	33
Chicago Inter Yellow	15	8	2	5	56	45	26	Tricycles SC B	15	7	4	4	49	39	25
Naperville Strikers	15	6	0	9	49	63	18	Chicago Dynasty FC	15	6	3	6	50	40	21
Chicago Inter Blue	15	2	3	10	41	75	9	Pitbulls SC	15	5	0	10	48	68	15
Winged Bull B	15	0	0	15	26	89	0	Chicago Inter White	15	1	2	12	32	80	5