

# Bulldogs remain in Play Off race

**Dornbirn/02-17-2017 – Game eight of the Qualification Round between the Dornbirner Eishockey Club and the EC VSV turned out to be a real battle for the remaining Play Off spots. The home team celebrated an important 4:2-win. On Sunday (5 p.m.) the Bulldogs will be facing the Eagles from Znojmo.**

It was an all or nothing game regarding the remaining Play Off spots between the Dornbirner Eishockey Club and the EC VSV, and it turned out to be a hockey spectacle right from the start. More than 3000 fans witnessed an early 1:0-lead by the home team. Hometown boy Stefan Häußle (3.) finished off a combination with James Livingston and Kevin Schmidt. Ten minutes into the game the Carinthian Eagles tied the match. Patrick Platzer (10.) made use of a rebound and overcame Florian Hardy. Shortly after Chris D'Alvise took heart while on a powerplay. But he got denied by National Team goalie Herzog. In return VSV-forward Jan Urbas started a counterattack, but the post kept him from scoring. When Villach had a powerplay, Martin Grabher Meier snatched the puck, passed it to Bulldogs-defender Schmidt (19./sh), who - demonstrating his offensive qualities - made for the 2:1-lead shorthanded. The spectacular first period ended with a tilly. Dornbirn versus Villach left nothing to be desired.

## Special Teams required

As a result of the earlier brawl, the team from Vorarlberg had a 5 on 3 powerplay at the beginning of the second period. D'Alvise (21./pp2), using a rebound, raised the lead to two goals. But the visiting team hit back, once they were on a powerplay themselves: Miha Verlic (26./pp1) made it 3:2. Seconds before the intermission DEC-defenseman Olivier Magnan failed because of the goalpost. Dornbirn left the ice with a narrow 3:2-margin. Back on the ice, Stefan Häußle ended up being the winner of the game. His second goal of the night in minute 51 secured Dornbirn's 4:2-victory.

Friday, February 17, 2017 (Erste Bank Eishockey Liga):

**Dornbirner Eishockey Club – EC VSV 4:2 (2:1, 1:1, 1:0)**

Dornbirner Messestadion, 3.048 spectators

Officials: M. NIKOLIC, STOLC, Schauer, Pardatscher

Goals:

DEC: 1:0 Häußle (3.), 2:1 Schmidt (19./sh), 3:1 D'Alvise (21./pp2), 4:2 Häußle (51.)

VSV: 1:1 Platzer (10.), 3:2 Verlic (26./pp1)

Penalties:

DEC: 23 min. + game misconduct Niki Petrik

VSV: 26 min. + 10 misconduct Eric Hunter + game misconduct Stefan Bacher

Line-Up:

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

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