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P-BRUINS EXTEND WIN STREAK TO NINE GAMES, TOP SPRINGFIELD THUNDERBIRDS, 2-1, IN OVERTIME

	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	FINAL
SPRINGFIELD	0	0	1	0	1
PROVIDENCE	1	0	0	1	2

PROVIDENCE, **R.I.** - **Brendan Gaunce** scored the game-winning goal in overtime, extending his point streak to 10 games, and **Dan Vladar** recorded 30 saves as the Providence Bruins defeated the Springfield Thunderbirds, 2-1, on Friday night. With the victory, Providence has now won nine consecutive games. The P-Bruins went three-for-three on the penalty kill and outshot Springfield, 36-31.

JAY LEACH. HEAD COACH

"The first was good. I thought we were fairly sharp. We got pucks behind them and played in the offensive zone with some urgency. I thought we just didn't manage it well in the second period. We were fatigued and I think that caused us to be a little sloppy.

"Kudos to us, I thought we carried the play in OT. It was a great effort by Pete (Cehlarik) and Gauncer (Brendan Gaunce) to seal the deal, but it was certainly a tall task."

ATLANTIC DIVISION STANDINGS					
TEAM	GP	PTS			
HERSHEY	60	78			
PROVIDENCE	59	76			
HARTFORD	59	73			
CHARLOTTE	58	68			
SPRINGFIELD	59	63			
WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON	60	62			
LEHIGH VALLEY	58	56			
BRIDGEPORT	59	47			

NEXT GAME

The P-Bruins will travel to Springfield, Massachusetts for a rematch with the Springfield Thunderbirds on Saturday, March 7 at MassMutual Center. Puck drop is set for 7:05 p.m. ET.

BRENDAN GAUNCE - GAME-WINNING GOAL

"I think at this time of the year there's a big focus on wins and today it was a good feeling to win because I don't think we had our best. Vladdy played really well. Good teams find ways to win and I think we're learning that as the season goes on.

"We have a young team. You learn to be a good team throughout the year. I think we're trying to peak at the right time and get comfortable in close games like this. I think this win streak shows that we're really getting more comfortable in these tight games."

STATS

- With his game-winning goal, **Brendan Gaunce** extended his point streak to 10 games. He has 13 points (7G, 6A) during that span.
- **Josiah Didier** scored the game-opening goal and has four points (2G, 2A) in his last four games.
- With an assist on Didier's goal, Jack Studnicka extended his point streak to four games with six points (2G, 4A) during that span.
- Peter Cehlarik recorded the lone assist on Gaunce's game-winning goal and extended his point streak to four games. He has five points (2G, 3A) during that span.