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BEARS BITE BRUINS 4-2, PROVIDENCE LOSES THIRD STRAIGHT

Hershey, PA – The Providence Bruins fell to the Hershey Bears Sunday night 4-2, dropping three straight games in regulation for the first time this season. The P-Bruins got goals from Alex Grant and Jake DeBrusk while Malcolm Subban earned the start after playing in relief last night.

After coming out slow Saturday, Providence jumped out to a 1-0 lead just 1:46 into the opening period. With traffic in front of the net, Chris Porter and Anton Blidh scrambled to get possession of the puck. Porter got the puck to a nearby Grant who sent a wrist shot by Pheonix Copley to give the P-Bruins a 1-0 lead. Hershey tied the game at 1-1 at 4:25, as Stanislav Galiev’s shot went through Subban’s shoulder side for his first goal of the game.

Providence retook a 2-1 at 9:33 thanks to Jake DeBrusk’s 13th goal of the season. Tommy Cross dropped the puck off for a Jordan Szwarz slap shot from the right blue line. DeBrusk beautifully tipped the puck past Copley just outside the crease to give the P-Bruins the lead. Hershey again tied the game at 16:24, and again it Galiev doing the honors. Christian Thomas put a shot on Subban that Galiev tipped past his shoulder to send the teams into the intermission tied 2-2.

The second period started slow offensively, but the Bears grabbed the lead at 14:19 thanks to their captain Garrett Mitchell. Former Bruin Chris Bourque put a shot on Subban that he made a nice save on, but he couldn’t control or find the rebound that kicked out to Mitchell. He found the open net for his 8th goal of the season to give Hershey a 3-2 lead after 40 minutes.

The P-Bruins started the third period with some good chances, but couldn’t sustain that pressure throughout the period. This was in part due to some untimely penalties taken midway through the period. Nathan Walker hit an empty net goal with 47 seconds left to ice the game for Hershey 4-2 and push the Bruin losing streak up to three games.

Subban stopped 11 of 14 shots while Copley stopped 28 of 30. Providence was 0-3 on the power play and 4-5 on the penalty kill. Providence is off until Friday, when the club kicks off “Star Wars Weekend” at the Dunk with a 7:05 pm faceoff against Bridgeport.

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