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KHOKHLACHEV'S OT-WINNER TOPS THE MANCHESTER MONARCHS 2-1 IN OVERTIME

PROVIDENCE R.I. - