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P-BRUINS WEEK IN REVIEW: 4/12/17 – 4/18/17

Providence, RI – The 2017 Calder Cup are finally here, and although it took until the second-to-last game of the season the Providence Bruins have secured their spot. It did not come easy for the P-Bruins, however, as they dropped all three of their road games to push their losing streak to a season-worst four games. Thanks to a Bridgeport Sound Tigers loss Friday night, though, the team clinched a fifth straight postseason berth.

The week started Wednesday with a matchup against Springfield as Providence dropped a back-and-forth battle with the Thunderbirds 4-3. The team looked to be headed to a win over Lehigh Valley Friday after taking a 4-1 lead into the third period. The Phantoms then came roaring back, scoring three times in under two minutes to steal a 5-4 win. The regular season concluded Saturday with a 3-0 loss in Hershey, meaning the P-Bruins are the four seed in the Atlantic Division and will take on the one seeded Wilkes-Barre Scranton Penguins.

The team finishes the season at 43-23-6-4 with 96 points, the fifth most in franchise history. Chris Porter led the team with two weekend goals while Wayne Simpson led in weekend points with three. Simpson finishes the season as the team's leading assist man with 33 helpers and is also the leader in rating at +22. Jordan Szwarz's career season finishes with the first-year P-Bruin leading the club in scoring with 54 points and goals with 22. Zane McIntyre suffered two defeats over the weekend and stopped just 86% of the shots he faced, but the all-star ends the season leading the AHL in save percentage (93.0) while placing second with 2.03 GAA.

McIntyre returned to Providence after being sent back from emergency recall April 13. Malcolm Subban is currently on emergency recall as Boston's third goaltender for the playoffs. With all of Boston's injury woes of defense, Matt Grzelcyk and Tommy Cross were each recalled on an emergency basis April 17. Grzelcyk has since returned after not suiting up for any Boston playoff games, but Cross saw his first NHL action in game three of the Stanley Cup Playoffs against Ottawa. He recorded his first playoff point (an assist) and was a +1 on the night.

Postseason play for Providence will begin Friday when the team welcomes Wilkes-Barre Scranton to the Dunk at 7:05pm for game one of their best-of-five series. Game two will take place Sunday in Providence at 3:05pm before the final three games are played in Pennsylvania.

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