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CHAMPIONS**

Stare Byki	4	National Soccer League 1st Division
Bosnia Utd	2	The Odeum 20 March 2015

Timely finishing puts away Bosnia

The Byki rebounded from a disappointing loss to Stal Mielec on Friday by knocking off Bosnia United two days later by a 4:2 scoreline. The Byki demonstrated outstanding teamwork at both ends of the field and then broke open a tight contest with two crucial strikes in the final 5:17 of the contest for their second victory in three matches.

In an example of actions speaking louder than words, the Byki finally demonstrated that smart soccer is well within their reach. The Bosnians came into the contest with 22 points in their 14 matches, while the Byki had mustered but seven. The quality on display, however, belied the notion that there was a five-win difference between the teams.

The match was played evenly at the start and the tactical discipline by the Byki was evident. They made the ball do the work and it appeared that goals were inevitable.

Mike Stamatinos threw out the first salvo for the Byki in the early moments. McLain Roth switched fields to find Stamatinos on the right flank and the winger scorched a first-timer that the keeper did well to stab away with a kick save.

With 7:05 left before halftime, the Bosnian goalkeeper had the best scoring chance for his team when he pushed the ball into the Byki zone a cracked a shot from long distance that ricocheted off of the upper corner of the goal.

Bosnia broke through with 5:51 to go when they converted a quick counterattacking opportunity. Goalkeeper Ben Beard made a great play to block an open shot from the left wing, but was powerless to do anything about the rebound, which was put home by the same player.

An incredible series of scoring chances punctuated the end of the first half. Beard denied the Bosnian striker with a massive save with 2:41 left. On the ensuing corner kick, the Bosnians had two shots inside the Byki goal area and Beard snuffed them out both times. The Byki then broke out on a counter of their own to square things at 1:1. Roth spearheaded a 2 v 1 and laid off to Cristian Rodriguez for the simple tap-in.

Roth was kicking himself for not converting a breakaway with only 0:26 to go. Miles Marmo stole the ball at midfield and sprang Roth into the clear. The Bosnian defenders were too lazy to chase and left it up to their goalie to bail them out. Roth shot wide and the sides were level at the break.

Bosnia made a bid to regain the lead in the first five minutes of the second half. Beard stoned a Bosnian player who came in alone on a breakaway.

The Byki ratcheted up the offensive pressure. With 11:17 left in the contest, Roth laid off to Marmo in the left corner. Marmo turned his defender inside out, but the goalie was well positioned to block the shot.

The Byki took the lead when sweeper Juan Rodriguez ventured forward and let loose from long range. His shot displayed both power and accuracy, as the keeper barely reacted to the ball whistling past him.

But the Byki could only maintain the lead for 0:42 when they got lax on defense. A long shot from the left side barely nicked the inside of the far post to make it 2:2.

The Byki responded admirably. Cyril Zachariah served notice of things to come 0:44 after the equalizer when he unleashed a rocket from distance that clanged off of the crossbar.

Barely a minute later, the Byki worked the counterattack with expert precision. Marek Ciszewski led the charge and slid a pass to Joe Sauerman in the right corner. Sauerman knocked the ball back to the supporting Brendan Flynn. The midfielder's shot took a slight deflection on its way into the back of the net for a 3:2 lead.

The game completely fell apart for the Bosnians with 3:10 to go. After the referee awarded the Byki a power play chance, the guilty Bosnian player voiced his displeasure with the decision and verbally abused the official, earning him a red card, and giving the Byki a man advantage for the balance of the contest.

Outdoor training

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11.30 AM - First Team & Over 30**



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The Byki scored just once during this extended power play. More importantly, they kept their defensive shape intact and did not allow the Bosnians any hope of getting back into the match. The clinching goal came on the counter, with the Bosnians spread thinly at both ends of the field. Cristian Rodriguez galloped forward on a 2 v 1 and set up Marmo for a huge blast from the right flank.

