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INDOOR SEASON WRAP-UP

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Byki 0-35 **5 : 3** OTHG

03-07-13

Byki trudge through indoor finale

By Steven Pedlow

The Over 35 Team finished the second indoor session in the Miro Indoor Soccer League on March 7 with a poor 5:3 win over last-place and winless OTHG, who had their best game of the session against the Byki. The Byki and Celtics White finished the session with identical 3-0-5 records, but the Byki claimed third place in the table, thanks to a goal difference of +2, compared to -16 for the Celtics.

From the outset, it was clear that OTHG would be no match for the Byki. The OTHG attack was too slow to trouble the Byki, and the OTHG goalkeeper clearly lacked the mobility to stop low shots. The Byki controlled possession from the start and jumped out to a big lead quickly. Two minutes into the game, Jim Jacobs moved across the halfway circle and found Brian Huck wide open on the left. Huck's laser shot easily beat the keeper to the far post. One minute later, Ben Zygmunt was in the left corner and got a cross that popped into the box. The cross looped over the OTHG goalkeeper and Kieron Inalsingh was the only person who moved to the ball. Inalsingh tucked it away for a 2:0 lead. With less than eight minutes played, the Byki made it 3:0 when Inalsingh hit a cross from the right side that found Charlie Cohen at the far post. Cohen easily knocked the ball home for his fourth tally of the campaign.

With a three-goal cushion after eight minutes, the game looked likely to end up where the three previous meetings versus OTHG ended up (8:4, 12:4, and 11:5), but the Byki changed their play to selfish mode. Players started taking

ten-minute shifts while hard-working teammates played for four minutes and waited six minutes to get back in. With the players on the field not working for one another, OTHG managed to outscore the Byki the rest of the way.

Only a minute after the Byki went up by three, an OTHG player dribbled down the right sideline and launched a shot that spun away and trickled just inside the post after keeper James Vlahakis had gotten a touch to make it 3:1. The Byki got that one back when pressure by Steven Pedlow caused an OTHG defender to give the ball right to Zygmunt, who tapped the ball home.

One sign of a team that is not working together comes when multiple players walk back while the opponent attacks. OTHG pulled to within 4:2, thanks to this kind of slack defending by the Byki. One dribble against a short-handed defense and a long shot found the far corner of the net. With 13 minutes left, the Byki replied when Inalsingh played a free kick quickly to Eric Muehlbauer, who placed the ball at the far post for a 5:2 lead. With only five minutes left, a Byki defender was double-teamed in the back corner. Rather than put the ball out of play, he made a blind pass to the other side, but his teammate was upfield. An OTHG player got the ball on the end line and passed to an open forward at the far post for a final score of 5:3.

Although it may be understandable that players want to get forward when a team is clearly superior, the selfish play actually resulted in less goals and assists for everyone. The result was never in doubt, but the Byki simply needed to keep playing the way they did for the first eight minutes. The game would not have been close and the Byki would have easily reached double digits. As it was, the lack of goals did not cost the Byki third place, but the lack of natural teamwork was disappointing.

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West Bosnia **8 : 4** Byki

03-15-13

Is it spring yet?

The Byki ended a dismal indoor season on March 15 when they absorbed an 8:4 pasting at the hands of West Bosnia SC. What had started out as a lively battle at both ends deteriorated quickly when West Bosnia reversed a 2:1 deficit into a 4:2 lead at the half. The Byki were swimming upstream the rest of the way, as West Bosnia hammered home four more unanswered goals to put the game to bed. The Byki finished the season at 4-0-12. It was the worst winter showing in the NSL since their 3-3-10 finish in 2009-10.

“Our lack of discipline at the back was our downfall tonight,” lamented coach George Gorecki. “We gave up three goals in the closing minutes of the half because we simply didn’t defend.”

The Byki wasted no time sending a message to the playoff-bound Bosnians that they were not playing out the string in the finale. Marek Ciszewski’s free kick from the right side was blocked, but an alert Daniel Zielinski pounded home the loose ball on the half volley for a 1:0 lead.

The score went level barely two minutes later when the Byki allowed a Bosnian attacker to dribble around unimpeded. He eventually found a shot he liked from the right wing and fired past Amit Khankari.

The Byki needed only 40 seconds to reply, and did so with stylish ball movement. Ciszewski laid a pass off for Zielinski at midfield and Zielinski threaded a delicate pass between two defenders right back to the sprinting Ciszewski. The onrushing goalkeeper did not faze Ciszewski, who calmly poked the ball between his legs for a 2:1 advantage.

Midway through the first half, Mike Stamatinos intercepted a pass at midfield and fired from long range, forcing a tough save from the keeper. Abraham Ruiz tried to put back the rebound the goalkeeper saved that attempt as well.

West Bosnia made it 2:2 with 6:41 left with a power-play score. Khankari saved a long shot attempt and a Bosnian player got his foot to the ball during the ensuing scramble in the box.

Just 1:59 later, the Byki pushed everyone forward and the outcome was unsurprising when West Bosnia cleared the ball to midfield. Khankari left his goal box to challenge the breakaway, but could not thwart the West Bosnia striker, who made it 3:2. Moments later, West Bosnia upped

the lead to 4:2 when a player headed home the rebound of a shot that came off the boards.

The sides traded salvos to start the second half. Bryan de Rama’s free kick from the corner found Todd Trowbridge in front of the net and the keeper came up with a big save to maintain the lead.

Alex Guzman stole the ball in the West Bosnia end of the field and fired immediately, but was denied by the goalpost.

A Byki turnover with 12:18 left became West Bosnia’s fifth goal, a crucial score that gave the Bosnians some breathing room.

With two West Bosnia players receiving time penalties in rapid succession, the Byki had a two-man advantage and an opportunity to get back into the game. Their best chance during that sequence came when Trowbridge’s shot slammed off of the underside of the crossbar. West Bosnia survived that power play and the Byki still were searching for answers.

The endgame was a sloppy mélange of end-to-end play that resulted in a five-goal barrage. Unfortunately for the Byki, they only got two of the goals, making an 8:2 scoreline more respectable at the end. Guzman won a ball in the deep corner with 1:27 to go and squared the ball to Ciszewski for the tap-in. A hustling de Rama stuck his foot into the right spot during a goalmouth scramble to make it 8:4 just before the final whistle.

NSL

Gremio B **5 : 4** Byki

03-08-13

Byki fall short in final minutes

The Byki looked set to win their fifth game of the indoor season on March 8 after having reversed a 3:2 deficit versus Gremio B with two well taken goals in the second half. But they failed to seal the deal, as Gremio struck twice in the final 3:35 to nab a 5:4 win.

“We made some fundamental errors in this game that gifted Gremio some goals,” noted coach George Gorecki. “Despite those errors, we played well enough to win the game. When enough little mistakes pile up, you wind up on the wrong side of the score.”

Gremio broke into the lead after just 1:50 when the Byki froze, anticipating a referee’s whistle for a stoppage. When that didn’t happen, keeper Ray Nejra was powerless to fend off a Gremio shot.

The Byki began to warm to the task a few minutes later. Laz Uriza fired a shot from the deep corner on the

left side, forcing the keeper to parry the ball away and a Gremio defender cleared the loose ball to safety.

Najera made a terrific save with 6:36 left when a Gremio player dribbled free in front of the box. Najera stuck his foot out just in time to block the shot.

The Byki took the lead with 5:08 to go when Ciszewski struck a brilliant through pass from midfield to gut the Gremio defense. Uriza ran onto the ball and was stuffed by the goalie. Uriza chased down the loose ball and slammed it home from close range.

Gremio got a real gift just 0:55 later. A long shot from the wing eluded Najera, slipping through his hands and trickling over the line. "I took my eye off the ball as I thought about where I was going to play it next," said a disconsolate Najera afterwards.

The final seconds of the half were frantic at both ends. With 0:13 left, Koenig played a free kick to Bryan de Rama on the left wing. De Rama's shot ricocheted off of the far upper corner and Gremio immediately came on the counter. They needed every second available before the halftime buzzer, as they found the back of the net for a 3:2 lead.

The Byki regrouped quickly after the break. Daniel Zielinski boomed a powerful shot from the arc in the opening minute, forcing the goalkeeper to punch it away.

With 3:54 gone, Ciszewski deftly curled a free kick from the top of the arc into the upper corner of the goal to level the affair at 3:3.

The Byki regained the lead 5:30 later, following an exquisite sequence of passes that created open space. Uriza sent a pass to Zielinski, who found Todd Trowbridge alone on the right side. With only the keeper to beat, Trowbridge coolly slotted the ball home to make it 4:3.

With Gremio back on their heels, the Byki were in perfect position to put a wrap on things. A foolish turnover in the defensive end forced Amit Khankari into a very tough save. Two weak clearances later, Gremio found a man open in the box, who handily converted from close range.

With all of the air sucked out of the balloon, the Byki had no answers when Gremio came on the break with 1:47 to go and snatched an improbable 5:4 lead.

NSL

Byki **0 : 5** Gremio A

03-01-13

Byki shoot blanks, Gremio feast

Gremio FC's A Team broke open a closely contested match on March 1 with a four-goal blitz in the first 11 minutes of the second half to run away with a 5:0 victory. The Byki proved to be competitive against a playoff-level squad at the outset, but were undone by poor defensive discipline and an inability to maintain consistent possession of the ball.

