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## P-BRUINS WEEK IN REVIEW: 2/27/17 - 3/7/17

Providence, RI – The Providence Bruins remain amongst the top teams in the AHL, but this week was a difficult one for the team as they took just two of six possible points. Their lone win came Sunday on Reds night at the Dunk as seven different Bruins scored to push the team past Lehigh Valley 7-3. However, Zane McIntyre suffered his first two regulation defeats in goal Friday and Tuesday, falling 4-3 to Albany and 5-3 to Bridgeport. The nine goals allowed are the most he's allowed in any stretch of two games this season.

With 17 games remaining, Providence sits at 3rd in the Eastern Conference and 3rd in their loaded Atlantic Division. Just four points separate second place from fifth place and only the top four from the division will make the postseason, so the P-Bruins will need to play well down the stretch in order to secure a playoff spot despite their great season thus far. Of the four other division teams in contention for the playoffs, Providence currently holds tiebreakers over Wilkes-Barre Scranton and Hershey.

Jordan Szwarz led all Bruins in scoring this week, registering three goals and two assists for five points including two multipoint performances. Captain Tommy Cross scored in each game to push his season best point streak up to six games and raise his lead in rating to +23. He is just three games from tying Jay Henderson for first on the all-time games played list in Providence history and could stand alone in first with 279 games played March 18 at the Dunk.

With the trade deadline in the rearview mirror, the roster was not affected by any trades from Boston. However, Joe Morrow and Austin Czarnik were both recalled back to the NHL after brief stints with Providence. Morrow, who was called up March 1, played just three games for the P-Bruins on a conditioning loan registering a goal. Czarnik, recalled March 7, played in five games after coming off IR and scored a goal and four assists.

Providence gets a Friday off for just the second time this year, but the team will face tow big road games Saturday and Sunday in Pennsylvania. They start their weekend Saturday at 7:05pm for a match-up with first place Wilkes-Barre Scranton before heading to Hershey for a 5pm faceoff with the Bears Sunday.

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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