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McINTYRE BREAKS P-BRUIIN WINS RECORD IN 6-2 VICTORY

Providence, RI – The Providence Bruins defeated the Hershey Bears on Saturday night 6-2 as Zane McIntyre became the winningest goalie in franchise history. The P-Bruins got two goals from Jordan Szwarcz along with goals from Kyle Cumiskey, Cameron Hughes, Anton Blidh and Tanner Pond while McIntyre made his 16th start of the season in net.

Providence played with good pace in the first period and opened the scoring at 7:09 thanks to their top line. Connor Clifton entered the offensive zone and found Anders Bjork at the far right hash. Bjork backhanded the puck to Ryan Fitzgerald between the hashes, and Fitzgerald quickly sent a turnaround pass to Szwarcz at the left goal line. From a tough angle, he beat Ilya Samsonov for his eighth goal of the season and the P-Bruins entered the first intermission up 1-0.

Hershey took the lead early in the second period on a pair of back-to-back goals. The first came on the power play from Ryan Sproul 2:07, as he one timed a pass from Jayson Megna through the five-hole of McIntyre to tie the score 1-1. At 7:20 Mike Sgarbossa put the Bears ahead, tipping in Nathan Walker’s shot from the top left circle in to make it 2-1. Providence tied it up with eight minutes left in the period on another beautiful play from the first line. Setting up at the top of the right circle, Fitzgerald sent a cross-ice pass through traffic to Szwarcz who was flying in from center ice. Szwarcz redirected the puck from the left slot for his second goal of the night, making the score 2-2. With just 1:01 left in the second, Cumiskey helped Providence retake the lead. Frederic passed the puck from the right the dot to a waiting Cumiskey at the point. He blasted a slapshot by everyone and into the back of the net for his second goal of the season, giving the P-Bruins a 3-2 lead after two.

The P-Bruins opened things up to 4-2 on the power play at 4:05 of the third, as from the right goalline Hughes banked in a shot off of the back of Samsonov and in for his ninth goal of the season. With 1:47 left, Blidh hit an empty net to make it 5-2 and 15 seconds later Pond netted his first career goal to give Providence a 6-2 victory. With the win, McIntyre passed John Grahame’s franchise regular season record with 68 wins in net, a mark that has stood since 2001. McIntyre is in his fourth season with the P-Bruins and has established himself as one of the top goalies to ever wear to spoked “P.” In 125 games with Providence he is 68-35-16 with a 2.51 GAA and a save percentage of 91.1%

McIntyre stopped 19-21 shots while Samsonov stopped 18-23 shots. Providence was 1-3 on the power play and 4-5 on the penalty kill. The P-Bruins are back in action Wednesday in Hartford when they kick off their six-game holiday road trip against the Wolf Pack at 7pm.

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 25 years, the Boston/Providence affiliation is one of the longest and most successful player development partnerships in professional hockey history.

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