

Fifth strike by the Bulldogs

Dornbirn/01-13-2017 - The Dornbirner Eishockey Club celebrated their fifth consecutive success Friday night, with a comfortable 5:1-victory over Pick-Round participant HC TWK Innsbruck. A rousing start sealed an uncontested win for the team from Vorarlberg, who by now is fired up for the beginning of the Qualification Round.

With only two matchdays in the regular season left, the duel between the two western EBEL-teams served or more less as an exhibiton, where the young players got lots of ice time. Innsbruck rested Lammers, Spurgeon and Chiodo, Dornbirn was missing Petrik, Achermann and new signing Drew Paris. Martin Grabher Meier (14.) was the one to open the goal fest, assisted by James Livingston, he scored his first goal of the evening. From then on the Bulldogs were on a roll. Brock McBride (19.) raised the lead to 2:0 single-handed. A minute later Grabher Meier (20.) used a rebound and scored volley his second goal of the match. During the second period the team of Dave McQueen kept demonstrating their newly aquired self-confidence. Innsbruck was pushing more now, but DEC-goalie Florian Hardy kept being on the spot, and kept a clean sheet.

Grabher Meier with hat trick

Shortly before the second intermission Martin Grabher Meier (39.) scored his third goal of the night, from close range. In the third period the visiting team - who already secured Play-Off-participation for the first time since re-entering the first league - was mostly performing damage control. But then a bad pass by the Bulldogs got used by Mario Lamoureux (51.) for the Sharks' first and only strike in this match. The guests' goal ended Florian Hardy's 140 minutes with a clean sheet. Cody Sylvester (51.) immediately raised the lead to 4 again - dangled and roofed it -, and secured the Bulldogs' 5:1-home win against the HCI.

Friday, January 13, 2017 (Erste Bank Eishockey Liga):

Dornbirner Eishockey Club - HC TWK Innsbruck 5:1 (3:0, 1:0, 1:1)

Dornbirner Messestadion, 2.180 spectators

Officials: Gamper, Stolz; Schauer, Sparer;

Goals:

DEC: 1:0 Grabher Meier (14.), 2:0 McBride (19.), 3:0 Grabher Meier (20.), 4:0 Grabher Meier (39.), 5:1 C.Sylvester (51.)

HCI: 1:4 M.Lamoureux (51.)

Penalties:

DEC: 8 min.

HCI: 8 min.

Line-Up:

DEC: Hardy - Connelly, Caruso; Schmidt, Mangan; Crawford, Siutz - Macierzynski, McBride, Dustin Sylvester; Livingston, Cody Sylvester, Grabher Meier; Daniel Ban, Arniel, D'Alvise; Dominic Haberl, Häußle, Konradsheim; Hohenegg;

HCI: Litterbach - Desantis, Stach; Lindner, Ross; Mitterdorfer, Pedevilla; Ebner - Sedivy, Mario Lamoureux, Schennach; Clark, Mario Huber, Smith; Paulweber, Teschauer, Bishop; Frischmann;