

Bulldogs with three points in Bolzano

In the Erste Bank Eishockey Liga the Dornbirner Eishockey Club celebrated a 5:3-road victory at the HCB Südtirol Alperia. On Tuesday the Bulldogs are going to host league leader UPC Vienna Capitals in the Dornbirner Messestadion.

Both teams went full speed from the start. Not even two minutes into the game the home team had their first big chance. Brodie Reid went single-handed, and only got stopped by Michael Caruso, who didn't catch the puck until on the line. Assisted nicely by Chris D'Alvise, Brock McBride (2./pp1) overcame HCB-goalie Marcel Melichercik for the first time on this evening. Self-assured by the goal the team from Vorarlberg was pressing even more, and added another one. McBride passed the puck from behind the goal to Kevin Macierzynski (8.), who was all by himself right in front, and didn't hesitate to slam the puck in. Just seconds after finishing a powerplay Alexander Egger (12.) - with a slapshot from the side - brought the home team back into play. Right before the intermission the HCB even scored the tie, but the referees decided on no goal.

During the second period the Foxes were pushing harder. The visiting team was playing solid defense, and remained dangerous on fast breaks. On one of them Chris D'Alvise (23.), assisted by McBride, skated past the goalie and scored backhand for the 3:1. Michael Caruso (29.), with a nice shot from the blue line, raised the score to 4:1. In the final period the Italians gave their all. But all their attempts got stopped early by the guests. While on a powerplay Marco Insam (47./pp1), assisted by Jesse Root, let the home team relive their hope of coming back. But Kevin Schmidt (52.) shattered their dreams, when snatching the puck from the Italians, heading towards Melichercik all by himself and succeeding with his own rebound. Once more the home team hit back. Daniel Frank (52.), single-handed, overcame Hardy from close range. Overall it didn't change anything about the outcome anymore, the Bulldogs took home the victory.

Sunday, December 18, 2016 (Erste Bank Eishockey Liga):

HCB Südtirol Alperia - Dornbirner Eishockey Club 3:5 (1:2, 0:2, 2:1)

Eiswelle/Palaonda Bozen (ITA), 2.522 spectators

Officials: GAMPER, GRUBER, Ettlmayr, Schauer

Goals:

HCB: 1:2 Egger (12.), 2:4 Insam (47./pp1), 3:5 Frank (52.)

DEC: 0:1 McBride (2./pp1), 0:2 Macierzynski (8.), 1:3 D'Alvsie (23.), 1:4 Caruso (29.), 2:5 Schmidt (52.)

Penalties:

HCB: 10 min.

DEC: 8 min.

Line-Up:

HCB: Melichercik - Oberdörfer, Egger; Everson, Glenn; Seymour, Glira; Gellert - Palmieri, Metropolit, Vallerand; Kearney, Bernard, Reid; Frank, Root, Insam; Frigo; Oleksuk, Gander, Marchetti;

DEC: Hardy - Schmidt, Magnan; Connelly, Caruso; Konradsheim, Crawford; Macierzynski, McBride, D'Alvise; Livingston, Arniel, Dustin Sylvester; Achermann, Cody Sylvester, Niki Petrik; Daniel Ban, Häußle, Dominic Haberl;