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Inter Blue	3	The Odeum 2 December 2016

Byki stumble in indoor opener

The Byki started the winter season last Friday with a revamped roster and promptly went down in defeat to Chicago Inter Blue by a 3:2 scoreline. The Byki had played well enough in the first half, but a nine-man squad could not overcome in-game injuries and a hot Inter goalie.

Coach George Gorecki leads a team that is a lot older than the group who played outdoors in the NSL, but he didn't seem concerned that seven of his players normally play in the Byki Over 30 or Over 40 Teams. "We have a good group because there's a lot of experience," he said. "Combine that with our young talent, we should expect to play competitively every week."

The right level of competitiveness was there for at least part of the game versus Inter, but the Byki could not maintain their tactical discipline amid a flurry of Inter counterattacks after intermission.

Inter got on the board first at the 4:48 mark. They tried to beat the Byki on the break, and the Byki seemed to have things neutralized, with three men behind the ball. A long shot from the left wing found the post, beating the sprawled Ray Najera.

The Byki needed only a couple of minutes to reply. They charged forward on a 3 v 2 counterattack. Kyler Mowry dribbled right up the middle to unbalance the Inter defense and laid off for Bryan de Rama on the right flank. His hard shot from distance gave the keeper no chance, leveling the contest at 1:1.

The Byki were at their best when they controlled the tempo with a quick-passing approach. They easily managed their pace, despite a bench that had just three substitutes dressed, and kept Inter in chase mode.

Roman Kramarz, the initiator of so many of the slick passing sequences, could hardly believe his good fortune midway through the first half when he stepped into a weak Inter pass in their defensive third of the field. He fired on goal and the keeper, positioned high in his box, lunged to make the grab.

The Byki snatched the lead with 8:06 left. Najera's kick save ignited a counterattack, punctuated by an excellent diagonal pass from Kramarz that found Amit Khankari unmarked in the Inter penalty area. Khankari drilled the bouncing ball into the back of the net to make it 2:1.

Momentum surged for the Byki, who came at Inter's goal in waves. Mowry's long pass found Ben Rodriguez in the left corner. The goalie saved his attempt, and then went one better when he blunted Kramarz on the rebound.

The Byki lost their concentration at a crucial moment in the final seconds of the first half. Inter hurried forward in a 2 v 2 situation and a big blast into the upper 90 of Najera's goal sent the teams deadlocked at 2:2 going into halftime.

The match took an unfortunate turn early in the second half, when Najera landed awkwardly after jumping to snare a ball off the back boards and rolled his ankle. With Najera unable to continue, Khankari was called into emergency duty between the sticks. Despite his lack of preparation, Khankari shifted into goalkeeper mode immediately and made several key stops in his 14 minutes of action.

Moments after Alan Stevens saved the day when he cleared a shot off the line following an Inter counterattack, Inter moved back into the lead with 12:18 left in the match. A long free kick from just inside the defensive line ticked the inside of the far post, an impossible shot for Khankari to save.

The counterattacks kept piling up for Inter, as the Byki lost control of the tempo of the match. Being able to keep pace with a youthful opponent with three substitutes is one thing, but Najera's injury left the Byki with just two players on the bench.

Khankari, however, came up big on three occasions, thwarting 100% chances on each occasion. He kept his team

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in the game and opened the door for Byki attackers to find an equalizer.

The Byki were unable to walk through that door, as Inter's goalkeeper was no less stunning than Khankari in crucial moments. His best save came with 8:46 left, when Rodriguez pounced on a rebound off of the back boards at the top of the area. He picked his spot, and even made the goalkeeper dive the wrong way. Somehow, Inter's netminder blocked an attempt going to his right, even though he was diving to his left.

Gorecki made his second goalkeeper change of the match for the final 1:54, sending in Stevens as a sixth attacker. The Byki kept hovering around Inter's goal, but could not create the breakthrough for a second equalizer.

"I'm somewhat pleased with how we played," commented Gorecki afterwards. "Our attendance at pre-season training has not been great and I didn't expect miracles with a short bench tonight. But we played a very good first half and showed some smart soccer brains. We just couldn't sustain that for the duration. If this is the worst game we play this season, it will be a pretty good season for us."

BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1): Najera – Mowry, Mehagic – Kramarz, De Rama – Kekus. **Bench:** Khankari, Rodriguez, Stevens.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – De Rama 1 (Mowry); 8:19.
2:1 – Khankari 1 (Kramarz); 10:54.

