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### THREE POWER PLAY GOALS NOT ENOUGH FOR P-BRUINS AGAINST SOUND TIGERS

**PROVIDENCE, R.I.-** The Providence Bruins had three goals on the power play against the Bridgeport Sound Tigers Friday night at the Dunkin Donuts Center, but they were unable to score with an extra skater in a 5-4 loss. The team scored three power play goals in a game for the second time this season.

Adam Pelech got the scoring started on a play that was reviewed more than two minutes later. On a stoppage created by a Sound Tigers penalty, the officials watched the replay and credited the visitors with the first goal of the game. The clock went from 15:01 back to 17:26. On the ensuing 5-on-3 power play for the Bruins, Alexander Khokhlachev hammered home a puck from the right wing circle to knot the game back up at 1-1, only 0:37 later. Scott Mayfield retaliated on behalf of the New York Islanders affiliate at 6:40 with a slap shot past Zane McIntyre. At 13:06, Frank Vatrano scored his third power play goal of the year to tie the game at 2-2. Khokhlachev screened Bridgeport Sound Tigers goaltender Christopher Gibson to make it happen. It was the first time all season that Providence scored multiple game-tying goals.

Just like in the opening period, the Sound Tigers scored first in the second and re-took the lead. At 1:44, Alan Quine took a turnover into the slot, then wristed it off of the far post. Bridgeport's third lead of the game would not hold though. Kiril Petrov added a goal of his own at 8:40 after depositing a drop pass in the slot into the net. A Taylor Beck tripping minor behind the play at 13:51 led to another P-Bruins power play. Only :09 into it, a fight broke out in front of the Bridgeport cage, as Noel Acciari and Mayfield dropped the gloves. On the man advantage, Matt Irwin hit the post and Vatrano had a rare miss on an open net. However, Khokhlachev picked his linemate up only two shots later, as he buried a rebound on the near doorstep to cut the Sound Tigers' lead in half at 15:13. Colby Cave scored the Bruins' third game-tying goal of the game on a rebound in front 1:03 later, and neither team scored for the rest of the frame.

After a pair of four-goal periods, there was only one scored in the third. Providence had a few good scoring chances in the frame, including one at 4:51 for Brandon DeFazio, who created mini-breakaway, but couldn't get a shot off. Ross Johnston scored his first goal of the season, and it ended up as the game-winner at 6:26. The Bruins had an extra skater for the last 1:24, but came up empty-handed.

The Bruins complete the home-and-home against Bridgeport on Saturday at Webster Bank Arena at 7:00pm. They'll be home again on Friday, when they host the Lehigh Valley Phantoms at the Dunk at 7:05pm.

#### PROVIDENCE SCORING

#13 Alexander Khokhlachev 1 (#16 Zack Phillips, #2 Matt Irwin), 3:11, 1st period, PPG

#49 Frank Vatrano 7 (#5 Ben Youds, Irwin) 13:06, 1st period, PPG

Khokhlachev 2 (Phillips, Irwin) 15:13, 2nd period, PPG

#25 Colby Cave 2 (#6 Chris Casto, #15 Anthony Camara), 16:16, 2nd period

#### PROVIDENCE GOALTENDING

#31 Zane McIntyre (12 saves on 17 shots)

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