The Byki were inches away from snatching the lead after just 4:20. Mike Stamatinos found Chris Koenig on the right side and Koenig sent a first-time pass to Lazaro Uriza on the left wing. Uriza fired a shot that went narrowly wide of the post.

Gremio broke thr ice midway through the first half. As the Byki failed to clear the ball away on three occasions, a shot from an unbelievably acute angle beat Jordan Stopka, who was making his first start of the season in the nets.

The Byki made a biod for an equalizer with 5:47 left before the break. Stamatinos played an entry pass for Uriza, who dropped the ball back for Koenig. The keeper was just able to parry Koenig's attempt off to the side.

Gremio played opportunists early in the second frame. The two-man Byki wall repelled a free kick at the arc and then blocked the second attempt as well. A Gremio player controlled the second rebound and fired past a screened Stopka to make it 2:0.

Gremio took firm command of the match with 15:37 left. A Gremio player won the ball in his end of the field, waltzed past two Byki at midfield and zoomed past a third to easily slot past the onrushing Stopka.

The Byki were transformed into practice cones on the fourth Gremio goal. Gremio calmly executed one- and two-touch passes to free a marauding midfielder who raced into the Byki end of the field. When the Byki focused too much attention on the Gremio player, he laid off a simple pass to a supporting teammate to knock the ball home for a 4:0 lead. Gremio went end to end on the play and needed just four touches to slice the Byki to ribbons.

The fifth goal came just 2:04 later. A Gremio player cleared the ball downfield and his teammate played the bounce perfectly, bamboozling Todd Trowbridge, who was trying to mark him, and Stopka, who had come out to challenge. The calm header over Stopka settled into the empty net.

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FIRST TEAM

West Bosnia 8 : 4 Byki

NSL 1st Division - Odeum - 15 March 2013

BYKI LINEUP (2-1-2): Khankari – Trowbridge, Stamatinos (c) – Zielinski – Ruiz, B. Rodriguez. **Bench:** Ciszewski, De Rama, Guzman, Koenig.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

0:1 – Zielinski 9; 1:22.
1:2 – Ciszewski 7 (Zielinski); 4:33.
3:8 – Ciszewski 8 (Guzman); 36:33.
4:8 – De Rama 2; 37:55.

Byki Man of the Match: Marek Ciszewski

OVER 35

Byki 5 : 3 OTHG

Miuro Indoor Soccer League - The Max - 7 March 2013

BYKI LINEUP (2-3-1): Vlahakis – Muehlbauer, Safford – Inalsingh, Jacobs, Zygmunt – Huck. **Bench:** Cohen, Guild, Pedlow.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Huck 3 (Jacobs); 2:09.
2:0 – Inalsingh 7 (Zygmunt); 3:15.
3:0 – Cohen 4 (Inalsingh); 7:35.
4:1 – Zygmunt 1; 14:28.
5:2 – Muehlbauer 2 (Inalsingh); 24:33.

Byki Man of the Match: Kieron Inalsingh

FIRST TEAM

Gremio B 5 : 4 Byki

NSL 1st Division - Odeum - 8 March 2013

BYKI LINEUP (2-1-2): Najera – Trowbridge, Stamatinos (c) – Zielinski – Koenig, B. Rodriguez. **Bench:** Ciszewski, De Rama, Khankari, Ruiz, Soegaard, Uriza.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – Ciszewski 5 (Koenig); 9:27.
1:2 – Uriza 4 (Ciszewski); 13:52.
3:3 – Ciszewski 6; 22:54.
3:4 – Trowbridge 2 (Zielinski); 28:24.

Byki Man of the Match: Marek Ciszewski

FIRST TEAM

Byki 0 : 5 Gremio A

NSL 1st Division - Odeum - 1 March 2013

BYKI LINEUP (2-1-2): Stopka – Redepenning, Stamatinos (c) – Zielinski – Ruiz, B. Rodriguez. **Bench:** De Rama, Guzman, Koenig, Trowbridge, Uriza.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

Byki Man of the Match: Mike Stamatinos

Byki Stats

FIRST TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Ciszewski	8	7	15
Zielinski	9	5	14
Koenig	9	1	10
Rodriguez, B	6	4	10
Uriza	4	4	8
Stopka	5	2	7
Trowbridge	2	4	6
Soegaard	3	1	4
de Rama	2	1	3
Guzman	1	2	3
Mehagic	0	3	3
Stamatinos	0	3	3
Rodriguez, O	2	0	2
Garnon	1	0	1
Ruiz	0	1	1
Team goals	1	x	x

