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## **GRIFFITH AND VATRANO NAMED TO 2015-16 AHL ALL STAR TEAM**

**Providence, RI** - The American Hockey League Announced Thursday that Seth Griffith and Frank Vatrano have been named to the 2015-16 AHL First All Star Team, as voted by coaches, players and media in the 30 AHL member cities.

Frank Vatrano has been nearly unstoppable during his time in Providence this season, scoring a league-leading 33 goals in 33 games for the P-Bruins. Poised to become just the fourth player in AHL history to average a goal a game while scoring at least 30, Vatrano has also peppered opposing goalies with 172 shots on goal (5.2 per game) and recorded three hat tricks, including tying an AHL record with three unassisted goals in a single game on Mar. 6 vs. Portland. The 22-year-old native of East Longmeadow, Mass., and UMass-Amherst product has also appeared in 37 NHL games with Boston this season, tallying eight goals and three assists.

Third-year pro Seth Griffith has had a breakout season in Providence in 2015-16, posting 22 goals and 45 assists for 67 points in just 51 games for the AHL Bruins and establishing career highs in all three offensive categories. Currently tied for the AHL lead in assists and tied for second in points, Griffith has notched a pair of five-point games this season, and was the CCM/AHL Player of the Month for December after notching 17 points in 11 contests. The 23-year-old native of Wallaceburg, Ont., was a fifth-round draft choice by Boston in 2012 and has skated in four NHL games with the parent Bruins this season.

Griffith and Vatrano are joined on the first team by goaltender Peter Budaj of the Ontario Reign, defensemen T.J. Brennan of the Toronto Marlies and Brandon Montour of the San Diego Gulls, and forward Chris Bourque of the Hershey Bears.

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The Providence Bruins are the American Hockey League affiliate of the NHL's Boston Bruins, playing their home games at the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence, RI. Spanning more than 20 years, the Boston/Providence affiliation is one of the longest and most successful player development partnerships in professional hockey history.

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