The Byki have been preaching teamwork all season long and their recent performances have shown how important teamwork is to success on the field.

BYKI LINEUP (1-3-1): Beard – Herholdt – Stamatinos (c), Zachariah, Roth – Marmo. **Bench:** Ciszewski, Flynn, Mehagic, C. Rodriguez, J. Rodriguez, Sauerman.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – C. Rodriguez 3 (Marmo); 16:54.
 1:2 – J. Rodriguez 1; 29:57.
 2:3 – Flynn 2 (Sauerman); 32:43.
 2:4 – Marmo 7 (C. Rodriguez) (pp); 35:57.

Byki Man of the Match: Ben Beard

Stal Mielec	7	National Soccer League 1st Division
Stare Byki	3	The Odeum 13 March 2015

Penalties help Mielec take down Byki

A Byki side that looked dodgy on the defensive side of the ball at the start of their match versus Stal Mielec last Friday saw the situation blow up in their faces after the break, when Mielec scored three unanswered power-play goals. Those goals took the score from 2:1 to 5:1 and essentially knocked the stuffing out of the Byki.

Mielec, an experienced and disciplined team, are always hard to break down because of their strict adherence to playing smart, fundamental soccer. They turned up their work rate in the second half and the Byki response was simply not enough.

The Byki grabbed the early lead when Alen Mehagic stole the ball on the left wing. The play carried into the deep corner to the right of the Mielec goalie. Mehagic bulled his way through the crowd and floated a high, arcing shot that found the far post.

Mielec capitalized on Byki errors in their back third. Keeper Joe Meadow tipped one open shot out of play and made the kick save on another a minute later, following a Byki poor turnover.

The Byki made a bid to double their pleasure midway through the first half. Mclain Roth made the steal and led a counterattack, sending the ball to Jordan Stopka in the left corner. Stopka’s sharp-angle shot hit the boards and the goalkeeper’s foot before being cleared from the goal area.

Mielec tied things up with 8:53 to go when a hustle play left the Byki looking second-best. Open in the corner, a Mielec player laid a diagonal pass back into the penalty area

for an unmarked runner to slam past Meadow.

The score went to 2:1 with 4:25 left. Patient ball movement by Mielec carved up the Byki defense. An open shot in the box hit the post and a Mielec player was first to the ball to knock home the rebound.

“We played a solid first half, despite some breakdowns in the back,” noted coach George Gorecki. “We were in the game all the way.

Early in the second frame, Roth fired a shot from the left corner that the keeper blocked. Stopka, unmarked in front, pounced on the rebound and was astonished when the keeper recovered in time to deflect the second try.

Mielec then broke the game open with three goals in the span of 4:50, all with a man advantage. They showed exceptional patience on the first power play and finally created a 2 v 1 situation on the left flank, setting up a shot from a tough angle to make it 3:1.

Juan Rodriguez was sent to the sin bin a couple of minutes later after a phantom foul. “Juan had his shoulder on the player, and when his fall into the boards created a huge noise, the referee pulled out his blue card,” said Gorecki. The Byki messed up this power play by setting up their defense far too high and a booming shot from distance increased the lead to 4:1.

Meadow then was adjudged to have tripped a Mielec player in the box after having won the ball cleanly with a slide tackle. The referee pointed to the spot and Mielec converted to take a commanding 5:1 lead.

Despite having nine-plus minutes left to engineer a comeback, the tide had shifted so much to the Mielec side that the Byki were struggling just to keep up.

With 2:10 left, the Byki made it 5:2, when Roth wheeled in the deep corner and left the ball for the onrushing Mike Stamatinos. The winger had his mind made up early and his first-time blast left the goalkeeper rooted.

The final minute was a free-for-all, as Mielec netted two goals on counterattacks and Marek Ciszewski completed the scoring right before the final horn.

