

Innsbruck remains Fort Knox for Dornbirn

Innsbruck/09-18-2016 – In their first road game of the Erste Bank Eishockey Liga season 2016/17 the Dornbirn Bulldogs took a 2:5-defeat by the HC TWK Innsbruck. Innsbruck consistently appears to be a difficult terrain for the Bulldogs.

In the aftermath of the surprising home loss against Graz on Friday, the team of DEC-Head Coach Dave MacQueen needed to give their all in the western duel in Innsbruck. But the away game turned out to be a bitter lesson of experience for Dornbirn. The Sharks were dominant from the start, even though they couldn't turn that advantage into account at first. On the other side the only considerable DEC-opportunity got denied by HCI-goalie Andy Chiodo. Eventually, when everybody was assuming already that the first period would remain goal-less, the Sharks did succeed: Andrew Clark (18.) stole the puck from Magnan and scored for the home team's 1:0-lead. With only 26 seconds left in the period Hunter Bishop (20.) upped the score with a slap shot.

Dornbirn giving it everything

After the first break the Bulldogs, who had switched around their lines from Friday (D'Alvise was back playing with Arniel and Grabher Meier) returned to the ice responding to the spanking of the disappointing first period. Nick Crawford assisted Martin Grabher Meier (32.) from behind the goal. Dornbirn was pushing hard for the tie for a while - until the end of the second period, which brought back memories of the first one: First John Lammers (38.) placed a beautiful shot in the top corner, seconds later youngster Mario Huber (38.) finished off a solo run with the 4:1. 24 seconds into the final period Hunter Bishop (41.) added one more. But the Bulldogs did not give up just yet. Andy Chiodo denied a shot by Stefan Häußle. Still the DEC tried everything, and eventually did get rewarded, when Jamie Arniel (45.) narrowed the gap of the score to 2:5.

Sunday, September 18, 2016 (Erste Bank Eishockey Liga):

HC TWK Innsbruck „Die Haie“ – Dornbirner Eishockey Club 5:2 (2:0, 2:1, 1:1)

Tiroler Wasserkraft Arena, Innsbruck, 2.400 spectators

Officials: Bernecker, Gamper; Nothegger, Sparer;

Goals:

HCI: 1:0 Clark (18.), 2:0 Bishop (20.), 3:1 Lammers (38.), 4:1 Huber (38.), 5:1 Bishop (41.)

DEC: 1:2 Grabher Meier (32.), 2:5 Arniel (45.)

Penalties:

HCI: 10 min.

DEC: 12 min.

Line-Up:

HCI: Chiodo – Stach, Pedevilla; Kudroc, Mitterdorfer; Lindner, Ross; Ebner –

Lammers, Spurgeon, Bishop; Smith, Huber, Mössmer; Sedivy, Clark, Lamoureux; Schramm, Teschauer, Schennach;

DEC: Hardy – Crawford, Caruso; Schmidt, Magnan; Sylvester Cody, Konradsheim; Siutz – Grabher Meier, Arniel, D'Alvise; Siddall, Sarault, Sylvester Dustin; Livingston, Häußle, Petrik Niki; Macierzynski, Achermann, Ban Daniel; Haberl Dominic;