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PROVIDENCE DROPS FINAL GAME OF ROAD TRIP TO SYRACUSE 3-2

Syracuse, NY - The Providence Bruins were defeated by the Syracuse Crunch tonight by a score of 3-2. Jordan Szwarc and Anton Blidh scored for Providence, while goaltender Malcolm Subban provided 22 saves on 25 shots in a losing effort.

Providence fell behind early when Syracuse forward Cameron Darcy scored just 2:14 into the first to give the Crunch a 1-0 lead. It was Darcy's first goal of the season, assisted by Pierre-Luc Letourneau-Leblond and Dylan Blujus. Later in the period the P-Bruins had their first of 3 power play opportunities when Pierre-Luc Letourneau-Leblond was whistled for Hooking. Providence could not convert on the man-advantage, and the score remained 1-0 Syracuse.

Shortly after killing the penalty, the Crunch converted on a chance to add to their lead. Yanni Gourde, assisted by Jeremy Morin and Henri Ikonen, registered his second goal of the season to increase the lead to 2-0. The two goal cushion wouldn't last for long however, as Providence forward Jordan Szwarc found the back of the net at 11:32 to cut the lead to 2-1. It was Szwarc's second goal of the season, assisted by Zac Rinaldo and Wayne Simpson. This score would hold through the remainder of the period, despite separate power play opportunities for both teams.

The second period brought a continuation of the back and forth play, with the score holding through the first half of the period. Shortly after a tripping penalty on Providence forward Wayne Simpson had expired, Syracuse regained the 2 goal advantage. Crunch forward Mike Halmo found the back of the net for his first goal of the season, assisted by Jeremy Morin and Michael Bournival, to increase the Syracuse lead to 3-1. After trading shots and power play opportunities throughout the second half of the period, the two teams entered intermission with the score still 3-1.

Needing a quick score to get back in the game, Providence was able to do just that to start out the third period. Forward Anton Blidh scored his second of the season, unassisted at 2:23, after beating Syracuse goaltender Adam Wilcox to cut the deficit to 3-2. After killing off a slashing penalty on Tommy Cross at 7:33 in the period, the P-Bruins had a prime chance to tie the game qat 12:24 when Syracuse forward Joel Vermin was call for Interference. The power play was short-lived however, as Providence defenseman Matt Bartkowski was whistled for roughing :55 seconds into the man-advantage. Despite out-shooting the Crunch 8-2 in the final frame, the P-Bruins were unable to provide the equalizer, and the game ended 3-2 in favor of Syracuse.

Providence returns home to the Dunkin' Donuts Center for their next game on Friday, November 4.

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