Villach wins by a nose

Dornbirn/11-22-2016 - In round 22 of the Erste Bank Eishockey Liga the Dornbirner Eishockey Club had to accept a 3:4 home loss against the EC VSV.

In the important match against Villach the Bulldogs wanted to live up to their great performance against Champion Salzburg from four days before. But the Carinthians had been playing very well on the road lately, and also set the pace in Tuesday night's encounter in the Messestadion. Benjamin Petrik (5.) turned an assist by McGrath to account, nobody kept him from. The team from Vorarlberg was having trouble dealing with the Eagles' solid defense, until - during a powerplay - Martin Grabher Meier (12./pp1) deflected a Livingston-chip right in the net. It was the first time this year that Dornbirn was playing with their best abailable team, and they were having more scoring opportunities than the opponent. With two minutes left in the first period Matt Siddall (18./pp1) deflected a slap shot by Brian Connelly and overcame VSV-goalie Lukas Herzog.

Double strike by Dustin Johner

The visiting team got more aggressive in the second period. The home team didn't hold back either. That made for a vigorous match. For a while the Bulldogs were playing more efficiently - especially on powerplays. The 3:1 by Kevin Schmidt (33./pp1) happened to be the Bulldogs' third powerplay goal in this game. While the Bulldogs fans were hoping for three points already, Villach had their own game plan. Jeremie Blain (43.) and Dustin Johner (52./pp1) made for the tie. With three minutes left Dustin Johner (57.) once more scored the game winning goal, assisted by Corey Lock. Final score in the Messestadion: 4:3 for the guests.

Tuesday, November 22, 2016 (Erste Bank Eishockey Liga): **Dornbirner Eishockey Club – EC VSV 3:4 (2:1, 1:0, 0:3)**

Dornbirner Messestadion, 2.210 spectators

Officials: GAMPER, NIKOLIC, Pardatscher, Schauer

Goals:

DEC: 1:1 Grabher Meier (12./pp), 2:1 Siddall (18./pp), 3:1 Schmidt (33./pp) VSV: 0:1 Petrik B. (5.), 3:2 Blain (43.), 3:3 Johner (52./pp), 3:4 Johner (57.)

Penalties:

DEC: 10 min. VSV: 14 min.

Line-Up:

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

VSV: Herzog – Blain, Wehrs; Schlacher, Brunner; Kreuter, Bacher – Johner, Hunter, Miha Verlic; Latendresse, Locke, Urbas; Benjamin Petrik, McGrath, Jennes; Leiler, Pinter, Platzer; Nageler;