

Dornbirn demonstrates strength

With a striking 8:2-road win at Fehervar AV19 the Dornbirn Bulldogs started into the final pre Play Off phase in the Erste Bank Eishockey Liga. There are three Qualification Round games left to play for Dornbirn: This coming Friday the team from Vorarlberg will be hosting Villach, on Sunday Znojmo is going to be visiting the Messestadion. And last but not least the Bulldogs will be playing in Graz next week Tuesday.

„We know what we are capable of, and we will score goals", youngster Dominic Haberl had stated like an old stager prior to the match. For a while the teams were scanning each other on the ice, then the Bulldogs started demonstrating their Play Off ambitions, and scored for the lead. Haberl (6.) - standing right in front of the goal - shoved the puck in, and with this goal, his first in 49 EBEL-games, started off a goal fest for Dornbirn. Only 88 seconds later Fehervar-goaltender Zoltan Hetenyi had to accept another one. Kevin Schmidt (7.) shot the puck into the top corner, and forced the home team to take action. In vain the Red Devils were trying to find their luck in counterattacks. But Jamie Arniel proved himself and perfectly assisted Martin Grabher Meier (12.), who made for the 3:0.

Ambitious Bulldogs

The team of DEC Head Coach Dave MacQueen was dominating the second period as well. The Hungarians upped the tempo, and the match got rough - in favor of the visiting team though. While playing five on three Chris D'Alvise (28./pp2), nicely assisted by Jamie Arniel, took care of the 4:0. On the following powerplay D'Alvise won a face-off and directed the puck to James Livingston (30./pp1), who ultimately destroyed the home team's hopes for victory. But that's not all. Livingston (35.), with his second goal of the night, took care of the 6:0 after two periods. Three minutes into the third period Martin Grabher Meier (43.) raised the score once more. When the match was pretty much decided, Fehervar managed to strike as well. Chris Owens (47.) overcame DEC-goalie Florian Hardy, who missed out on celebrating his third shutout in the Erste Bank Eishockey Liga Qualification Round. In the remaining minutes of the game either team succeeded one more time. Daniel Ban (50.) for the Bulldogs and Brance Orban (56.) made for the final score in Fehervar: 2:8.

Wednesday, February 15, 2017, Qualification Round, (Erste Bank Eishockey Liga):

Fehervar AV19 – Dornbirner Eishockey Club 2:8 (0:3, 0:3, 2:2)

Gábor Ocskay Jr. Ice Hall, 2.014 spectators

Officials: SMETANA, ZRNIC, NÉMETH, KASPAR

Goals:

FAV: 1:7 Owens (48.), 2:8 Orban (56.)

DEC: 0:1 Haberl (6.), 0:2 Schmidt (7.), 0:3 Grabher Meier (12.), 0:4 D'Alvise (28./pp2), 0:5 Livingston (30./pp1), 0:6 Livingston (35.), 0:7 Grabher Meier (43.), 1:8 Ban (50.)

Line-Up:

FAV: Hetenyi (Rajna/30.) – Owens, Schiestel; Manavian, Sagert; Orban, Sziranyi; Daniel Szabo – Sarpatki, Maylan, Orban; Bodo, Sarauer, Erdely; Beauregard, Vas, Koger; Kocsis, Reisz, Bence Szabo.

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