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P-BRUINS SCORE THREE IN THIRD, WIN 3-2 IN VATRANO'S RETURN

Providence, RI – The Providence Bruins won 3-2 against the Bridgeport Sound Tigers Friday night at the Dunkin Donuts Center, extending their AHL best 13-game point streak. It is the first time Providence has won this season when trailing entering the third period as the team rattled off three goals in 2:04 seconds for the comeback win.

Tommy Cross and Peter Cehlarik scored as well as Frank Vatrano, who saw his first game action of the season after Boston assigned him to the P-Bruins earlier in the day. Vatrano is working his way back from torn ligaments in his foot suffered during an offseason workout.

Despite a great early stick save from Zane McIntyre, Bridgeport would strike first behind a Ben Holmstrom goal. Ross Johnston fought for the puck at the right dot and sent a quick feed to Holmstrom, who went five-hole for his second goal of the season as the Tigers entered the break up 1-0. While on the power play, Bridgeport grabbed a 2-0 lead in the second as Tanner Fritz knocked a Devon Toews rebound in for his eighth goal and Providence entered the third period down 2-0.

At 15:22, the P-Bruins comeback began as Cross came in from center ice and scored his fourth goal of the season. Jake DeBrusk and Jordan Szwarz picked up assists on the play as the deficit was cut to 2-1. Vatrano tied the score 2-2 just 80 seconds later, sending a wrist shot past Stephon Williams for his first goal of the year. Alex Grant and Peter Mueller picked up the assists on the tying goal, but just 44 seconds later Providence would jump ahead for good. While on the power play Danton Heinen and Grant created traffic in front of the net and Cehlarik was able to find the back off the net for his team leading 12th goal of the season and give the P-Bruins a 3-2 win.

McIntyre stopped 29 of 31 shots in a winning effort while Williams saved 19 of 22 shots. The P-Bruins were 1 for 4 on the power play and 5 for 6 on the penalty kill. The team heads to Lehigh Valley Saturday before finishing the weekend Sunday at home against Syracuse at 5:05 pm.

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 20 years, the Boston/Providence affiliation is one of the longest and most successful player development partnerships in professional hockey history.

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