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CHAMPIONS**

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Byki take Cows to the cleaners

The Byki returned to action last Friday, as the National Soccer League started up the 2015-16 indoor competition. Given the large number of players in the Byki player pool, the club elected to organize two teams to compete in the NSL's 2nd Division. It was only the second time that the Byki have sent two teams to compete indoors in the NSL's Senior competition since joining the League in 1996.

The A Team fared well in their opening tilt, thrashing newcomers Cows Cleaning by a 4:1 scoreline. Cristian Rodriguez led the way with a goal and an assist, while Kuba Banbor contributed two assists. The outcome was tinged with a bittersweet aftertaste, however, after Bryan de Rama was sent off following a tussle with a Cows player with 0:50 left in the contest.

As usual, the roster is a blend of veteran players and newcomers. Many of the players who were part of the successful 2015 outdoor campaign, which saw the Byki fall just short of promotion to the Major Division, have opted out for the winter. The squad still has plenty of quality, however, and will have an interesting journey to see whether they can climb out of the 2nd Division in the winter season.

The Cows team were full of older players whose pace was obviously a step behind what is needed to compete in the NSL. Although they provided a few moments of attacking ingenuity in the first half, the Cows resembled bovines plodding around a pasture for much of the second half.

The Byki controlled the tempo from the outset and had their first breakthrough in the eighth minute. De Rama played a free kick from the Cows penalty arc to JD Joiner, who shot immediately. The keeper blocked his attempt and then pounced on Joiner's follow-up.

The Byki took command moments later, banging home two goals in the space of 1:06. De Rama led a counterattack, finding Banbor, who laid off a pass for Adrian Borta. The midfielder punctuated his Byki debut by slamming the ball into the back of the net.

Banbor was at it again, as he shielded the ball from a

Cows defender while waiting for help. He dropped a pass back for Cristian Rodriguez, who made no mistake with a powerful shot from the top of the box.

With the Cows reeling, the Byki had an opportunity to take them out of the game completely. Instead, they seemed to relax a bit and the Cows began finding cracks in the Byki defense. A flurry with four minutes left gave the Cows new hope. Goalkeeper Pete Chronowski stopped an open shot from the wing with a terrific kick save. The Cows kept the ball alive and a blast from the arc gave Chronowski no chance, making it 2:1.

Chronowski made a key intervention with 1:57 left, coming up with a sprawling save to snuff a 2 v 1 situation.

In the second half, however, the Byki could hardly hear a moo out of the depleted Cows. Just 3:05 after the break, the Byki were inches away from regaining their two-goal edge. Alen Mehagic cleared the ball from midfield to Banbor in the deep right corner. Banbor's off-balance pass attempt off the boards left the keeper rooted and provided Marek Ciszewski an open shot in the middle of the box. Ciszewski saw his first-timer clang off the crossbar.

But it was only a matter of time for the Byki. Joiner lined up to take a free kick at the corner of the Cows penalty area and deftly slid a pass behind the three-man wall to Juan Rodriguez. The Byki elder statesman was left unmarked in the area and he handily pinged the ball past the goalie for a 3:1 lead with 12:48 to go.

The Byki put the result beyond any doubt with 7:10 left. Ben Rodriguez ignited the play when he won a 50/50 ball in midfield. He quickly played the ball upfield to Cristian Rodriguez. Ben kept running into space and Cristian rewarded him with a return ball. The diminutive Rodriguez fired from the right wing, nailing an inch-perfect shot just inside the far post.

The Cows were a beaten team by this point and both teams

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knew it. But the pot boiled over in the final minute when de Rama and a Cows player fought for possession near the boards to the left of the Byki goal. The battle turned serious when the Cows player applied a choke hold from behind on de Rama, who lashed out to free himself, slapping the Cows player in the head. The referee showed de Rama a red card, but did not sanction the Cows player who was choking de Rama. Neither official took any action against the Cows substitutes, who stormed from the bench to join the fray. The NSL have not yet announced de Rama's punishment.

"The ending wasn't something to remember," said coach George Gorecki. "But it does not take away from a fine performance from our team. For long stretches, we totally bossed the midfield and we made the Cows like it. When we get on a roll, this will be a lot of fun."

BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1): Chronowski – J. Rodriguez, Stamatinos (c) – Joiner, De Rama – Ciszewski. **Bench:** Banbor, Borta, Mehagic, B. Rodriguez, C. Rodriguez.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

0:1 – Borta 1 (Banbor); 8:26.

0:2 – C. Rodriguez 1 (Banbor); 9:32.

1:3 – J. Rodriguez 1 (Joiner); 25:12.

1:4 – B. Rodriguez 1 (C. Rodriguez); 30:50.

Byki Man of the Match: Ben Rodriguez.

Stare Byki B	1	National Soccer League 2nd Division
Inter Blue	2	The Odeum 4 December 2015

Luckless Byki drop opener

The newly formed Byki B Team came out of the gate trying to find an identity last Friday and wound up on the wrong end of a 2:1 scoreline versus Chicago Inter Blue. The contest featured quite a bit of errant shooting from both sides and Inter should consider themselves a bit lucky to grab all three points.