BYKI LINEUP (1-3-1): Meadow – J. Rodriguez – Stamatinos (c), Mehagic, Roth – Marmo. **Bench:** Champagne, Ciszewski, C. Rodriguez, Stopka, Zachariah.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

0:1 – Mehagic 3; 2:11.
 5:2 – Stamatinos 3 (Roth); 35:50.
 7:3 – Ciszewski 8; 37:59.

Byki Man of the Match: None given

Byki O-30	7	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White Division
RWB Adria	12	The Odeum 13 March 2015

7 not lucky for Byki

Last Friday, the Byki Over 30s did something that no other Over 30 side has been able to accomplish during this indoor season when they scored seven goals against powerhouse RWB Adria. Unfortunately, Adria pumped in a dozen goals of their own, and this was the worst defensive performance of the season for the Byki Over 30s. In the two previous meetings between the teams, Adria prevailed twice, by scores of 10:3 and 9:3.

In the post-game locker room, there was some loud discussion over poor teamwork in the attacking end of the field. Those problems were fairly evident, but to overlook the naïve defending by the Byki would be a massive oversight. Inadequate communication regarding marking assignments left Adria players wide open and in terrific shooting positions. Beleaguered goalkeeper Joe Meadow must have wondered who painted the target on his jersey.

And Adria managed to do all of this with no substitutes on their bench and with an emergency goalie standing in the net. It was a long night for the Byki.

Adria needed just 0:58 to get on the board, converting a Byki turnover in the defensive end into a goal after three quick passes. It went to 2:0 a couple of minutes later when an Adria shot deflected off of Dan Jedrzejowski and squirted between Meadow's legs. By the game's seventh minute, Adria were cruising at 4:0.

Sergio Benavides gave the first response from the Byki with 11:27 left in the first half with a tap-in on the doorstep of the goal. It was the first of four tallies for the Byki striker.

After Adria had netted a couple more, Cyril Zachariah scored his first Over 30 goal for the Byki with 5:27 left. An errant Adria clearance landed at Zachariah's feet and he wasted no time powering the ball into the back of the net.

Adria made it 7:2 at the break when they came fast on a 3 v 2 and waited for the space to open up for a simple finish at the back post.

If nine combined goals in the first half weren't enough, the teams went one better after the break, each finding the target five times.

After Adria had gone up 8:2, it was Benavides in the right spot for his second of the night. Esau Melendez drove a shot on frame from the right wing. The keeper blocked it, leaving a rebound for Benavides. The goalie blocked that one too, but Benavides put the third one away with a nifty header from inside the goal area.

Adria made it 9:3 when a player waited at the boards near midfield for a pass. No Byki were anywhere near him, so he took off and sprinted to goal. No Byki ever got close to him and he easily fired low past Meadow.

The Byki got that one back just 0:26 later. Maciek Kekus

redirected Zachariah's booming attempt from the right side into the net.

The Byki made it 9:5 with 11:31 left when Reggie Champagne held the ball at the top of the penalty arc. He laid off for Zachariah, who twisted his defender inside out and deposited the ball past the goalie.

Two more goals for Adria restored their comfort level at 11:5, but the Byki still had some fight in them. With 6:15 to go, the Byki rushed forward on a counterattack. Kekus played a delicious diagonal ball for Benavides, whose run took him into the deep corner. Seemingly trapped with nowhere to go, Benavides managed to keep possession of the ball and wriggled into enough open space to somehow sneak the ball in from a difficult angle.

With 2:13 left, the Byki caught the tired Adria players on the break. Jedrzejowski intercepted a pass at midfield and sprinted to goal immediately. He found Benavides, who notched his team-leading 11th goal of the season with a neat and clean finish.

BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1): Meadow – Jedrzejowski, Hurley – Kekus (c), Ciszewski – Benavides. **Bench:** Banbor, Champagne, Melendez, Zachariah.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:4 – Benavides 8; 7:33.
2:6 – Zachariah 1; 13:32.
3:8 – Benavides 9; 22:18.
4:9 – Kekus 7 (Zachariah); 23:55.
5:9 – Zachariah 2 (Champagne); 26:29.
6:11 – Benavides 10; 31:45.
7:11 – Benavides 11 (Jedrzejowski); 35:47.

Byki Man of the Match: None given.

Byki Stats

FIRST TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Ciszewski	8	2	10
Marmo	7	3	10
Roth	3	6	9
Mehagic	3	1	4
Rodriguez, C	3	1	4
Rodriguez, B	2	2	4
Sauerman	2	2	4
Stamatinos	3	0	3
Stopka	3	0	3
Flynn	2	1	3
Zudic	2	1	3
Zachariah	1	2	3
Champagne	0	3	3
Rodriguez, J	1	1	2
Meadow	0	1	1
Pineda	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Beard	190	12	2.40
Najera	114	12	4.00
Meadow	266	37	5.29

Current record: 3-1-11

O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Benavides	11	3	14
Kekus	7	6	13
Ciszewski	9	1	10
Champagne	7	3	10
Hurley	2	3	5
Najera	3	0	3
Zachariah	2	1	3
Guzman	1	2	3
Rodriguez, J	1	2	3
Melenderz	0	3	3
Jedrzejowski	0	2	2
Gibbs	0	1	1
Ramirez	0	1	1
Team goals	4	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Najera	114	8	2.67
Meadow	380	66	6.60

Current record: 3-1-9

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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	14	11	2	1	51	29	35	RWB Adria	13	12	0	1	83	27	36
CKS Warta A	14	7	2	5	55	45	23	Chicago Stars	13	7	4	2	50	38	25
Bosnia i Hercegovina	14	7	0	7	57	56	21	Chicago Fire U-23	14	6	2	6	53	44	20
Tricycles SC A	14	4	1	9	37	67	13	SAC Wisla A	13	5	2	6	51	41	17
AAC Winged Bull	14	3	3	8	41	62	12	Berber Stars	13	1	0	12	32	79	3
Lancer SC	14	3	2	9	42	64	11								

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Assyrian FC	15	12	0	3	104	41	36	FC Tryzub	15	12	1	2	95	41	37
CKS Warta B	15	12	0	3	74	42	36	Albania FC	15	10	2	3	94	50	32
Jagiellonia Chicago	15	11	1	3	88	37	34	Stal Mielec	15	9	4	2	70	44	31
SAC Wisla B	15	10	2	3	101	43	32	Gremio FC	15	9	3	3	63	44	30
FC Kosova	15	9	2	4	66	40	29	Dabrovia	15	8	2	5	81	46	26
HNK Primorac	15	9	1	5	61	50	28	Los Chasquis	15	7	2	6	54	57	23
Wisloka Chicago	15	7	2	6	70	56	23	Chicago Dynasty FC	15	6	4	5	53	42	22
Bosnia United	15	7	1	7	67	72	22	Olympiacos Chicago	15	7	1	7	55	43	22
SC Krajina-Chicago	15	3	1	11	33	116	10	FC Goon Squad	15	3	3	9	47	89	12
Stare Byki FC	15	3	1	11	40	61	10	Chicago Blast U-18	15	2	0	13	37	81	6
Chicago Inter Yellow	15	3	0	12	36	85	9	Chicago Inter Blue	15	1	1	13	24	106	4
Tricycles SC B	15	2	0	13	28	86	6	ANCI Niniveh FC	15	1	0	14	32	101	3

PSLC OVER 30 DIVISION

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria	13	12	1	0	101	43	37
Chicago Rangers FC	13	8	1	4	56	65	25
Levski Chicago 2014	13	6	2	5	71	51	20
Torino FC	13	5	2	6	46	53	17
Stare Byki FC	13	3	1	9	47	74	10
Romania SC	13	1	1	11	32	67	4