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SMITH SHINES IN 3-1 WIN OVER PORTLAND

Providence, RI - Jeremy Smith made his best showing of the season with 45 saves on 46 shots to seal a 3-1 win against the Portland Pirates. Providence takes the Pirates spot as 3rd in the Atlantic Division.

Colin Miller scored the first goal of the game when his slapper from the right point fired through traffic and past McKenna.

Portland controlled the puck for much of the second, but Max Talbot was able to score his 3rd of the season to make it 2-0. Talbot buried a Chris Breen pass on the doorstep of McKenna.

Talbot may have doubled the Providence lead, but it was Smith who was the star of the second period. The Pirates fired 22 shots on net in the middle frame and Smith stood on his head to keep the puck out of the net.

Portland finally broke through when they scored on their 38th shot of the night. Rocco Grimaldi went bar down to make it 2-1 Providence.

DeFazio responded and made it a two-goal game yet again 10:55 into the third. Frankie Vatrano fought for possession behind the net, then dished the puck to DeFazio whose one timer from the slot went over McKenna's shoulder. The P-Bruins went on to hold the 3-1 lead for the remainder of the game.

In addition to scoring the first goal of the game, Miller fired a team-high 5 shots on net and looked strong defensively all night.

The P-Bruins are back home at the Dunk tomorrow to close out the home-and-home series against the Pirates. Puck drops at 3:05pm

PROVIDENCE SCORING

#7 Colin Miller 16:10, 1st
#26 Max Talbot (#8 Chris Breen) 16:14, 2nd
#24 Brandon DeFazio (#49 Frankie Vatrano, #34 Joonas Kemppainen) 10:55, 3rd

PROVIDENCE GOALTENDING

#30 Jeremy Smith 45 saves on 46 shots

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