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Stare Byki A	4	National Soccer League 2nd Division
Tricycles B	3	The Odeum 11 December 2015

Byki withstand Tricycles comeback

The Byki raced out to a 4:0 lead over Tricycles B last Friday and looked set to deposit the three points in the bank. Then, the bottom fell out midway through the second half and the Tricycles put three goals on the board to make a game of it. The Byki managed to hang on for their second victory in as many matches, but did they learn any lessons from nearly blowing a four-goal lead?

“Our soccer IQ was at a very high level in that first half,” noted coach George Gorecki. “We have to find a way to sustain that up until the final whistle.”

The Tricycles brought a roster of older, experienced players to The Odeum last Friday. But in contrast to Cows Cleaning, a group of oldsters whom the Byki beat up in Week 1, the Tricycles displayed the value of deep experience of a veteran group, many of whom have been teammates for decades.

The match was played at torrid pace at the start, as the Tricycles tried to apply high pressure to the Byki. They backed off of that tactic later in the first half, as rapid ball movement by the Byki set the tone.

With eight minutes gone, the Byki carved out the first chance of the game. Marek Ciszewski turned his defender at midfield and threaded a pass into space for Joe Sauerman, who had sprinted past the last Tricycle. Sauerman came in alone and was thwarted by a massive save from the goalkeeper.

The Byki took the lead just 0:36 later. Mike Stamatinos banked a pass off the back boards for Kuba Banbor, who was unmarked in the box. The midfielder made no mistake, slamming his shot into the back of the net.

Alen Mehagic nearly opened his account with 8:15 left when he launched a bomb from the Tricycles defensive line. His shot clanged off the goalpost. The Byki maintained possession, however, and Ben Rodriguez slipped a pass to JD Joiner. He shielded the ball from a defender and then sprinted towards the right side of the penalty area, drilling the ball past the keeper for a 2:0 lead.

The Byki kept the train rolling to start the second half,

upping their advantage to 3:0 after just 0:39. They worked a dazzling seven-pass, counterattacking sequence that left the ball in the deep right-wing corner. Banbor sent a pass off the boards to Borta, camping out at the top of the goal area. With a defender draped all over him, Borta managed to slide the ball to Juan Rodriguez, who tapped it home from close range.

The Tricycles responded with a sustained flurry two minutes later. Goalie Pete Chronowski came up with a terrific save and the Byki defense had to block two shots before finally clearing the ball away.

With 12:58 to go, Joiner, turned past his marker and sprinted in alone on goal. The keeper stuck out a leg to block the shot, and Banbor’s follow-up crashed off the glass above the crossbar.

The Byki struck on the counter with 10:58 left in a bit of sensational teamwork. Ben Rodriguez led a 3 v 2 situation and sent Sauerman to the right corner. Sauerman read the play beautifully, zinging a square ball across the face of goal, where the supporting Ciszewski banged it home at the left post to make it 4:0.

That should have put the result to bed, but the hard-working Tricycles had other ideas. They took full advantage of Byki sloppiness to quickly halve the deficit to 4:2 midway through the second frame. The Byki gave the ball away twice in their own end to set up the first goal, and then inexplicably backed off when the Tricycles came forward and a long-range shot beat Chronowski.

The Byki finally righted the ship and took better care of their defensive assignments, until 2:48 remained and the Tricycles pulled to within 4:3. The Tricycles played a free kick from the right side towards the top of the box, where an unmarked player waltzed in from midfield and crushed a shot that left Chronowski helpless.

The Tricycles went to a six-attacker formation for the final two minutes, but could not engineer an equalizer.

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The Byki were poised to register a dominant victory and saw what can happen when you fail to step on an opponents' throat.

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

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Banbor 1 (Stamatinos); 8:35.
 2:0 – Joiner 1 (B. Rodriguez); 11:02.
 3:0 – J. Rodriguez 1 (Borta); 19:39.
 4:0 – Ciszewski 1 (Sauerman); 27:02.

Byki Man of the Match: Joe Sauerman

Bosnia B	7	National Soccer League 2nd Division
Stare Byki B	2	The Odeum 11 December 2015

Dominant Bosnia too much for Byki

Bosnia-Herzegovina's B Team taught the Byki B Team a valuable lesson about ball possession last Friday. Whether the Byki heed that message is another matter. The Bosnians broke open a scoreless deadlock with a pair of late goals in the first half and then raced off to a comfortable 7:2 victory.

With only a couple of substitutes available, the Bosnians fully embraced the notion of "letting the ball do the work." They consistently found spaces in the Byki defense and also exploited Byki errors to the fullest.

For the Byki, they struggled to find cohesion between teammates. When one player held the ball too long, the run into space by a teammate was wasted. And players extending their shifts didn't help either. As the Byki labored, the ball never seemed to get tired.

