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NSL

Zaglebie **8 : 4** Byki

12-14-12

Byki get buried early

The late-arriving Byki paid the price last Friday when NSL playoff contenders Zaglebie SC administered an 8:4 pasting. Zaglebie raced out to a 6:1 lead at the break and that was all they needed to secure the points. The Byki turned around their fortunes in the second half and got back to within 6:3 at one point, but the problems that they created in the first half were simply too much to overcome against a tough opponent like Zaglebie.

Zaglebie needed barely ten minutes to build an insurmountable 5:0 cushion, as defensive errors abounded in the Byki end of the field. Just 1:30 into the contest, the flat-footed Byki stood around and watched Zaglebie pound three consecutive shots around the goal. When the Byki failed to clear the ball, a Zaglebie player dribbled free on the left side and blasted home for a 1:0 lead.

With 5:21 gone, sloppy play from the Byki resulted in a turnover. Laz Uriza tried to make a saving tackle along the left-side boards, but was unable to win the ball. Zaglebie worked a slick 2 v 1 to stick the ball home. Just 0:43 later, Zaglebie parlayed another Byki turnover into a goal and the Byki were reeling at 3:0.

Zaglebie upped their lead to 4:0 when a booming free kick from the defensive line gave goalie Amit Khankari no chance. Moments later, the Byki were caught standing and watching as Zaglebie played the ball out of the back. A long pass left a Zaglebie player facing a 2 v 3, but that was no problem, as he threaded a pass to a teammate and the passive Byki watched the ball go past for a 5:0 deficit.

The Byki finally pulled one back at the 11:43 mark. Uriza fired a free kick towards the Zaglebie goal and the ball rattled around the boards before being cleared to Mike Stamatinos, who let loose from long range. The ball caromed off the boards to Jordan Stopka at the top of the box. Stopka fired a shot off the boards and was in perfect

position for the rebound, which he buried for his fifth goal of the season.

Another careless Byki turnover in the defensive end set up Zaglebie's sixth goal, a long bomb that Khankari could not reach.

Coach Joe Gambino had some harsh words for his team at the break and the players responded with a bright turnaround in the second half. Making up for a plethora of mental and technical errors was always going to be a tough task, but the Byki showed that they were not dead and buried.

Early in the second half, Bryan de Rama knocked the ball over to Ben Rodriguez, who slipped it to Daniel Zielinski. The midfielder fired immediately and a fortuitous deflection put his shot out of the goalkeeper's reach.

A few minutes later, a long drive from Stefan Soegaard ricocheted off of the glass above the bar. Stopka was in the right spot to float a delicate header into the box for Zielinski, who deftly struck a first-time shot for his second tally of the night.

With 9:08 to go, the Byki gave the ball away at midfield, igniting a 3 v 1 counterattack for Zaglebie. The Byki helped the play by subbing players at the worst possible moment, leaving keeper Ray Najera completely stranded.

The Byki pulled to within 7:4 with 1:46 left. After a nice spell of possession along the right side, the hardworking Ohad Garnon sent the ball to Zielinski, who spotted Ben Rodriguez making the run into the middle of the box. Rodriguez took the simple square pass and slotted home for his first Byki goal.

BYKI LINEUP (2-1-2): Khankari – Garnon, Stamatinos (c) – Zielinski – Mehagic, Stopka. **Bench:** De Rama, Guzman, Najera, B. Rodriguez, O. Rodriguez, Soegaard, Uriza.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

5:1 – Stopka 5; 11:43.
6:2 – Zielinski 4 (B. Rodriguez); 21:34.
6:3 – Zielinski 5 (Stopka); 26:13.
7:4 – B. Rodriguez 1 (Zielinski); 36:14.

Byki Man of the Match: Daniel Zielinski

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL BYKI PLAYERS AND FANS!

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LG Green **2 : 7** Byki 0-35

12-13-12

Ragged Byki fail to keep pace

The Over 35 Team lost their second match in a row on December 20 when they dropped a disappointing 5:3 decision to LG Celtics Dads Green. Marek Ciszewski's sixth hat trick in seven matches in the Miro Indoor Soccer League went wasted, as the Celtics have now moved three points ahead of the Byki in the table.

