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P-BRUINS FALL FOR FIRST TIME THIS SEASON

Providence, **RI –** The Providence Bruins fell to the Toronto Marlies Saturday night 3-2, concluding their three-game home stand. The P-Bruins got goals from Kenny Agostino and Tommy Cross while Zane McIntyre made his third straight start in goal.

Both teams got off to a slow start, but it was Toronto that broke through at 6:52. Nikita Soshnikov fed Andreas Johnsson up the left side and he skated hard to the goal. Going top corner on McIntyre, Johnsson netted his second goal of the year to make it 1-0 Toronto. The Marlies had their chances thanks to some sloppy penalties by Providence, but the penalty kill unit kept things 1-0 into the intermission.

Midway through the second period, Toronto extended the lead to 2-0 while on the power play. With Kerby Rychel setting a screen in front, Kasperi Kapanen took a feed from Timothy Liljegren at the left hash and snuck one by McIntyre for his second goal of the season. The P-Bruins offense came to life after that, but Calvin Pickard kept them off the scoreboard with some tremendous saves. He stopped two chances in front and another 2-on-1 shorthanded breakaway to keep things 2-0 Toronto after 40 minutes.

Providence finally broke through at 7:53, capitalizing on a turnover in front of the net. Agostino stole the puck at the left hash and sent a wrister through for his second goal of the season as the P-Bruins cut the deficit to 2-1. Ben Smith regained a two-goal lead for the Marlies shortly after, as a wrister from left dot went five-hole on McIntyre for his second goal of the season. A goal with seven seconds left in the game from Cross cut it 3-2, but that is where the Providence comeback ended as Toronto escaped with the win.

McIntyre stopped 17 of 19 while Pickard stopped 33 of 35. Providence was 1-5 on the power play and 5-6 on the penalty kill. The P-Bruins are back in action Friday as the team will hit the road for the first time this season. They take on the Thunderbirds for the third time in four games in Springfield at 7:05pm.

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