

Vorarlberg players keep Dornbirn at bay

Linz/09-23-2016 – Third game, third loss for the Dornbirner Eishockey Club: The team of Dave MacQueen had to accept a 2:5-defeat by the EHC Black Wings Linz on Friday. Not even 24 hours later the Bulldogs will have to play their second road game of the weekend, in Fehervar - another tough nut to crack.

Vorarlbergian Fabio Hofer (5.), who is currently wearing the Black Wings jersey, took care of the perfect opener for Linz' first home game of the season. Hofer deflected a McLean shot, and the score was 1:0 for the home team. Prior to that, in the first couple of minutes of the match, Dornbirn had pushed strongly for the lead. As early as in his first shift DEC-captain Niki Petrik had tested Linz-goalie Ouzas, but the latter kept a clean sheet. Following the goal against the MacQueen team warded off a 5 on 3 by the Black Wings, before Stefan Spannring (9.), another Vorarlberg-native, launched the second blow at the guests: With a powerful shot from center ice he raised the score to 2:0.

Spurred Black Wings

In the second period the home team was literally celebrating their home opener. In front of the 4.500 crowd Joel Broda (22.) upped the lead to 3:0, followed by the 4:0 by Dan DaSilva (28.) from close range. That brought the end to Florian Hardy's workday. The DEC-goalie got replaced by backup Thomas Stroj. Similar to last weekend's matches the Bulldogs were working hard, but despite a positive shot record they are still missing a morale booster, that can put them back on track. With one minute left in the second period, and the guests on a 4:3-powerplay, Jamie Arniel (39./pp1) eventually put Dornbirn on the score board. During the final 20 minutes the Bulldogs gave their all, but had to take another goal by the home team. The DEC-defense - for the first time without Drew MacKenzie, who left to play for Kassel/DEL2 – carelessly ignored Brett McLean (47.). Dornbirn rose up one last time, and it was Martin Grabher Meier (50.) of all players, the former Black Wings, who pushed up the score to 2:5 as seen from the perspective of the Bulldogs.

Friday, September 23, 2016 (Erste Bank Eishockey Liga):

EHC LIWEST Black Wings Linz – Dornbirner Eishockey Club 5:2 (2:0, 2:1, 1:1)

Keine Sorgen Eisarena Linz, 4.400 spectators

Officials: Gruber, Piragic; Nothegger, Zgonc;

Goals:

BWL: 1:0 Hofer (5.), 2:0 Spannring (9.), 3:0 Broda (22.), 4:0 DaSilva (28.), 5:1 McLean (47.)

DEC: 4:1 Arniel (39./pp1), 5:2 Grabher Meier (50.)

Penalties:

BWL: 17 min.

DEC: 15 min.

Line-Up:

BWL: Ouzas – Palin, Piche; Dorin, Lukas Robert; D'Aversa, Altmann; Mayrhauser, Kirchschräger – Hofer, McLean, Lebler Brian; DaSilva, Hisey, Oberkofler; Gaffal, Schofield, Broda; Moderer, Lukas Philipp, Spannring;

DEC: Hardy (28. Stroj) – Schmidt, Magnan; Crawford, Caruso; Sylvester Cody, Konradsheim; Ban Daniel, Siutz – Grabher Meier, Arniel, D'Alvise; Siddall, Sarault, Sylvester Dustin; Livingston, Häußle, Petrik Niki; Macierzynski, Achermann, Haberl Dominic;