After grabbing an early lead, the Byki watched the Celtics hit back for four unanswered goals. Although the Byki tried to mount a comeback in the last ten minutes of the contest, they simply did not have enough gas left in the tank to pull it off.

The Byki broke out on top in the game's third minute. Charlie Cohen served up a cross from the left corner, finding Ciszewski on the right side of the box with a perfect pass. Ciszewski knows what to do with this kind of chance and bagged his 17th goal of the season.

The lead didn't last long. Just 33 seconds later, a Celtics player beat two Byki to a ball at midfield and streaked in for a shot to the left side of the goal to level the affair at 1:1.

The Celtics went ahead in the 14:45 mark when they ran a 3 v 2 counterattack with precision. The play started on the right wing, where a Celtics player spotted a teammate open on the left. A Celtics player in the center allowed the ball to dummy through his legs and the man on the left converted for a 2:1 advantage.

Byki finishing was substandard and the poor accuracy proved costly in the end. Ciszewski and Alex Maruska were each the recipients of clever through passes, but could not find the back of the net.

The Celtics grabbed command of the match with a pair of goals 2:05 apart, as they took advantage of openings that they created in the Byki defense.

Down by three, the Byki tried to engineer a comeback. With 7:50 left. Tony Kotsy fed Ciszewski with a nice pass, finding him near the byline. Ciszewski worked it to the goal and chipped the ball past the keeper to make it 4:2.

The Byki pulled to within 4:3 with 5:20 to go. Cohen sent in another beautiful cross, finding Ciszewski on the left side. Ciszewski's

header gave the goalie no chance and the Byki thought that they might be back in business at 4:3.

The Celtics got the goal to secure the points with 1:27 to go. With the Byki pressing the issue, the ball went beyond the touchline in the Byki half of the field. The referee gave confusing instructions regarding which team had possession, verbally indicating possession for the Byki, but pointing for Celtics possession. By the time he corrected himself and gave the ball to the Celtics, the Byki who had moved into the attacking half of the field were now hopelessly out of position as the Celtics quickly moved the ball into shooting position and an unassailable 5:3 lead.

Eric Muehlbauer contributed to this story.

BYKI LINEUP (2-3-1): Vlahakis – Cohen, Safford – Maruska, Mitrega, Zygmunt – Ciszewski. **Bench:** Kotsy, Muehlbauer.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

0:1 – Ciszewski 17 (Cohen); 2:30.

4:2 – Ciszewski 18 (Kotsy); 32:10.

4:3 – Ciszewski 19 (Cohen); 34:40.

Byki Men of the Match: Marek Ciszewski and Charlie Cohen

Byki Stats

FIRST TEAM, NSL 1st DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Zielinski	5	2	7
Stopka	5	1	6
Ciszewski	3	2	5
Rodriguez, B	1	2	3
Mehagic	0	3	3
Rodriguez, O	2	0	2
Stamatinos	0	1	1
Uriza	0	1	1
Team goals	1	x	x

Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Najera	76	7	3.50
Khankari	76	15	7.50

Current record: 1-0-3

O-35 TEAM, MIRO LEAGUE

Player	G	A	Pts
Ciszewski	19	3	22
Mitrega	5	2	7
Maruska	4	3	7
Pedlow	3	2	5
Cohen	0	4	4
Daly	1	2	3
Elmkinssi	1	2	3
Zygmunt	1	2	3
Jedrzejewski	0	3	3
Nelson	2	0	2
Jacobs	1	1	2
Muehlbauer	1	1	2
Huck	0	2	2
Vlahakis	0	2	2
Safford	1	0	1
Weslar	1	0	1
Towsey	0	1	1

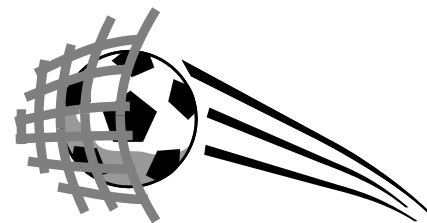
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Vlahakis	280	29	4.14

Current record: 4-0-3



BYKI

bits & pieces



The Premier Soccer League of Chicagoland held their winter meeting on December 12 and the Byki came home with hardware and a little bit of spending money. The Over 40 Team finished the season in third place in the Over 40 Green Division, narrowly missing out on the top two spots in the table, a position that would have earned them promotion back into the Blue Division. The League awarded the Byki \$50 for ending up #3.

