

First KAC, then Dornbirn challenges Villach

Villach/10-02-2016 - The Dornbirner Eishockey Club had to acknowledge defeat after shootout at the EC VSV. Despite the tight 4:5-loss on Sunday, the Bulldogs were able to score points against both traditional teams from Carinthia this weekend.

Following three consecutive defeats, the Eagles from Villach were in urgent need of a home win against the Dornbirner Eishockey Club. After testing the waters for a few minutes the VSV took over control in Sunday night's match in the Stadthalle. With one minute left in the first period - the home team on a powerplay - Kevin Wehrs assisted Evan McGrath (19./pp), who simply shoved the puck across the line and made for the 1:0. The beginning of the second period resembled the first. With the aide of the guests - Christof Kromp (25./ps) got fouled right in front of Florian Hardy - the Eagles raised the lead to 2:0. Cool as can be the 19-year-old homegrown talent put the puck right under the crossbar.

DEC turns match around

With their back to the wall the guests eventually woke up, and finally found their way in the game. Lightning-fast Oliver Achermann carried out an attack, passed the puck to James Livingston (31.), who made for the first Vorarlberg-goal in this match. Chris D'Alvise (40.) succeeded with the tie seconds before the second intermission. At this point Villach had just survived a powerplay by Dornbirn, when D'Alvise got assisted by Kevin Schmidt. After the break the guests returned to the ice with a lot of self-confidence. Nicely assisted by Kevin Macierzynski Jamie Arniel (44.) took care of the 3:2, and Dornbirn was leading for the first time. Then it was Martin Grabher Meier's turn, who with a nice backhand assisted Chris D'Alvise (48.) for his second goal of the evening. The hometeam didn't give up though - thanks to goals by Mikko Jokela (58.) and Samuel Labrecque (60.) Villach managed to come back. And with a 4:4 the match went into overtime, which remained goalless. It was Corey Locke (67./ps) in the shootout, who scored the game-winning goal for the victory of the hometeam.

Sunday, October 02, 2016 (Erste Bank Eishockey Liga):

EC VSV - Dornbirner Eishockey Club 5:4 SO (1:0, 1:2, 2:2)

Stadthalle Villach, 2.987 spectators

Officials: SMETANA, ZRNIC, Gatol, Kaspar

Goals:

VSV: 1:0 Evan McGrath (19./pp), 2:0 Kromp (25./ps), 3:4 Jokela (58.), 4:4 Labrecque (60.), 5:4 Locke (67./ps)

DEC: 2:1 Livingston (31.), 2:2 D'Alvise (40.), 2:3 Arniel (44.), 2:4 D'Alvise (48.)

Penalties:

VSV: 6 min.

DEC: 8 min.

Line-Up:

VSV: Roy - Schlacher, Labrecque; Jokela, Bacher; Brunner, Wehrs; Kreuter - Johner, Locke, Urbas - Kromp, McBride, Verlic; Lanzinger, McGrath, Hunter; Petrik Benjamin, Leiler, Platzer

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