

Ljubljana with surprise in Dornbirn

Dornbirn/02-02-2017 - In the Erste Bank Eishockey Liga the Dornbirner Eishockey Club suffered a 2:3-shootout-loss at home against HDD Olimpija Ljubljana. The team from Slovenia celebrated their third consecutive win, and put a damper on the Bulldogs' play off aspirations.

Game five of the Qualification Round - both teams needed a success badly to stay in the race for the remaining Play Off spots. Surprisingly the visiting team didn't hold back, and was pressing for a quick first goal. The home team on the other side was playing rather cautiously at first, which helped the guests taking the lead. While playing 4 on 4, the unattended Sacha Guimond (13.) overcame DEC-goalie Florian Hardy, and the score was 1:0 for Ljubljana. After the goal against Dornbirn started investing more, but seemed somewhat tense. Gabor almost ended up scoring another goal before the first intermission, but Hardy managed to save twice. The team from Vorarlberg had a hard time against the solid play of the Slovenes, partly due to themselves lacking clever ideas. It was bound to happen - a Canadian cooperation took care of Ljubljana's second goal: Raphael Bussieres (28.), assisted by Guimond, put the puck in.

Livingston gets one back

The match was being pretty dull for a while, until at the end of the second period the Bulldogs gained momentum and worked out more and more scoring opportunities. Eventually James Livingston (43./pp1), with a powerplay goal, raised hope again for the Bulldogs. What followed was the expected battle. And when Cody Sylvester (50.) deflected a Magnan-shot and tied the score, the match was all open again. The game went into overtime. But the decision wasn't made until in a shootout, which got won by the Green Dragons.

Thursday, February 02, 2017, Qualification Round, (Erste Bank Eishockey Liga):

Dornbirner Eishockey Club - HDD Olimpija Ljubljana 2:3 SO (0:1, 0:1, 2:0)

Dornbirner Messestadion, 1.690 spectators

Officials: Stolc, Trilar; Pardatscher, Zgonc;

Goals:

DEC: 1:2 Livingston (43./pp1), 2:2 C. Sylvester (50.)

OLL: 0:1 Guimond (13./4-4), 0:2 Bussieres (28.), 2:3 Music (67./ps)

Penalties:

DEC: 4 min.

OLL: 6 min.

Line-Up:

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

OLL: Frazee - Selan, Guimond; Kristjan Cepon, Planko; Batic - Bussieres, Music, Ziga Pesut; Miha Zajc, Tim Ograjensek, Uduc; Aljaz Chvatal, Crt Snoj, Gilbert Gabor;