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### **P-BRUINS WEEK IN REVIEW: 3/27/18 – 4/2/18**

**Providence, RI** – This week featured arguably the toughest road trip of the season for the Providence Bruins, as they traveled to Pennsylvania for three games with the top two teams in the Atlantic Division. A pair of games against the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins and a face off against the Lehigh Valley Phantoms was no easy task as they only took two of six possible points. Still, the team is all but assured a postseason spot and likely will clinch one this week. They sit in third place in the Atlantic Division with a record of 41-23-3-2 and 87 points, good for fifth in the East and sixth in the AHL.

The team kicked off their road trip Wednesday in Wilkes-Barre, though despite grabbing a lead late in the first fell to the Penguins 5-2. The Pens scored three goals in under five minutes during the second period to take control, scoring five of the final six goals of the game. Things didn't get any easier as the team then traveled to Allentown for a faceoff with the first-place Phantoms on Friday. Dustin Tokarski shut Providence out, making it five times this season the team has been blanked in a 2-0 defeat. The P-Bruins were able to salvage the final game of the weekend Saturday as Jordan Binnington stopped 34 shots in a 3-1 P-Bruins win.

The scoring this weekend was fairly spread out, though Jakub Zboril and Adam Payerl each led Providence with two points. Zboril earned his first career multipoint game Wednesday and Payerl notched a multipoint game of his own Saturday. Austin Czarnik continues to pace the team with 21 goals, 41 assists and 62 points, a total that is good for third in the AHL in scoring.

Binnington got two of the three starts in net this weekend, going 1-1 but playing solid in both games. He stopped 66-69 shots overall and is now second in the AHL with a 1.94 GAA. He is also third in the league in save percentage, stopping 93.1% of the shots thrown at him. McIntyre started Wednesday against Wilkes-Barre, stopping 27 of 31 shots in a loss.

Providence can clinch a playoff spot as early as tomorrow afternoon, as a regulation win in Bridgeport would send Providence to the postseason for a sixth straight season. If that doesn't happen, there are plenty of chances for Providence to do so this weekend. The P-Bruins take on the Hartford Wolf Pack Friday at 7:05pm at the Dunk and then play in Bridgeport again Saturday at 7pm. They conclude the weekend at home against the Phantoms at 3:05pm, the final regular season matchup of the year with the first place team in the division.

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