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P-BRUINS SINK ICECAPS 2-1 FOR SECOND STRAIGHT ROAD WIN

St. John's, NL, Canada - The Providence Bruins defeated the St. John's IceCaps tonight by a final score of 2-1 at the Mile One Centre. The win was the P-Bruins second road victory in a row, and third in their last four games. Wayne Simpson and Peter Cehlarik scored for Providence, while Dan Vladar registered 30 saves and just one goal against in the win.

Providence quickly got ahead when Wayne Simpson scored his fifth of the season just 27 seconds into the game. The goal was assisted by Colby Cave and Tommy Cross to give the P-Bruins an early 1-0 advantage. Just over a minute later Colton Hargrove and Bobby Farnham dropped the gloves, with each receiving a five minute penalty for Fighting at 1:32. The first power play of the game belonged to St. John's after Providence forward Peter Cehlarik was whistled for Tripping at 5:01. The IceCaps took advantage of the opportunity to tie things up, with Ryan Johnston scoring for the home team just 40 seconds into the man advantage. The goal was Johnston's first of the season, with assists credited to Nikita Scherbak and Sven Andrighetto. Providence would commit two more penalties in the period, the first on Tommy Cross at 10:18 for Tripping and the second at 10:52 on Anton Blidh for Hooking. Providence managed to kill off the penalties, including the 5-on-3 opportunity, to keep the score tied at 1 going into intermission.

The intensity continued into the second period, with another fight just minutes in. Tyler Randell and David Broll squared up, with each receiving 5 minutes for fighting and an additional 2 minutes for Unsportsmanlike conduct (Helmet violation). Not long after play continued the P-Bruins found themselves on a power play of their own, thanks for an Interference penalty on St. John's forward Nikita Scherbak. The Bruins failed to score on the opportunity however, missing their opportunity to retake the lead. Instead Providence would score at even-strength, thanks to their leading goal scorer. Peter Cehlarik found the back of the net at 9:05, beating St. John's goaltender Charlie Lindgren for his eighth goal of the season. The score, assisted by Colton Hargrove and Matt Grzelcyk, gave Providence a 2-1 lead midway through the period. After missing an opportunity to increase their lead on the power play thanks to a St. John's penalty at 13:29, the Bruins settled for a 2-1 lead going into the second intermission. Michael McCarron was whistled for Slashing as the period expired, meaning Providence would open the third with a man-advantage opportunity.

Opening the period on their third power play of the night, Providence missed yet another chance to convert on the man-advantage. St. John's forward Mark MacMillan was called for Delay of game with just seconds left on the penalty to McCarron, giving the P-Bruins a brief 5-on-3 chance and extending the power play try. This too proved unsuccessful, as St. John's penalty kill unit stood strong for the fourth time on the night. Play settled for both teams for much of the period that followed, with Providence holding a slight edge in shots and the score remaining 2-1 Providence. At 11:13 the IceCaps' Nikita Scherbak was called for High-sticking to give the P-Bruins their fifth power play of the night. Once again St. John's penalty kill was up to the task, keeping Providence out of the net. After keeping the game close after six straight penalties, St. John's finally got a man-advantage opportunity of their own when P-Bruins forward Jake DeBrusk was called for Tripping at 15:34. This time the Bruins stood tall on the penalty kill, keeping St. John's from tying the game in front of goaltender Dan Vladar. The Providence goaltender played strong for the remainder of the period, turning back all shots he faced. Despite being out shot in the period, Providence held on for the win by a final score of 2-1. The P-Bruins finished the night with 30 shots on goal as St. John's registered 31.

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