

Graz wins narrowly in Dornbirn

Dornbirn/01-22-2017 – In round 2 of the Erste Bank Eishockey Liga Qualification Round the Moser Medical Graz 99ers celebrated a highly competitive 3:2-victory at the Dornbirner Eishockey Club. Thanks to this success in a thrilling game the Styrians keep staying on Play-Off-course.

After Friday night's defeat in Znojmo the Dornbirn Bulldogs were with their backs to the wall in Sunday's TV live game against Graz. At first both teams were playing cautiously, didn't want to fall behind. But seven minutes into the game the DEC had to take a powerplay goal by Curtis McLean (7./pp1), who sniped the puck into the top corner. The Bulldogs responded quickly. Chris D'Alvise (12.) scored, nicely assisted by Martin Grabher Meier. The crowd got to see a fast-paced and fun game. During their second powerplay the visiting team only hit the post. With the minutes passing the DEC played more and more powerful, and was now dominating the play. The Bulldogs simply missed out on channeling their advantages into success.

Double strike by Beach

The 99ers were primarily being dangerous on powerplays. The very next one got used by Kyle Beach (34./pp1) for the lead anew. To top it all Beach (35.) succeeded once more not even a minute later, by catching the puck with his glove and scoring for the 3:1. Dornbirn was fighting with all their might, but missed out on umpteen scoring chances. With 11:23 minutes remaining James Livingston (49.) narrowed the score to 2:3. Naturally that added spice to the remainder of the match - the final minutes turned out to be Play Off hockey at its best. The Bulldogs tried their all, but failed tying the game.

Sunday, January 22, 2017, Qualification Round, (Erste Bank Eishockey Liga):

Dornbirner Eishockey Club – Moser Medical Graz 99ers 2:3 (1:1, 0:2, 1:0)

Dornbirner Messestadion, 1.820 spectators

Officials: Kellner, Piragic; Ettlmeier, Zgonc;

Goals:

DEC: 1:1 D'Alvise (12.), 2:3 Livingston (49.)

G99: 0:1 McLean (7./pp1), 1:2 Beach (34./pp1) 1:3 Beach (35.)

Penalties:

DEC: 6 min.

G99: 8 min.

Line-Up:

DEC: Hardy – Schmidt, Mignan; Connelly, Caruso; Paris, Crawford; Siutz – Livingston, Häußle, Niki Petrik; Grabher Meier, Arniel, D'Alvise; Macierzynski, Dustin Sylvester, Cody Sylvester; Dominic Haberl, Daniel Ban, Konradshiem; Hohenegg;

G99: Dahm – Weihager, Thomas Pöck; Pelech, Reinthaler; Boivin, Klimbacher; Petrovitz – Woger, Feichtner, Pirmann; Zusecvics, McLean, Setzinger; Ograjensek, Brophay, Beach; Trost, Zierer, Natter;