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P-BRUINS COMEBACK FALLS SHORT, LOSE TO ICECAPS 4-3 IN SO

St. John's, NL, Canada - The Providence Bruins fell to the St. John's IceCaps tonight 4-3 in a shootout, coming away with one point in the second of back-to-back games against the IceCaps. Danton Heinen scored twice for Providence, with Tommy Cross adding the other goal for the visiting squad. Dan Vladar registered 4 saves on 6 shots before being relieved by Malcolm Subban, who tallied 21 saves on 22 shots.

The P-Bruins, playing the final game of their weekend road trip, fell behind early in the period. At 4:08 Sven Andrighetto scored to give St. John's a 1-0 lead, beating Providence goaltender Dan Vladar who was making his second start in as many nights. The goal was Andrighetto's sixth of the season, assisted by Michael Mccarran and Brett Lernout. Providence fell behind even further when St. John's struck again at 11:09 in the period. Forward Bobby Farnham scored his third of the season, this time unassisted, to increase the IceCaps lead to 2-0. Goaltender Dan Vladar was pulled after the goal, with Malcolm Subban replacing him in goal for the P-Bruins. The goal change only kept St. John's out of the net for so long, as the IceCaps struck again 17:00 into the period. Michael Mccarran registered his third goal of the season off assists from Sven Andrighetto and Jacob de la Rose, giving the home team a 3-0 advantage. The period closed without another score and the P-Bruins leading in shots 15-13.

Providence began to climb back from the three goal deficit in the second, with the first of their score's coming in an unlikely fashion. At 3:45 Anton Blidh was whistled for Holding to give St. John's the first power play of the game. Despite the disadvantage Providence still found a way to score, as Danton Heinen beat St. John's goaltender Charlie Lindgren for a short-handed goal 53 seconds into the penalty. The goal was the Bruins third short-handed score of the season and Heinen's fourth goal overall, assisted by Colton Hargrove to make it a 3-1 game. After killing the penalty the teams traded shots and opportunities for much of the period. Providence squandered an opportunity to score on the power play after St. John's killed off a penalty on David Broll (Interference) at 14:43. The P-Bruins would get one goal closer in the final minutes of the period however, thanks to team captain Tommy Cross. At 17:58 Cross powered a shot into the net, assisted by Grzelcyk and Blidh, for his third goal of the season. Providence finished out the period leading in shots again, tallying 13 shots to just 8 for St. John's.

The third period played out much like the first, with Providence holding the edge in shots and the two teams playing penalty-free hockey well into the final ten minutes of play. Malcolm Subban played well in relief behind the P-Bruins defense, allowing Providence to push play in an effort to tie the score. Providence had a prime opportunity to tie the game after St. John's defenseman Tom Parisi was called for Hooking at 14:46 in the period. The power play, their second of the night, was just what the P-Bruins needed to break through. Danton Heinen scored his fifth of the season at 16:09 on the power play, beating goaltender Charlie Lindgren to tie the game at 3-3. The goal was Heinen's second of the night, assisted by Matt Grzelcyk and Peter Cehlarik. The goal proved to be the final score of the period, sending the game to overtime. Providence out shot the IceCaps 11-6 in the period and 40-28 in the game to that point.

The teams played evenly in the overtime period, with Providence managing two shots and St. John's tallying only one. Despite the efforts the teams finished the five minutes of extra time without a tie-breaking score, sending the game to a shootout. Despite the furious comeback by the P-Bruins, St. John's managed to come away with the win and the additional point on the night. Nikita Scherbak scored what proved to be the game-winner against goaltender Malcolm Subban, as the IceCaps ended the night with a 4-3 win.

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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