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P-BRUINS WEEK IN REVIEW 1/2/17 - 1/8/17

Providence, RI – The Providence Bruins continued to climb up the AHL standing after another successful weekend. The team started off with a home-and-home series against the Springfield Thunderbirds that saw each road team earn a 4-1 victory. They returned home to face the Hartford Wolf Pack and capped the weekend with their first shutout of the season 3-0. The P-Bruins are now 21-8-4-3 with 49 points, good for third in both the Atlantic division and the Eastern Conference.

Jake DeBrusk led Providence with two goals this weekend though saw his team best eight-game point streak snapped Sunday. The streak, which started December 18, saw him score six goals and register two assists to push his season totals up to 10 goals and 10 assists. Alex Grant and Tommy Cross led the team with four total points over the weekend, each registering a goal and three assists. For Grant, the goal was the 50th of his AHL career and the assists made him the team leader in the category with 17 for the season. For Cross the goal was his sixth which marks a new career high for the veteran defenseman. He is also four games away from fifth all-time in Providence history. Peter Cehlarik remains the team leader with 14 goals and Wayne Simpson remains the leading scorer with 25 points (11 g, 14 a).

Anton Khudobin provided both wins between the pipes for the P-Bruins including the team’s first shutout win of the season on Sunday. He stopped all but one of the 40 shots he faced in his two starts after being sent to Providence January 6. In five starts with Providence overall he is now 4-0-1 with a 2.33 GAA.

The move for Khudobin was necessary because All-Star goalie Zane McIntyre was recalled for his second NHL stint with Boston on January 6. He lead all qualified goalies in GAA (1.41), save % (95.1) and goals allowed (16) before his promotion while being named Goaltender of the Month in December. Providence received another familiar face when Noel Acciari was also sent down from Boston the same day. With injuries to defensemen mounting, the team signed Taylor Doherty to a PTO on January 3 and he made his Bruins debut over the weekend.

Providence again will have two home games this week as they take on Utica Friday night at 7:05 at the Dunk and Bridgeport Sunday afternoon at 3:05pm. The team will also travel back to Springfield for their loan road game of the weekend, a 7:05 pm faceoff with the Thunderbirds.

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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 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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