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### HENNESSY’S 150TH PRO GOAL ICES 5-3 P-BRUINS WIN

**Providence, RI** – The Providence Bruins defeated the Bridgeport Sound Tigers Friday night 5-3 in the first game of their three-in-three weekend. The P-Bruins got goals from Matt Beleskey, Jordan Szwarz, Colton Hargrove, Emil Johansson, and Josh Hennessy while McIntyre made his 35th start of the season in net.

The first period got off to a slow start as both teams spent the first 10 minutes feeling each other out in a defensive battle. McIntyre made a few huge saves for Providence, however at 11:37 Connor Jones tipped in a shot from Kyle Burroughs to put the Tigers up 1-0. The P-Bruins fought back and within a few minutes they were on the board with a goal from Beleskey assisted by Anton Blidh at 15:27. Beleskey’s fourth goal of the season came off a wrist shot up and over the right side blocker of Kristers Gudlevskis to tie things up going into the first intermission.

Providence kept the momentum going by scoring just 32 seconds into the second period. Szwarz scored on a deflection in front from Jakub Zboril for his 16th goal of the season to give the P-Bruins the 2-1 lead. After a successful penalty kill, the P-Bruins found themselves on the power play where Hargrove scored his 13th goal of the season assisted by Szwarz and Ryan Fitzgerald at 6:57. The P-Bruins kept the fire going as Johansson ripped a shot over the shoulder of Gudlevskis in the top right corner to score his 2nd goal of the season, assisted by Beleskey and Colby Cave. Johansson’s goal off a drop pass from Beleskey put Providence up 4-1. With just over a minute left in the period, Jones slid a pass between the legs to Casey Bailey who shot it in the open net as McIntyre was down at 18:41 to make it 4-2 going into the second intermission.

The beginning of the third period looked similar to the first 10 minutes of the game as it was a hard-fought defensive battle from both teams. The Tigers found some sign of hope on the power play as Kane Lafranchise made it a one-goal game. Travis St. Denis fed a centering feed to Lafranchise, who scored back door at 14:11 to make things 4-3. The action continued through the last minutes of the game, and with 30 seconds left to play, Hennessy scored on the empty net for his 150th professional goal to give Providence a 5-3 win.

McIntyre stopped 34 of 37 shots in his 18th win of the season. Kristers Gudlevskis stopped 16 of 20 shots before getting pulled midway through the second while Eamon McAdam stopped 15 of 16 shots after entering. Providence was 1-3 on the power play and 0-3 on the penalty kill. The P-Bruins are back in action tomorrow in Hartford when they begin a home-and-home series with the Wolf Pack at 7:05pm.

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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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