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P-BRUINS WEEK IN REVIEW: 11/2/17 - 11/7/17

Providence, RI - While just one win in three tries with two shutouts mixed in this weekend for the Providence Bruins may not seem like a successful week, a closer look may prove differently with the amount of success the team's recent alumni have had in Boston. The P-Bruin roster has been depleted due to injuries their parent club has suffered, though thanks to the efforts of several Providence players Boston has been able to weather the storm. Eight players currently on Boston's roster played in Providence last season with four of those players seeing time in the ocean state this season.

Sean Kuraly netted the game-winning goal Thursday against the Vegas Golden Knights and scored another one Monday against Minnesota. Jake DeBrusk and Frank Vatrano also lit the lamp against the Wild Monday, making it three P-Bruins forwards from last year's roster to score last week for Boston. Forwards from this year's Providence squad also made the score sheet, as Danton Heinen, Jordan Szwarz and Austin Czarnik all recorded assists over the past week.

Without three of their offensive stars, the P-Bruins saw some struggles to score for the first time this season. Bridgeport shut the team out twice at the Dunkin Donuts Center, marking the first time since March 7 and 12, 2004 that they were shutout in back-to-back home games. Providence did mix in a shutout victory of their own however, as they beat the Wolf Pack 5-0 in Hartford on Saturday. Five different Bruins found the back of the net while Jordan Binnington stopped all 33 shots he faced for the team's first shutout win of the season.

Providence sits a 7-4-0-0 on the season with 14 points, though much like last season will see plenty of competition from around their division. Though they rank fifth in the conference, they are in fourth place in the Atlantic Division. Czarnik leads the team in scoring with 10 points while Szwarz ranks first in goals (5) and rating (+7). Heinen's seven assists lead Providence, so adjusting to life without all three in the lineup could take some time. Fans who did make it out to the Dunk last weekend may not have saw a win, but were treated to four fights on Sunday in addition to one on Friday. Sena Acolatse recorded three of the five weekend bouts, accumulating 43 PIM in two games.

The P-Bruins will hit the road this weekend for a brief two-game trip against divisional foes. Saturday the team heads to Wilkes-Barre Scranton for a 7:05pm tilt against the Penguins who are atop the Atlantic Division. Sunday they conclude the trip with a 3:05pm face-off against Springfield who sit at the bottom of the Atlantic and have already fell to Providence three times this season.

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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