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FITZGERALD SCORES TWICE IN 5-4 P-BRUINS OT WIN

Providence, RI – The Providence Bruins defeated the Lehigh Valley Phantoms in overtime Friday night 5-4 in the first of back-to-back games against the team. The P-Bruins got two goals from Ryan Fitzgerald along with goals from Colby Cave, Trent Frederic and Josh Hennessy while Zane McIntyre made his 40th start of the season in net.

Providence didn't get a shot for the first nine minutes, but got the first goal of the night thanks to Fitzgerald. He used a back hand, forehand move to get Phantoms' goaltender Dustin Tokarski committed and snuck one in at 10:47 for his 16th goal of the season. Austin Czarnik assisted on the play, moving him 10th all-time in team history with 147 points. Their 1-0 lead was short lived, as at 12:21 Danick Martel scored from in close to tie things up 1-1 into the intermission.

The second period proved to be a battle between the P-Bruins and the Phantoms, as each team fought for the lead. Providence did not get a shot for the first five minutes, but their first of the period resulted in a goal. A beautiful slap-past from Connor Clifton set up Cave wide open in the left slot and he hit the open net at 5:05 to for his 10th goal of the season. The Phantoms were persistent and tied things up again two minutes later 2-2 with a goal from Corban Knight, jamming in a shot on a rebound after a breakaway from Chris Conner.

Providence powered through and continued their fight, going up 3-2 on a career-first for one of their newest rookies. Trent Frederic snagged the lead with his first professional goal, unassisted at 11:05, as his centering pass was blocked but went right back to him and he picked the top left corner of the net. The Phantoms again tied the game 3-3, this time 11 seconds into a power play with a goal by Paul Carey at 15:31. With just 1:16 to play in the second, Hennessy scored Providence's fourth goal with a wrister that snuck through Tokarski. His 10th of the season put Providence up 4-3 after 40 minutes.

That was where the score remained for most of the third period, but at 17:32 Phil Varone tied things at 4-4 and sent the game to overtime. Just 1:06 into the extra frame, Zane McIntyre blocked a shot from the Phantoms and passed the puck to Fitzgerald to start a 2-on-1 break. Fitzgerald deked his way up the left side and snuck a wrister through for his second goal of the night and 17th of the season as Providence walked away with a 5-4 win.

McIntyre stopped 27 of 31 shots while Tokarski stopped 29 of 34. Providence was 1-3 on the power play and 2-2 on the penalty kill. The P-Bruins and Phantoms are back in action tomorrow night at the Dunk for a 7:05pm faceoff to conclude their mini two-game series.

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