

„ *The tough life of a referee* ”

Have you ever been at an ice-hockey game and perceived positive vibrations towards the referee and his linesmen?

As a matter of fact, I had been watching numerous games so far and by no means there has been a lucky relationship between the spectators and the umpire – people in general never seem to be thoroughly objective – *me included to be honest and sincere* – therefore, this story cannot end up happily and to the overall satisfaction of everybody involved.

Whenever the game is about to start, i.e. the cheerleaders have finished their performance to psychologically incite the luring crowd and the local team has entered the limelight, the 3 most hatred persons are going to almost simultaneously speed onto the ice, there won't never be a nice welcome for those rather crucial participants.

The question which arises is why that kind of negatively influenced 'ex ante perception' occurs in most cases.

Predominantly, the reputation of some well known referees has gone a long way ahead, so that their appearance on ice is definitely accompanied by boos and whistling throughout the stadium. Those guys probably don't deserve any applause, which is mainly due to the fact that their attitude during such a game has strongly contributed to this reaction whatsoever.

Nevertheless, I am wondering why and how these referees are going to be evaluated after a complete season. I am firmly convinced that there has to be a sophisticated analysis sheet which needs to be monitored by the DEL organization, in particular because they have to prove for a prolongation contract similarly to the actors of each team who are also obliged to give their best if they long to continue to play.

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