The trophy signifies a successful season of rebuilding and regrouping for the Over 40s, who struggled to compete against the top sides in the PSLC Over 40 Division in 2011. The slide in form bottomed out last year and the Byki had to deal with the frustration of relegation. Although the PSLC offered the Byki an opportunity to stay in the Blue Division when one of the teams promoted from Green in 2011 rejected their promotion, Byki coaches **Eric Tower** and **Doug Towsey** concluded



Byki Secretary Rick Bolesta is elated to receive the latest Byki hardware.

that spending a season in the Green Division would be more beneficial than trying to regroup while playing in the top flight every week. Their reasoning was validated by the team's consistent perfor-

mances in 2012. A better sense of teamwork was evident in the 2012 squad, an element that was acutely absent in 2011. The Byki were in the hunt for promotion and were thwarted by a couple of untimely results against teams who were beneath them in the table.

The High-Low Game fundraiser is entering the home stretch as football season winds down. We've sold 196 tickets and we're making a push to increase our profitability. The final phase of the High-Low Game is a raffle drawing for four cash prizes: \$500, \$250 and two of \$125 each. Everyone who currently holds a ticket in the High-Low Game is automatically entered into the raffle and now there is an opportunity to buy tickets to get into just the raffle portion of the game. Tickets are just \$5. If you know people who like games of chance, please encourage them to join in! Contact **George Gorecki** if you need tickets to sell. We are capping the number of tickets sold at 496, so the odds of winning one of the cash prizes are relatively good. Tickets can also be purchased on our website at: <http://www.starebykifc.org/footballpool12>. The money from every ticket that we sell goes directly to improve our bottom line.

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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	4	3	0	1	19	12	9	RWB Adria A	4	3	1	0	23	10	10
Tricycles SC A	4	2	0	2	10	16	6	FK Kozarac	4	3	0	1	16	10	9
B-H Lilies A	4	2	0	2	8	9	6	Chicago Fire U-23	4	2	2	0	18	12	8
KF Tirana	4	2	0	2	15	13	6	Hellenic United AC	4	2	1	1	29	14	7
Assyrian FC	4	1	1	2	15	18	4	FK Republika Srpska	4	0	1	3	12	30	1
CKS Warta	4	1	0	3	14	16	3	SAC Wisla	4	0	0	4	3	22	0

FIRST DIVISION

Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Blue Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
RWB Adria B	4	4	0	0	31	12	12	West Bosnia SC	4	4	0	0	21	9	12
Khaboor FC	4	2	2	0	19	10	8	Shlama FC	4	3	1	0	20	9	10
Lancer FC	4	2	1	1	21	14	7	Zaglebie SC	4	3	0	1	20	16	9
Gremio FC A	4	2	0	2	20	16	6	HNK Primorac	4	2	2	0	25	10	8
Gremio FC B	4	2	0	2	19	15	6	B-H Lilies B	4	2	1	1	23	14	7
Chicago Dynasty FC	4	1	1	2	8	14	4	Stal Mielec	4	2	0	2	13	12	6
Stare Byki FC	4	1	0	3	17	22	3	Tricycles SC B	4	1	0	3	14	23	3
Chicago Inter Yellow	4	1	0	3	9	19	3	Albanian Stars B	4	0	0	4	16	36	0
FC Kosova	4	0	0	4	12	34	0	Chicago Inter Blue	4	0	0	4	4	27	0

MIRO INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS December 17, 2012

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Tatry FC	7	7	0	0	59	19	21
LG Celtic Dads Green	7	5	0	2	46	26	15
Stare Byki FC	7	4	0	3	40	29	12
OTHG	7	2	0	5	26	12	6
LG Celtic Dads White	8	0	0	8	20	75	0