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JAY LEACH NAMED PROVIDENCE BRUINS HEAD COACH

Providence, RI – Boston Bruins General Manager Don Sweeney announced today that Jay Leach has been named the 12th head coach of the Providence Bruins. The former P-Bruins and Providence College captain served as an assistant coach for the team last season and this will be his first head coaching job. In addition, Spencer Carbery was announced as an assistant coach, his first job as an AHL coach.

Leach, 37, served as assistant coach of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins in 2015-16, helping the team advance to the quarterfinals of the 2016 Calder Cup Playoffs. He was an assistant coach for Adler Mannheim of the Deutsche Eishockey Liga (DEL) in Germany in 2014-15 and helped lead that team to the league championship.

A native of Syracuse, New York, Leach was originally selected by the Arizona Coyotes in the fifth round (115th overall) of the 1998 NHL Entry Draft and played 11 professional seasons from 2001-13. He appeared in 70 games at the NHL level with the New Jersey Devils, San Jose Sharks, Montreal Canadiens, Tampa Bay Lightning and Boston Bruins, registering three points on one goal and two assists with 60 penalty minutes.

The 6-foot-4, 220-pound defenseman also compiled 25 goals and 62 assists for 87 points with 608 penalty minutes and a plus-34 rating at the AHL level with the Albany Devils, Worcester Sharks, Lowell Devils, Portland Pirates, Norfolk Admirals, Providence Bruins, Bridgeport Sound Tigers and Springfield Falcons. In addition to captaining the Providence Bruins from 2005-07, he served as captain of the Worcester Sharks in 2010-11 and the Albany Devils in 2012-13. He finished his P-Bruins career with 11 goals and 21 assists for 32 points in 209 games with 324 penalty minutes and a +17 rating.

Prior to his professional career, Leach played four seasons at Providence College from 1997-2001. As a senior in 2000-01, he served as team captain and established career highs with four goals and 21 assists for 25 points in 40 games.

Carbery, 35, spent last season as head coach of the Saginaw Spirit of the OHL after five seasons as Head Coach and Director of Hockey Operations for the ECHL South Carolina Stingrays. Carbery enjoyed great success at the helm of South Carolina, a team affiliated with the Boston Bruins for three of his five seasons. With the Stingrays in 2014-15, his team won 23-consecutive games and 13 consecutive on the road, both ECHL records. The 2013-14 ECHL Coach of the Year, his team made the playoffs and recorded a higher winning percentage than the prior year in each of his five seasons. Carbery was also an assistant coach for the club during the 2010-11 season.

The Victoria, British Columbia native skated in four professional seasons with the Bakersfield Condors, Stockton Thunder, Fresno Falcons and Stingrays of the ECHL and the Tulsa Oilers of the Central Hockey League totaling 117 points (48g-69a) in 244 games while winning the Kelly Cup Championship during the 2008-09 season with South Carolina.

The 2017-18 Providence Bruins season kicks off on Saturday, October 7 at 7:05 against Springfield. To purchase tickets or for information on specific giveaways and events, please visit ProvidenceBruins.com.