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PIRATES SINK P-BRUINS AT HOME, 3-2

Providence, RI - A last minute goal from Austin Czarnik wasn't enough to lift an uninspired Providence Bruins over the Portland Pirates.

It was a slow first 10 minutes of play, with neither team getting any significant scoring chances. The Pirates broke through with 3:42 to play in the opening frame when Sena Acolaste fired home a one timer from the left side boards. Wayne Simpson doubled Portland's lead 1:52 later in a nice passing sequence with Corban Knight.

The Pirates extended their lead to 3-0 after a bobble in front of the net resulted in Knight sliding one past Smith. Zane McIntyre took over in net with 11:04 to play in the middle frame.

The Providence Bruins somewhat found their feet in the their with a pair of bookend goals in the third. Brandon DeFazio broke the scoring drought for Providence on the power play 0:29 into the last frame with a one-timer from the slot. This marked DeFazio's 20th goal of the season.

Providence pulled McIntyre for six skaters on the ice with minutes to play, resulting in in Czarnik's goal with 0:44 to play in regulation. Ben Youds sent a centering pass from the sideboards to Czarnik who roofed the puck high glove side to make it a one goal game. The P-Bruins sent a flurry of shots on net in the final seconds of play, but nothing managed to break through.

The Providence Bruins will continue the home-and-home tomorrow night in Portland at 7:00pm. The next home age will be Wednesday April 13th against the Springfield Falons.

PROVIDENCE SCORING

#24 Brandon DeFazio (#27 Austin Czarnik, #13 Alexander Khokhlachev) 0:29, 3rd PP

#27 Austin Czarnik (#5 Ben Youds, #20 Colton Hargrove) 19:16, 3rd

PROVIDENCE GOALTENDING

#30 Jeremy Smith 18 saves on 21 shots

#31 Zane McIntyre 15 saves on 15 shots

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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