

## **Bulldogs fall short to Champion in OT**

**On the final matchday of the regular season in the Erste Bank Eishockey Liga the Dornbirner Eishockey Club got defeated by last year's Champion EC Red Bull Salzburg. The game in the city of Mozart ended 4:5 in overtime.**

During the first few minutes of Sunday night's match the home team downright cornered the guests in their zone. Naturally Salzburg took the lead early. Ryan Duncan (4.) celebrated the 1:0. Both teams were setting a brisk pace. Following the goal against the Bulldogs gained momentum. Within 68 seconds DEC Head Coach Dave MacQueen's troops turned the game around from 0:1 to 3:1. First Cody Sylvester (14.), nicely assisted by Kevin Schmidt, put the puck in. Then his brother Dustin Sylvester (14.) succeeded with a long-distance shot. The third DEC-goal within two minutes got scored by Chris D'Alvise (15.), who had been assisted by Daniel Ban. D'Alvise overcame Salzburg-goalie Luca Gracnar by netting the puck in from a narrow angle.

The home team was on fire at the beginning of the second period, and managed to turn that into account quickly. Layne Viveiros (22.), beautifully assisted by John Hughes, made for Salzburg's second goal with a powerful shot from the face-off circle into the top corner. The Bulls were pushing hard for the tie. But it was the Bulldogs scoring the next goal: On a powerplay Martin Grabher Meier (31./pp1) took advantage of a rebound and put the puck in. Using a counter-attack Bill Thomas and Daniel Welser (40.) shortened the Bulldogs-lead once more. In the final period the home team was clearly dominating the game. With only 38 seconds remaining in the match Salzburg scored the tie. John Hughes' goal (60.) was controversial, but did count. Raphael Herburger (62.) made for the Red Bulls' victory in overtime.

Sunday, January 15, 2017 (Erste Bank Eishockey Liga):

**EC Red Bull Salzburg – Dornbirner Eishockey Club 5:4 OT (1:3, 2:1, 1:0)**

Volksgartenarena Salzburg, 3.004 spectators

Officials: BABIC, LEMELIN, Krausz, Nemeth

Goals:

RBS: 1:0 Duncan (4.), 2:3 Viveiros (22.), 3:4 Welser (40./sh), 4:4 Hughes (60.), 5:4 Herburger (62.)

DEC: 1:1 Cody Sylvester (14.), 1:2 Dustin Sylvester (14.), 1:3 D'Alvise (15.), 2:4 Grabher Meier (31./pp1)

Penalties:

RBS: 10 min.

DEC: 10 min.

Line-Up:

RBS: Gracnar – Raymond, Sondell; Viveiros, Pallestrang; Flood, Kutlak; Kainz, Heinrich – Hughes, Duncan, Thomas Raffl; Thomas, Rauchenwald, Herburger; Kristler, Schiechl, Welser; Latusa, Hochkofler, Cijan;

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