

# Bulldogs defeated by Graz99ers

**In the Erste Bank Eishockey Liga the Dornbirner Eishockey Club had to accept a 3:6-loss at the Moser Medical Graz99ers. Already tomorrow the Bulldogs will be visiting the league's top team, the UPC Vienna Capitals.**

Both teams were highly motivated when positioning for the first face-off in Wednesday night's game, thus the match started off fast-paced. The first goal of the night got scored by the visiting team. Assisted by Brock McBride, Brian Connelly (3./sh) sniped the puck in from the side. Following a cross pass by Dustin Sylvester, Jamie Arniel (16./pp1) made for a powerplay goal with four minutes left in the first period. Not even two minutes later Markus Pirmann (18.) deflected a blue liner by Peter Weihager right into the goal. During the second period the Bulldogs were trying to keep it simple and calm the play down. The home team on the other side were attacking frequently. Evan Brophey (25.) took care of the tie, by deflecting a shot by Sven Klimbacher into the far corner. The 99ers grew in confidence, and had several chances, but Bulldogs-goalie Florian Hardy was on the spot. The visiting team worked out a few fast breaks, but that was it for them at this point. On a powerplay the team of DEC Head Coach Dave MacQueen took the lead one more time. Chris D'Alvise (32./pp1), assisted by Dustin Sylvester, succeeded from close range. Banking on a solid defense the Bulldogs were trying to stop Graz' offense early on. The final period was played highly competitive and fast-paced as well.

## **Match gets turned around within three minutes**

Eventually the offensive spectacle of the home team paid off: Brophey (47.), assisted by Kristof Reinthaler, shoved the puck across the line for the tie, Thomas Pöck (50.) deflected a Setzinger-shot, and Kurtis McLean (50.) succeeded with a shot from the blue line. Then another goal got scored by Evan Brophey (56.), it was his third one of the night. Final score: Graz beats Dornbirn 6:3.

Wednesday, December 28, 2016 (Erste Bank Eishockey Liga):

**Moser Medical Graz99ers – Dornbirner Eishockey Club 6:3 (1:2, 1:1, 4:0)**

Eisstadion Graz-Liebenau, 2.287 spectators

Officials: FICHTNER, SIEGEL, Gatol, Verworner

Goals:

G99: 1:2 Pirmann (18.), 2:2 Brophey (25.), 3:3 Brophey (47.), 4:3 Pöck (50.), 5:3 McLean (50.), 6:3 Brophey (56.)

DEC: 0:1 Connelly (3./sh), 0:2 Arniel (16./pp1), 2:3 D'Alvise (32./pp1)

Penalties:

G99: 12 min.

DEC: 12 min.

Line-Up:

G99: Dahm – Petrovitz, Pöck; Reinthaler, Klimbacher; Weihager, Strohmeier; Trost – Siddall, Brophey, Beach; Pirmann, Feichtner, Ograjensek; Zusevics, McLean, Setzinger; Woger, Zierer, Natter;

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