O-35 TEAM, MIRO LEAGUE

Player	G	A	Pts
Daly	13	3	16
Inslasingh	7	4	11
Jacobs	4	3	7
Huck	3	4	7
Cohen	4	1	5
Maruska	3	2	5
Ciszewski	2	2	4
Pedlow	2	2	4
Muehlbauer	2	1	3
Zygmunt	1	2	3
Kotsy	1	1	2
Safford	1	1	2
Fukar	0	1	1
Jedrzejowski	0	1	1

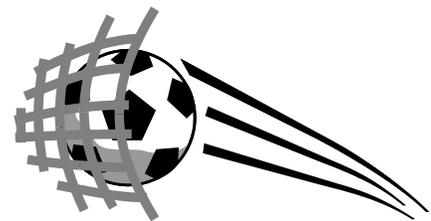
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Fukar	40	5	5.00
Vlahakis	280	36	5.14

Final record: 3-0-5

Final record: 4-0-12



BYKI bits & pieces



The Chicago Fire held their annual Kickoff Luncheon on March 5 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Chicago and the Byki, as usual, were right in the middle of it. The Chicago area was socked by the worst snowstorm of the season, but it hardly dampened enthusiasm at the event, in which the Byki have taken part for the last 14 consecutive years.

The Byki were joined at their table for lunch by defender **Arne Friedrich**, who is in his second year with the club. Arne has enjoyed a stellar professional career, spending most of that time with his home-

George Gorecki. "An event like this provides a tremendous opportunity to learn about soccer and how it's played at its highest levels. Arne took the time to answer all of our questions thoughtfully and in a detailed fashion."

Over 40 players **Eric Muehlbauer** and **Steven Pedlow** joined in the fun at the luncheon. Original Byk **Mark Sokolowski** was also part of the club's contingent, as well as several Byki supporters. All of the photos from the event can be found on the Byki Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Stare-Byki-Football-Club/145395415501646?id=145395415501646&sk=photos_stream



Fire defender Arne Friedrich (3rd from left) shows off his new Byki scarf with George Gorecki, Mark Sokolowski and Eric Muehlbauer.

town club Hertha Berlin. He also has represented Germany 82 times, most recently at the 2010 World Cup in South Africa. Byki Over 40 goalkeeper **James Vlahakis** put a few god words into the right people to ensure that the Byki would be able to enjoy the

pleasure of Arne's company.

"I found Arne to be one of the most engaging and intelligent professional players I have ever encountered," said Byki President

It's a new way to pay! The Byki are introducing a new process for the club's members to pay their fees. In order to streamline the collection of club fees, the Byki will now accept electronic payment. Players who forget their checkbook will no longer have to worry. And there's no need to bring large amounts of cash around either. A quick swipe of a credit card or debit card is all it takes. Once the transaction goes through, the system sends a receipt by text or by e-mail. It's that easy!

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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 A	16	13	1	2	91	42	40	RWB Adria A	16	15	1	0	105	29	46
CKS Warta	16	10	3	3	58	38	33	Chicago Fire U-23	16	8	4	4	57	39	28
KF Tirana	16	9	1	6	46	45	28	FK Kozarac	16	9	1	6	54	40	28
Assyrian FC	16	5	5	6	53	70	20	FK Republika Srpska	16	6	1	9	53	75	19
Tricycles SC A	16	5	2	9	41	64	17	Hellenic United AC	15	3	1	11	35	48	10
B-H Lilies A	15	0	0	15	0	45	0	SAC Wisla	16	2	0	14	33	91	6

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria B	16	14	1	1	99	46	43	Zaglebie SC	16	14	0	2	106	44	42
Khaboor FC	16	11	3	2	69	31	36	West Bosnia SC	16	12	2	2	85	36	38
Gremio FC A	16	12	0	4	89	38	36	Stal Mielec	16	9	2	5	76	45	29
Lancer FC	16	10	3	3	73	44	33	Shlama FC	16	9	1	6	71	53	28
Gremio FC B	16	9	0	7	56	61	27	HNK Primorac	16	8	1	7	60	56	25
Chicago Inter Yellow	16	4	2	10	42	82	14	Tricycles SC B	16	7	0	9	54	67	21
FC Kosova	16	4	1	11	67	107	13	Albanian Stars B	16	3	1	12	53	111	10
Stare Byki FC	16	4	0	12	53	82	12	Chicago Inter Blue	16	2	0	14	31	101	6
Chicago Dynasty FC	16	3	1	12	33	65	10	B-H Lilies B	16	0	0	16	0	48	0

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
LG Celtics Dads Green	8	7	0	1	60	31	21
Tatry FC	8	7	0	1	70	32	21
Stare Byki FC	8	3	0	5	42	40	9
LG Celtics Dads White	8	3	0	5	44	60	9
OTHG	8	0	0	8	23	71	0