

Strong sign of life by Bulldogs

In the Erste Bank Eishockey Liga Qualification Round the Dornbirner Eishockey Club won 2:1 at the EC VSV. Thanks to that victory the Bulldogs are back in the race for the two remaining Play Off tickets. Next, on Sunday the team from Vorarlberg will be hosting Fehervar AV19 in the Messestadion.

Friday night's match had Play Off-flair, both teams started off at a high pace. The first period was pretty evenly-matched. Both goalies - Florian Hardy for the Bulldogs, and Lukas Herzog on the Eagles' side - kept a clean sheet, despite numerous scoring opportunities on each side. At the beginning of the second period the Carinthians upped the tempo, the DEC-goalie was being under fire. Hardy's team for their part was mostly seeking their luck in counter attacks. Brock McBride had a great chance against his former team, but missed the top corner narrowly. Martin Grabher Meier, all by himself in front of the Villach's goalie, wasn't able to lift the puck. During their second powerplay the Bulldogs eventually got successful. Daniel Ban (35./pp1) deflected a shot by Brian Connelly, and overcame Herzog. Still in the second period the home team managed to tie the game - in their tried and tested manner: Assist leader Corey Locke passed the puck to Miha Verlic (39.) right in front of the goal. Verlic simply shoved the puck in from close range.

Pure excitement

The third period was suspense-packed - both teams were mainly focused on not making mistakes, and both were attacking early. The decision in favor of the Bulldogs got scored by James Livingston with six minutes remaining. Livingston (54.) got assisted by Jamie Arniel, who had just returned from the penalty box, snatching the puck and passing it to his team mate crossways. Livingston didn't hesitate to laser it in.

Friday, January 27, 2017, Qualification Round, (Erste Bank Eishockey Liga):

EC VSV – Dornbirner Eishockey Club 1:2 (0:0, 1:1, 0:1)

Stadthalle Villach, 2.805 spectators

Officials: SIEGEL, TRILAR, GATOL, KASPAR

Goals:

VSV: 1:1 Verlic (39.)

DEC: 0:1 Daniel Ban (35./pp1), 1:2 Livingston (53.)

Penalties:

VSV: 6 min.

DEC: 6 min.

Line-Up:

VSV: Herzog – Schlacher, Wehrs; Mühlstein, Labrecque; Kreuter, Bacher; Winkler, Kartnig – Urbas, Locke, Verlic; Johner, Hunter, Kromp; Benjamin Petrik, McGrath, Latendresse; Nageler, Platzer, Leiler;

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