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### P-BRUINS WEEK IN REVIEW 2/20/17 – 2/26/17

**Providence, RI** – There are just 20 games remaining in the 2016-17 AHL regular season, and after sweeping their set of three weekend games the Providence Bruins remain in strong position to make the playoffs for a fifth straight season. The P-Bruins started their weekend with a home-and-home series against a Bridgeport team they had just one win against all year and a team ahead of them in the standings. After taking the first game at home 2-1, Providence came back from a 3-2 third period deficit by scoring two goals in 15 seconds to win 4-3 in Bridgeport. Their weekend concluded with a 3-0 win over Springfield at the Dunk, Zane McIntyre's first career shutout.

Providence now sits second in both the Atlantic Division and Eastern Conference with a record of 33-14-5-4 and 75 points. Those 75 points are second most in the AHL and the team is just four points away from first place. In a loaded division, however, the team will have to continue their good play as fifth place Hershey has 67 points and only the top four teams from each division will make the playoffs.

Tommy Cross led the team in scoring for the weekend, posting a goal and three assists while scoring in every game. His lone goal was the game winner on Saturday in Bridgeport and he also upped his team lead in rating to +19. Sunday was a historic day for the P-Bruins' captain, as he played in his 272nd career game with Providence to move into second place all-time in team history. Jordan Szwarz continues to lead the team in assists with 28 and scoring with 42 points while Peter Cehlarik, despite currently skating with Boston, leads with 18 goals.

The baby B's received some reinforcements from their parent club to make up for the loss of Cehlarik. After activating him off IR, Austin Czarnik was assigned to Providence and skated in all three games over the weekend. Joe Morrow was also sent to Providence, but his assignment was for conditioning purposes as he had not played at any level since January. Czarnik had two assists over the weekend and Morrow scored one goal.

After three straight "three-in-three" weekends, Providence starts March with two home games Friday and Sunday. The P-Bruins welcome Albany to town at 7:05pm Friday and will Saturday off for the first time in four weeks. They conclude their weekend against Lehigh Valley at 3:05pm on Providence Reds night, a day in which they will celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Reds' inaugural season and the 25th season of P-Bruins hockey with special Reds jerseys.

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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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