Byki Men of the Match: Amit Khankari and Kyler Mowry

Byki Stats

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Player	G	A	Pts
De Rama	1	0	1
Khankari	1	0	1
Kramarz	0	1	1
Mowry	0	1	1

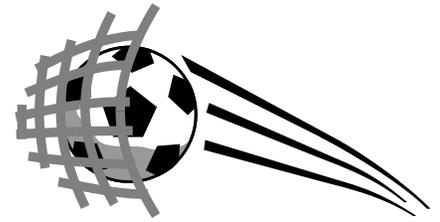
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Stevens	2	0	0.00
Khankari	14	1	2.71
Najera	22	2	3.45

Current record: 0-0-1

Weekly training
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16
8.00 PM
The Sports Hub
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BYKI bits & pieces



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How much does it cost to play?

Ticket donation is \$25 and the ticket is valid for all 17 weeks of the NFL season and playoffs up until the Super Bowl.

How do you win?

There are two ways to win. You win if the two teams listed for a given week combine to score the highest number of points that weekend in the NFL. You also win if the two teams listed for a given week combine to score the lowest number of points that weekend in the NFL.

How much do you win?

For the regular season, you win \$50 if your teams combine to score the highest number of points that week, and \$25 if they combine to score the lowest number of points. For the three weeks of the playoffs, the payouts rise to \$150 and \$75, respectively. A drawing for four cash prizes will be held during the lead-up to the Super Bowl. All tickets are eligible for this drawing.

What happens if a team is on a bye week?

Both teams listed on a ticket for a given week must play that week for the ticket to be valid. The same situation applies for the playoffs; if one or both teams listed for the playoff weeks are not in the playoffs, then the ticket is not valid for that week.

Will I be playing the same two teams every week?

No. The pairs of teams are selected at random. You have to check your ticket every week to see which teams are involved for that week.

Do the teams listed in a given week have to play one another in order to win?

No. In fact, it is highly unlikely that the teams listed will be playing one another. The only thing that counts is how many points are scored by the teams listed in their respective games.

What if someone else has the same teams that I do? Do we both win?

Every ticket is unique, so no other player has your two teams for a given week. There are a total of 496 tickets in play and the approximate odds of winning some kind of prize are 1 in 9.

What if there is more than one winning ticket?

If there is more than one winning ticket in a given week, the prize money will be split equally among the winners.

How do I know if I won?

All winners will be notified via email or phone, so it is important to ensure that you correctly fill out the details on the ticket stub. Details of prize winners will also be posted on this website.

Prize Summary

\$50 - Regular season week, high score
\$25 - Regular season week, low score

\$150 - Playoff week, high score
\$75 - Playoff week, low score

\$500 - Cash drawing #1
\$250 - Cash drawing #2
\$125 - Cash drawing #3
\$125 - Cash drawing #4

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CHAMPIONS DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Albanian Stars	1	1	0	0	6	2	3
Vikings AA	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Deportivo Guerrero	1	1	0	0	6	4	3
CKS Warta	1	1	0	0	4	3	3
SAC Wisla A	1	0	0	1	3	4	0
Czarny Dunajec	1	0	0	1	4	6	0
Real Michoacan	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
Bosnia-Herzegovina A	1	0	0	1	2	6	0

MAJOR DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
SAC Wisla B	1	1	0	0	10	0	3
AAC Winged Bull	1	1	0	0	7	3	3
SC Unia Chicago	1	1	0	0	7	4	3
FC Tryzub	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Jagiellonia	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Albania FC	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Berber Stars	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Urahan FC	1	0	0	1	4	7	0
Stal Mielec	1	0	0	1	3	7	0
HDS Eagles	1	0	0	1	0	10	0

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Kosova	1	1	0	0	11	3	3	Chicago Dynasty FC	1	1	0	0	15	1	3
Chicago Inter Blue	1	1	0	0	3	2	3	Chicago Blast	1	1	0	0	9	3	3
FC United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	HNK Primorac	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vikings AA over 30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Matahual FC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stare Byki FC	1	0	0	1	2	3	0	SAC Wisla C	1	0	0	1	3	9	0
Bosnia-Herzegovina B	1	0	0	1	3	11	0	Chicago Inter Yellow	1	0	0	1	1	15	0