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PROVIDENCE COMEBACK FALLS SHORT IN 5-3 LOSS

Providence, RI – The Providence Bruins fell to the Bridgeport Sound Tigers Sunday afternoon 5-3 at the Dunkin’ Donuts Center despite erasing two two-goal deficits in the game. Providence got goals from Colby Cave, Zac Rinaldo and Sean Kuraly while Anton Khudobin got his second straight start in net.

Bridgeport struck for two quick goals halfway into the opening period, starting with a Ross Johnston goal just after a power play opportunity. With traffic in front of the net, he put home a rebound through Khudobin’s five-hole to give the Tigers a 1-0 lead. Josh Holdstrom and Kane Lafranchise picked up helpers on Johnston’s ninth goal of the season. The Tigers scored again just 41 seconds later as Andrew Rowe stole the puck away from Providence and started a 2-1 break. He sent a pass to Tanner Fritz who one-timed it in to give Bridgeport a 2-0 lead.

Providence cut the lead to 2-1 while on the power play late in the period. With 29 seconds left, Cave cleaned up a rebound in the crease for his eighth goal of the season. Peter Cehlarik and Peter Mueller picked up assists on the play after creating the initial pressure as the P-Bruins entered the break down a goal.

Travis St. Dennis made it a 3-1 game when he beat Khudobin blocker side at 4:19 of the second period, but Providence responded with two goals to tie the game. The first came from Rinaldo at 16:05 as he took a centering pass from Chris Porter and put home his fourth goal of the season. At 18:42, Kuraly netted his third shorthanded goal of the season as he got one through the glove side that just trickled into the net to tie the score 3-3. Josh Winquist helped Bridgeport regain the lead with just 21 seconds left as on the same power play in which they allowed a short-handed goal, he deflected a puck into the net to give the Tigers a 4-3 lead into the second intermission.

The P-Bruins fought hard in the third, putting good shots on goalie Stephen Williams, but could not find a way to sneak another one by him. Bridgeport added an empty net goal from Fritz as they defeated the Bruins 5-3.

Khudobin stopped 23 of 28 shots while Williams stopped 32 of 35. Providence was 1-4 on the power play and 3-4 on the penalty kill. The team returns to action Friday when they take on Rochester at 7:05 at the Dunk.

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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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