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P-BRUINS SHUTOUT IN PRESEASON FINALE

Providence, RI – The Providence Bruins fell to the Springfield Thunderbirds Saturday night 1-0 in their final preseason game before the start of regular season. Zane McIntyre made the start in goal for the first time in preseason play coming off an All-Star season in 2016-17.

The first period was quiet offensively as Providence did not record their first shot on goal until just under 15 minutes left in the period. Springfield couldn't muster up much offense either, though a late power play helped them grab the lead with 7.5 seconds left in the first. Curtis Valk sent a centering pass from the bottom of the left circle to Maxim Mamin, who finished the play in the crease to put Springfield up 1-0 after 20 minutes.

The P-Bruin offense got going in the second, but Harri Sateri kept them off the scoreboard with some spectacular saves. Jesse Gabrielle was robbed on a one-timer by Sateri's left glove and denied later in the period on a breakaway attempt. Despite better chances, Providence headed to the locker room down 1-0. The team continued to try and gain momentum offensively in the third, but a strong effort from Sateri kept the Bruins off the board and gave Springfield the 1-0 win.

McIntyre stopped 21-22 shots while Sateri stopped all 33 he faced. Providence was 0-1 on the power play and 3-4 on the penalty kill. The regular season kicks off for the P-Bruins on Saturday, October 7, when they will again welcome the Thunderbirds to town 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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