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P-BRUINS WEEK IN REVIEW: 11/15/17 - 11/21/17

Providence, RI – Injuries at the NHL level have depleted the Providence Bruins roster, and recently that has shown on the scoreboard. After a hot start in which they started 6-1-0-0, the P-Bruins entered this weekend's two-game home stand against the Hershey Bears on their longest winless drought of the season. That drought extended to four games (0-2-2) after Friday's 4-1 loss, as despite Justin Hickman's first goal of the season Providence couldn't overcome an early deficit.

Playing with a little extra spring in their step on Sunday afternoon, Jordan Binnington and the P-Bruins halted the season-worst streak with a 4-1 win. Jakob Forsbacka Karlsson, Colby Cave, Austin Czarnik and Colton Hargrove each found the back of the net while Binnington earned his third win of the season.

The P-Bruins sit at third in the Atlantic Division and fifth overall in the Conference with a record of 8-5-2-0 and 18 points. Their goaltending and defense has been strong throughout, as almost a fifth of the way through the season Providence ranks second in goals allowed per game and fifth in goal differential. They were able to maintain those numbers despite the loss of Jakub Zboril, who has missed the last two games with an upper body injury.

Forsbacka Karlsson and Czarnik tied Jordan Szwarz for the team lead in goals the weekend with five while Czarnik added on to his team-best point total at 11. Both Cave and Zach Senyshyn had multipoint performances Sunday, as Cave posted an assist in addition to his eventual game-winning goal while Senyshyn had two assists. Binnington continued his impressive month in goal, as the backup goaltender has played like a starter. In three November games he has a 1.66 goals-against average with a save percentage of 94.3%.

Providence will spend Thanksgiving week on a three-game road trip to two different cities. That trip starts tomorrow night in Binghamton when they take on the Devils at 7:05pm. After off days on Thanksgiving and Black Friday, the P-Bruins will make their only trip off the season to Charlotte for two games. Saturday's game faces-off at 6pm and Sunday's matinee gets underway at 1pm.

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