

Comeback doesn't pay off

In a game with numerous penalties the Dornbirner Eishockey Club lost at the EC VSV 5:6. This coming Sunday the Bulldogs will have their next opportunity to collect points, at their home game against the HC Orli Znojmo.

It was a match with many penalties, and at the end the home team came out as winner. In the first period Samuel Labrecque (10./pp & 18./pp) had two powerplay goals. On the first one Jan Urbas did a nice cross pass, Labrecque simply had to shove the puck in the empty goal. For the second one Labrecque was unattended once more, he just lifted the puck in. During the second period the visiting team got successful as well. Dominic Haberl passed the puck from behind the goal to Oliver Achermann (23.), who had positioned himself right in front of the goal and overcame Villach's Olivier Roy. The Eagles hit back - a slap shot from the blue line by Nico Brunner got deflected by Jan Urbas (27.). The score was 3:1. Not even two minutes later Evan McGrath (29.) beat DEC-goalie Thomas Stroj with a long-distance shot. Still, Dornbirn didn't quit, and Chris D'Alvise (37.) made use of a commotion in front of the opponents' goal for the Bulldogs' second goal. Towards the end of the second period the guests received several penalties, and ended up playing constantly short-handed. While two men down Urbas perfectly assisted Dustin Johner (38./pp2), and the score board read 5:2.

Late comeback

After returning from the final intermission the team of DEC Head Coach Dave MacQueen had a momentum. Thanks to goals by Olivier Magnan (46.), Brian Connelly (48.) and Matt Siddall (53./pp) they worked out the tie. But at the end of the day the fighting back didn't pay off. On a break-away Benjamin Petrik (59.) came off with the game-winning goal for the Eagles. Final score: 6:5. The Bulldogs are driving back home empty-handed.

Friday, December 09, 2016 (Erste Bank Eishockey Liga):

EC VSV – Dornbirner Eishockey Club 6:5 (2:0, 3:2, 1:3)

Stadthalle Villach, 3.097 spectators

Officials: GAMPER, STERNAT, Kontschieder, Pagon

Goals:

VSV: 1:0 Labrecque (10./pp), 2:0 Labrecque (18./pp), 3:1 Urbas (27.), 4:1 McGrath (29.), 5:2 Johner (38./pp2), 6:5 Benjamin Petrik (59.)

DEC: 2:1 Achermann (23.), 4:2 D'Alvise (37.), 5:3 Magnan (46.), 5:4 Connelly (48.), 5:5 Siddall (52./pp)

Penalties:

VSV: 25 min + 10 min (Mühlstein) + game misconduct (Wehrs & Platzer)

DEC: 27 min + game misconduct (Niki Petrik)

Line-Up:

VSV: Roy – Ouellet, Labrecque; Schlacher, Brunner; Wehrs, Bacher; Mühlstein, Kreuter – Benjamin Petrik, Miha Verlic, Hunter; Lanzinger, Locke, Urbas; Johner, McGrath, Leiler; Nageler, Platzer.

DEC: Stroj – Schmidt, Magnan; Connelly, Caruso; Crawford, Konradsheim, Siutz – Livingston, McBride, D'Alvise; Siddall, Cody Sylvester, Grabher Meier; Macierzynski, Häußle, Niki Petrik; Achermann, Daniel Ban, Haberl.