The sides played mostly on level terms for long stretches of the first half. Goalkeeper Amit Khankari was called upon to thwart a 2 v 2 counter by the Bosnians and was in perfect position.

The Bosnians broke through with 2:45 left before the break. A long shot hammered off of the underside of the crossbar and bounced behind the goal line before coming back out. The Byki questioned whether either official was in proper position to see the ball cross the line. Despite any positioning issues, the decision was the correct one.

The Byki disappointingly fell asleep with just 0:36 to go. The Bosnians worked the ball patiently and drove the ball off of the back boards. A striker pounded the ball past Khankari as Byki defenders stood rooted on the ricochet.

The score went to 4:0 within the first seven minutes of the second half. The Byki

were slow to react to a counterattack and an open Bosnian player on the left wing fired away to make it 3:0. A couple of minutes later, a weak Byki clearance was transformed into the fourth Bosnian goal.

With 11:42 left, the Byki worked a 3 v 2 situation, with Lukas Chudyba sending a pass off the back boards. The ball found Reggie Champagne on the other side of the Bosnian penalty area. Bosnia's goalkeeper came up with a massive save to deny Champagne from close range.

The Bosnians took complete control with a pair of goals 0:48 apart. A smart header from a rebound off of the upper glass above the Byki goal found pay dirt, and then a long bomb increased the margin to a gaudy 6:0. The Bosnians added a seventh tally with 2:53 left.

The Byki kept on working and spoiled the shutout bid with a pair of well-taken goals in the final minutes of the contest. Champagne engineered the first goal when he gained control in the deep right corner and played a pass off the back boards for striker Andrei Balog on the doorstep of the goal. The keeper blocked Balog's attempt, but was powerless on the rebound, as Balog tucked away his first Byki goal.

Balog then played provider for Tony Sabo, who broke past the last Bosnian defender dribbled in alone on the goalkeeper in the dying seconds. Sabo coolly slid the ball underneath the onrushing netminder for the final tally.

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

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

7:1 – Balog 1 (Champagne); 35:37.
 7:2 – Sabo 1 (Balog); 37:56.

Byki Man of the Match: None given.

Byki Stats

A TEAM, NSL 2nd DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Rodriguez, C	2	1	3
Banbor	1	2	3
Borta	1	1	2
Joiner	1	1	2
Rodriguez, B	1	1	2
Ciszewski	1	0	1
Rodriguez, J	1	0	1
Sauerman	0	1	1
Stamatinos	0	1	1

B TEAM, NSL 2nd DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Balog	1	1	2
Pedlow	1	0	1
Sabo	1	0	1
Boeckeler	0	1	1
Champagne	0	1	1

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Khankari	76	9	4.50

Current record: 0-0-2

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Chronowski	76	4	2.00

Current record: 2-0-0

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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	2	2	0	0	8	5	6	CKS Warta Blue	2	2	0	0	17	5	6
Chicago Stars	2	2	0	0	7	4	6	SAC Wisla A	2	2	0	0	9	3	6
PSL Select	2	1	0	1	9	7	3	Berber Stars	2	1	0	1	11	11	3
CKS Warta Red	2	1	0	1	7	6	3	Chicago Fire U-23	2	1	0	1	3	10	3
Bosnia-Hercegovina A	2	0	0	2	4	7	0	FC Tryzub	2	0	0	2	1	3	0
Tricycles SC A	2	0	0	2	5	11	0	AAC Winged Bull A	2	0	0	2	6	15	0

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Albania FC	2	2	0	0	12	5	6	CKS Warta White	2	2	0	0	9	5	6
Wisloka	2	2	0	0	8	5	6	FC Kosova	2	1	0	1	8	6	3
HNK Primorac	2	1	0	1	9	6	3	Olympiacos Chicago	2	1	0	1	6	5	3
Jagiellonia	2	0	1	1	8	10	1	SAC Wisla B	2	1	0	1	6	6	3
TSC	2	0	1	1	9	13	1	AAC Winged Bull B	2	1	0	1	5	6	3
Dabrovia	2	0	0	2	6	13	0	Stal Mielec	2	0	0	2	3	9	0

SECOND DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Urahan FC	2	2	0	0	20	2	6	Los Chasquis	2	2	0	0	8	4	6
Bosnia-Hercegovina B	2	2	0	0	11	5	6	Chicago Inter Yellow	2	1	1	0	5	4	4
Stare Byki FC A	2	2	0	0	8	4	6	Chicago Blast	2	1	0	1	6	6	3
Chicago Inter Blue	2	2	0	0	6	3	6	Torino FC	2	0	1	1	4	5	1
Villans U-18	2	0	1	1	6	7	1	Tricycles SC B	2	0	1	1	4	5	1
AAC Winged Bull C	2	0	0	2	3	14	0	Chicago Dynasty FC	2	0	0	2	3	7	0
Cows Cleaning	2	0	0	2	2	14	0	Stare Byki FC B	2	0	0	2	3	9	0