The Byki had intended to form an Over 30 Team this winter and continue playing in the PSLC competition, as they did last year. But a lack of committed players from the Byki, coupled with a lack of committed teams in the PSLC sank the idea of an Over 30 Division. With a sizeable number of Over 30s in the mix at training and a surplus of younger players, the Byki combined youth and experience to form a second team to play in the NSL's 2nd Division. Mike Stamatinos and Steven Pedlow (as player-coach) are in charge of this group.

As is the case with any Byki B Team, there are always new players that need to be blended in with the core of the team. This side is no different and last Friday's action underscores that it will take some time for everyone to start pulling from the same rope. Fortunately, many of these

players are frequent attendees at training, so the process of getting acclimated should ramp up quickly.

A listless first half produced just one decent scoring chance. With 2:44 to go, Alan Stevens controlled the ball in midfield and cleared it to Lukas Chudyba, who had slipped behind the Inter defense. The goalkeeper made an impressive save to deny Chudyba.

Newcomer Andrei Balog wasted no time to challenge the Inter keeper when he took the ball from the second-half kickoff and went straight to goal. The keeper did well to fend off Balog's blast just seconds into the second frame.

Inter grabbed the lead at the 4:37 mark when the Byki defense were flat-footed in front of goalie Amit Khankari. A shot from the right wing ricocheted to open player in the middle, who redirected the ball past Khankari.

The Byki increased their effort and started knocking on the door of the Inter goal. With 12:57 left, Chudyba fired a side volley from the top of the arc, only to see the crossbar get in the way of his shot.

Moments later, Sergio Torres dribbled past his man on the left flank and drilled a shot on frame, blocked by the goalie.

The Byki went on level terms midway through the second half. The Byki worked hard to maintain possession in the Inter end of the field. Juan-Carlos Carrillo and Brian Boeckeler combined to win the ball on the right wing. Boeckeler played the ball inside for Pedlow, who was unmarked in the area. Pedlow turned immediately and tucked the ball just inside the post past a baffled netminder.

Both teams plugged away trying to find a winner. Khankari made several sparkling saves in the late going to keep his team in the hunt. At the other end, the Byki nearly found their winner with 4:45 to go. Tony Sabo led a 3 v 2 counterattack. He had nothing but a goal on his mind when he reached the Inter defensive line and crushed a shot that the goalkeeper managed to block.

In the final minutes, the Byki had to defend a penalty after receiving a blue card for too many men on the field. A botched substitution was the cause of the violation, a situation born from a lack of communication between teammates. Inter took full advantage, blasting a free kick that deflected off of Chudyba's leg, sending Khankari the wrong way. If it weren't for bad luck, the Byki might not have any luck at all.

"We were well-organized in the first half," noted Pedlow. "We were less organized in the second half, although we played much better."

BYKI LINEUP (2-2-1): Khankari – Stevens, Boeckeler – Lapa, Torres – Balog. **Bench:** Carrillo, Chudyba, Pedlow, Sabo.

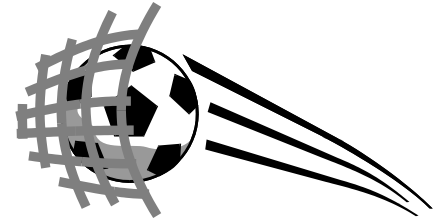
BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:1 – Pedlow 1 (Boeckeler); 28:41.

Byki Man of the Match: None given.



BYKI bits & pieces



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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.

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\$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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MAJOR DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
PSL Select	1	1	0	0	5	2	3	CKS Warta Blue	1	1	0	0	10	2	3
Albanian Stars	1	1	0	0	3	1	3	Berber Stars	1	1	0	0	8	4	3
Chicago Stars	1	1	0	0	3	1	3	SAC Wisla A	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Bosnia-Hercegovina A	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	FC Tryzub	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
CKS Warta Red	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	AAC Winged Bull A	1	0	0	1	4	8	0
Tricycles SC A	1	0	0	1	2	5	0	Chicago Fire U-23	1	0	0	1	2	10	0

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
HNK Primorac	1	1	0	0	7	3	3	CKS Warta White	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
Wisloka	1	1	0	0	5	3	3	AAC Winged Bull B	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Albania FC	1	1	0	0	4	2	3	SAC Wisla B	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Dabrovia	1	0	0	1	3	5	0	FC Kosova	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
Jagiellonia	1	0	0	1	2	4	0	Olympiacos Chicago	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
TSC	1	0	0	1	3	7	0	Stal Mielec	1	0	0	1	1	3	0

SECOND DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Urahan FC	1	1	0	0	10	1	3	Los Chasquis	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Stare Byki FC A	1	1	0	0	4	1	3	Chicago Inter Yellow	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Bosnia-Hercegovina B	1	1	0	0	4	3	3	Torino FC	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Chicago Inter Blue	1	1	0	0	2	1	3	Tricycles SC B	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Villans U-18	1	0	0	1	3	4	0	Chicago Dynasty FC	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Cows Cleaning	1	0	0	1	1	4	0	Stare Byki FC B	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
AAC Winged Bull C	1	0	0	1	1	10	0	Chicago Blast	1	0	0	1	1	4	0