

Bulldogs keep winning

Dornbirn/02-19-2017 - Last minute show-down in the Erste Bank Eishockey Liga: The Dornbirner Eishockey Club won their home game against the HC Orli Znojmo 4:2. The Bulldogs had been behind 0:1 already, but with an extraordinary performance they turned the match around. On Tuesday, in their road game against Graz, the team from Vorarlberg will be able to secure Play Off participation on their own.

Most recently the Bulldogs had eliminated Fehervar and Villach from the Play Off race. Sunday afternoon's match happened to be the next decisive game regarding the upcoming Championship Round. More than 3200 fans got to see cream-of-the-crop hockey in the Messestadion - no goals though in the first period. The Eagles from Znojmo were in need of a victory, to be able to make the Play Offs. Thus they were pushing hard from the start. But the Bulldogs were putting up strong resistance. Twice Dornbirn got lucky, when the visiting team only hit the post. On the other side the home team missed out on turning some great scoring chances to account - especially while on a powerplay seconds before the first intermission. The first goal got scored on the following powerplay, by the team from Znojmo though. David Bartos (25./pp1) made for the 1:0, assisted by McMonagle. The Bulldogs managed to respond immediately. 72 seconds later Martin Grabher Meier (26./pp1) chipped the puck into the far corner, the score was 1:1.

Haberl uses penalty for lead

The fans were cheering enthusiastically for their team. Youngster Dominic Haberl (30./ps) made for the next highlight of the game. First he got stopped irregularly while attacking the goal single-handed, then he went for the given penalty as if it was a no brainer. The Bulldogs had a momentum, and turned the score from 0:1 to 3:1. Martin Grabher Meier (37./pp1) shoved the puck across the line for his second goal of the day. The guests - in need of a point for a possible Play Off participation - were giving their all, but failed repeatedly because of DEC-goalie Florian Hardy. At this point the home team, who needed three points for a decider against Graz, was on a roll. Brock McBride (46.), using a rebound, took care of the 4:1. And even though Jan Lattner (54.) raised the score to 2:4 with six minutes left in the game, the Bulldogs-victory was never at stake anymore.

Sunday, February 19, 2017, Qualification Round (Erste Bank Eishockey Liga):

Dornbirner Eishockey Club - HC Orli Znojmo 4:2 (0:0, 3:1, 1:1)

Dornbirner Messestadion, 3.204 spectators

Officials: Nikolic K., Lemelin; Nothegger, Seewald;

Goals:

DEC: 1:1 Grabher Meier (26./pp1), 2:1 Haberl (30./ps), 3:1 Grabher Meier (37./pp1), 4:1 McBride (46.)

ZNO: 0:1 Bartos (25./pp1), 2:4 Lattner (56.)

Penalties:

DEC: 4 min.

ZNO: 12 min.

Line-Up:

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

ZNO: Schwarz - Andre Lakos, McMonagle; Jakub Stehlik, Libor Sulak; Andre Lakos, McMonagle; Antonin Boruta, Biro; Kaderavek - Yellow-Horn, David Bartos, Tomas Plihal; Lattner, Pucher, Martin Podesva; Vodny, Da Costa, Hughesman; Patrik Novak, Jan Seda, Wronka; Marek Spacek;