

DEC road trip ends without winning a single point

Fehervar/09-24-3016 - After getting defeated 2:5 in Linz on Friday, the Dornbirn Bulldogs lost their second game within 24 hours as well. It was the opposite for the hosting Fehervar AV19: After beating Villach in overtime the night before, the Hungarians won against Dornbirn 5:1 on Saturday.

Four games, four losses - the disillusioning record of the Dornbirner Eishockey Club at the beginning of the season 2016/17. And most certainly it won't get easier, when the Bulldogs will be hosting the Austrian record champion EC-KAC this coming Thursday. Similar to Friday's game in Linz, the DEC got behind in Székesfehérvár early on. The Bulldogs started off motivated, and survived the home team's first powerplay unscathed. But shortly after Chris Owens shot from the blue line, Istvan Sofron (8.) deflected the puck, and it went right in the Bulldogs' goal. The 1:0-lead served as a morale booster for Fehervar, who was now playing more lively. The Hungarians worked out several scoring opportunities – the best one by Adam Courchaine, who showed up unattended right in front of the DEC goal in minute 12. Fortunately for Dornbirn though Courchaine got denied by Florian Hardy. With three minutes left in the first period Chris D'Alvise (17.) took care of the tie from close range. But it didn't take long for the home team to take the lead again. Two minutes later Robert Sarpatki skated around Dornbirn's goal and passed the puck to Justin Maylan (19.), who simply shoved it across the line.

Dornbirn's downfall

Nicely assisted by Justin Mayla Csanad Erdely (28.) lifted the puck over Bulldogs goalie Florian Hardy, and the score read 3:0 in the middle of the second period. At this point the Hungarians were controlling the game completely, and also pushing hard for another goal. The guests barely had any scoring chances, and if only in fast-breaks. In minute 37 the Bulldogs' fate was sealed. Adam Courchaine took off from the side, once more the puck got deflected by Istvan Sofron (37.), who secured the fourth Dornbirn-loss in a row. With only seconds left, and the home team on a powerplay, David Makowski (59./pp) made for the final goal of the match. The score board read 5:1.

Saturday, September 24, 2016 (Erste Bank Eishockey Liga):

Fehervar AV19 – Dornbirner Eishockey Club 5:1 (2:1, 2:0, 1:0)

Gábor Ocskay Jr. Ice Hall, 2.518 spectators

Officials: Lemelin, Nikolic K.; Nemeth, Soos

Goals:

FAV: 1:0 Sofron (8.), 2:1 Maylan (19.), 3:1 Csanad Erdely (28.), 4:1 Sofron (37.), 5:1 Makowski (59./pp)

DEC: 1:1 D'Alvise (17.)

Penalties:

FAV: 11 min. + game misconduct Manavian

DEC: 13 min. + game misconduct Livingston

Line-Up:

FAV: Miklos – Makowski, Owens; Szabo, Sagert; Manavian, Sziranyi; Reisz, Orban – Sofron, Vas, Koger; Bodo, Sarauer, Caourchaine; Szabo-Pal, Kocsis, Orban; Sarpatki, Maylan, Erbely.

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