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PENGUINS COMPLETE SWEEP IN DOUBLE OVERTIME, 5-4

Providence, RI - The Providence Bruins fought back from a 4-1 defect in the third period to force overtime, but the Penguins found the back of the net in the 94th minute of play to complete the sweep of the first round of playoffs. The final shots on goal were 63-37, Frankie Vatrano with 12 shots, Tommy Cross chipping in another 7.

The Penguins got off to a quick start, scoring just 0:35 into play. Jake Guentzel's shot went high blocker side to give WBS a 1-0 lead. WBS doubled their lead on the power play midway through the first. The Penguins carried a 2-0 lead into the second, where they scored a second power play goal to go up 3-0.

Austin Czarnik got the the P-Bruins on the board 13:39 into the middle frame to cut the lead to 3-1. His shot from the left side boards found the upper right corner, with nice helpers coming from Alexander Khokhlachev and Tommy Cross. The Penguins made it 4-1 with 1:32 left in the second period.

Jeremy Smith replaced Zane McIntyre in net at the start of the third period. Providence turned the jets on for the final 20 minutes of regulation to score three unanswered goals and create a comeback. Chris Breen got the scoring going with a big slap shot from the right point that went high glove side on DeSmith. Three minutes later, Tommy Cross scored on a similar shot on the power play. Austin Czarnik completed the comeback when Khokhlachev made a pass from the side boards up to Czarnik who one-timed it for his second goal of the game.

Regulation ended in a 4-4 deadlock, so for the third game in a row the Penguins and P-Bruins headed into overtime. It was a spirited first overtime period with Providence throwing 13 shots on net, and WBS adding another 11. Jeremy Smith made a huge diving save at the 15:30 mark to kept the game alive.

Both teams had to dig deep in the second overtime period to keep their legs moving. Jake Guentzel was the one who finally found the back of the net and ended the P-Bruins' season.

PROVIDENCE SCORING

#27 Austin Czarnik (#13 Alexander Khokhlachev, #3 Tommy Cross) 13:39, 2nd

#8 Chris Breen (#17 Seth Griffith, #6 Chris Casto) 2:22, 3rd

#3 Tommy Cross (#27 Austin Czarnik, #25 Colby Cave) 5:30, 3rd PP

#27 Austin Czarnik (#13 Alexander Khokhlachev) 16:01, 3rd

PROVIDENCE GOALTENDING

#31 Zane McIntyre 9 saves on 13 shots

#30 Jeremy Smith 23 saves on 24 shots

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