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P-BRUINS WEEK IN REVIEW: 5/3/17 - 5/9/17

Providence, **RI** – The Atlantic Division Finals got underway this weekend with the four seeded Providence Bruins traveling to Hershey to take on the three seeded Bears. In what promised to be an evenly matched, best-of-seven series between rivals who split their regular season series 3-3, the teams did not disappoint as they split the first two games in Chocolate Town.

The P-Bruins got off to a fast start in the series, taking game one on Saturday night 3-1. Providence scored all three goals in the first period, including two goals while shorthanded on the same Hershey power play. Zane McIntyre did the rest in net, pitching a shutout until there was just 2:26 remaining in the game. Game two on Sunday looked like it would be another Providence win thanks to Wayne Simpson, who scored two second period goals to give Providence a 2-1 lead into the third. However, Hershey scored on the power play with 2:30 left to tie the game, their first goal on the manadvantage in 19 tries this postseason. Travis Boyd eventually ended the game in OT, sending the teams to Providence knotted at a game apiece.

Simpson led all P-Bruins with two goals over the first two games, but Danton Heinen and Jake DeBrusk continue to lead the team overall with four playoff goals each. With two assists over the weekend, Heinen also added to his team lead in postseason assists with four and postseason points with eight. McIntyre has started each game for the P-Bruins so far, sporting a 2.22 goals against average with a save percentage of 93.3% that is second best in the AHL. The roster has stayed intact since Boston's playoff exit, but Noel Acciari has been practicing with Providence in a non-contact jersey. Should he be cleared by Boston, he is eligible to join the P-Bruins for the remainder of their postseason run.

The quest for the Calder Cup continues in Providence for the Bruins as they will play the next three games of the Division Finals at the Dunk. Games three on Thursday and game four on Friday will get started at 7:05pm while faceoff for Sunday's game five is scheduled for 3:05pm. Tickets for all home playoff games are now on sale at ProvidenceBruins.com.

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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