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P-BRUINS WEEK IN REVIEW: 3/7/18 - 3/14/18

Providence, RI – The Providence Bruins completed their first back to back away games this month, taking four of a possible six points on their three-game road trip. They maintain a 36-20-3-2 record, and their 77 points put them in a strong position to make the postseason. The team stays at third place in the Atlantic Division as well as fifth overall in the Eastern Conference.

The P-Bruins started off their road trip in Laval, QC Wednesday night by defeating the Laval Rocket 6-3. Anton Blidh and Austin Czarnik led the way for Providence with two goals apiece as the P-Bruins dominated offensively throughout the game. It wasn't until late in the second period that the Rocket finally got Chris Terry to take a slap shot at the P-Bruins' Vladar for Laval's first goal of the game. Vladar allowed two goals late in the third when the game was already in hand, overall he played well stopping 23 of 26 shots giving him his second AHL win this season.

On Friday night, the Providence Bruins took the journey to a little over five hours away from Laval to the Blue Cross Arena, in Rochester, NY to face off against the Rochester Americans. Jordan Binnington made his 21st start of the season in net allowing only one goal to push his GAA to a season-low 1.97. The first period was quiet as neither side could find the back of the net, but the P-Bruins top line made their mark on the scoreboard at the start of the second. Ryan Fitzgerald deflected in Paul Postma's slap-shot from the point to give Providence a lead that lasted late into the third. The Americans tied up the game with six minutes to play, however, and overtime was needed to decide a winner. Fitzgerald played hero again for the P-Bruins, winning the faceoff and eventually putting home a rebound for his second goal of the game and giving Providence a 2-1 victory.

The team traveled back to Canada to play their final game of the road trip in Toronto at the Air Canada Centre against the first-place Marlies. Toronto's Colin Greening and Mason Marchment gave the Marlies a 2-0 lead into the second period, but the puck-luck shifted after that. The P-Bruins got two goals from Colby Cave in a span of 43 seconds to tie things up 2-2. However, Andreas Johnsson scored for Toronto with only 15 seconds left in the second to give Toronto the lead into the intermission. Kenny Agostino tied the game for Providence on the power play, but another late goal by the Marlies secured a 4-3 win over Zane McIntyre and Providence.

The Providence Bruins will start a three-in-three weekend tomorrow at the Dunkin Donuts Center at 7:05pm once again against the Rochester Americans. After a trip to Lehigh Valley on Saturday, the team returns home Sunday for a 3:05pm face off against the Bridgeport Sound Tigers.

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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 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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