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P-BRUINS WEEK IN REVIEW: 5/17/17 – 5/23/17

Providence, RI – To say this has been a historic week for the Providence Bruins would not be an overstatement as the team continues its playoff run. The P-Bruins are currently in the Conference Finals for the sixth time in franchise history after taking two road games from the reigning East Champion Hershey Bears. They became the only team in AHL history to win four elimination games on the road in a single postseason, taking the final pair of games in each of the first two rounds.

Things were not looking good Tuesday in game six against Hershey, as Providence was down 2-0 after 20 minutes to the Bears. The team then rattled off four unanswered goals to steal the win and force game seven. Chris Porter assisted on the tying goal and scored the eventual game-winner. In Wednesday’s game seven, Jordan Szwarz scored twice as the P-Bruins completed their historic comeback to advance to the Eastern Conference Finals for the first time since 2009. Danton Heinen and Austin Czarnik led the team with six points each in the series while Czarnik and Wayne Simpson led the team with three goals.

The Conference Finals kicked off Friday at the Dunk as the higher seeded P-Bruins hosted the Syracuse Crunch for the first two games of the series. Game one didn’t go as planned for the home team as a slow start saw Providence down 4-1 midway through the final period. Goals by Jake DeBrusk and Heinen just 13 seconds apart gave the P-Bruins hope, but a pair of empty netters by the Crunch sealed a 6-3 game one win. Syracuse looked like they had carried the momentum over to game two, scoring on the first shot just 1:26 into play. However, Zane McIntyre stopped the next 29 he faced to keep the Crunch off the board. Szwarz scored the tying goal late in the second and the game-winner in overtime to send the series to Syracuse tied at a game apiece. The win snapped an eight-game postseason overtime losing streak for the P-Bruins dating back to 2015.

Heinen is second overall in postseason scoring now with 15 points, tied for the AHL lead in assists (9) and tied for second in goals (6). He leads all rookies in scoring and is tied with DeBrusk for the rookie lead in goals. McIntyre has played all 14 games for Providence in net, and no goalie has played more minutes than the All-Star this postseason. He holds a 2.14 GAA and a save percentage 91.9%. No one has been added or subtracted from the roster, but Noel Acciari, Sean Kuraly, Rob O’Gara and Peter Cehlarik have not yet played this round due to injury.

The Conference Finals now move to Syracuse for games three, four and five this week with the teams back in action Wednesday at 7pm.

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