



PROVIDENCE BRUINS

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### P-BRUINS TRANSACTION SUMMARY: TRADE DEADLINE WEEKEND

**Providence, RI** – The NHL trade deadline has come and gone, and like most AHL teams at this time of year the Providence Bruins saw a ton of roster movement. As they prepare for the final seven weeks of the regular season, the team lost a veteran forward but gained a veteran defenseman.

Left winger Matt Beleskey was traded to the New York Rangers on Feb. 25 as part of Boston’s package to acquire Rick Nash. The 29-year-old began his career with the Bruins in 2015 and stayed with the organization for three years. Beleskey joined the P-Bruins for 21 games this season, scoring four goals and earning two assists. Beleskey made his debut with the Hartford Wolf Pack at the Dunk, playing his former team one day after playing against Hartford.

Providence signed Colton Saucerman to a professional try out (PTO) deal that same day as they needed help on the defensive end. The 24-year-old played hockey at Northeastern University before joining the ECHL’s South Carolina Stingrays in 2015. Saucerman earned his first AHL point in Sunday’s game, but was released from his PTO deal on Feb. 26.

Paul Postma was added to the P-Bruins’ roster after clearing waivers on Feb. 26. The defenseman began his professional career in the Atlanta/Winnipeg organization for eight seasons before signing with Boston at the start of free agency this year. He played in 12 NHL games for the Bruins before being assigned to Providence.

Also of note this weekend, Chris Breen signed a two-way contract with the Boston Bruins for the remainder of this season though is still with the P-Bruins. The defenseman did have to clear waivers for the move to happen, but he is now eligible to be called up to Boston. Matt Grzelcyk was sent down to Providence but recalled by Boston before ever joining the AHL club. If needed, Grzelcyk will be eligible to join the P-Bruins roster for the 2018 Calder Cup Playoffs as a result of this move.

The P-Bruins will kick off their weekend at the Dunk against the Charlotte Checkers tonight at 7:05 p.m. The team will be playing in Hartford on Saturday night, and returning to the Dunk on Sunday against the Springfield Thunderbirds at 3:05 p.m.

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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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