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## **GRIFFITH SCORES TWICE IN 4-2 P-BRUINS WIN OVER MANCHESTER**

**PROVIDENCE, R.I.** - The Providence Bruins scored three goals in the first-- two on the same power play-- and topped the Manchester Monarchs on Friday night at the Dunkin Donuts Center. Seth Griffith scored twice.

It was an atypical first period for both teams, which worked in Providence's favor. The Bruins scored three times, and there were two fights in the frame. Ryan Spooner scored his third goal in the last two games when he weaved through the slot after a hustle play from Justin Florek to set it all up at 8:56.

The P-Bruins failed to convert on their first power play, but were back on the man advantage only eight seconds later. Andrew Crescenzi got a kneeing major when he hit Joe Morrow (who left the game and did not return), and the home team capitalized twice. Griffith scored the team's first goal on the power play, burying a Chris Casto rebound that came from the opposite side of the zone at 17:05. Ethan Werek scored his first goal of the calendar year after missing nine games, putting the Bruins up 3-0. Like Griffith, he also scored on a rebound from the opposite side of a previous Providence bid (from Brian Ferlin, who forced a turnover).

In the middle stanza, Providence killed off 1:40 of two different 5-on-3 stretches, once in the first three minutes of the period, and another 12 minutes later. Manchester was able to outshoot the home team 16-6 in the period, but didn't generate many quality scoring chances.

Manchester got each of its goals in the third, scoring once early and once on a 6-on-5. Sean Backman scored only 1:04 into the period on a shot tipped past Niklas Svedberg. The Monarchs lit the lamp again when Michael Mersch scored at 19:44. Griffith sealed the game for Providence with less than one second to go.

The Bruins' next game is Saturday at 7:00pm at Verizon Wireless Arena against the Manchester Monarchs to wrap up the home-and-home series.

### **PROVIDENCE SCORING:**

#24 Ryan Spooner (#18 Justin Florek)

#17 Seth Griffith (#6 Chris Casto, Spooner, PPG)

#20 Ethan Werek (#19 Brian Ferlin, #44 Steve Eminger, PPG)

Griffith (#49 Colin Stuart, ENG)

### **PROVIDENCE GOALTENDING:**

#1 Niklas Svedberg (28 saves on 30 shots)

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The Providence Bruins are an American Hockey League franchise and the top affiliate of the NHL's Boston Bruins. Since moving to Providence in 1992 the P-Bruins have been among the league leaders in regular season attendance. On the ice the team has enjoyed similar success, having won five division titles, three regular season titles and the Calder Cup in 1999.

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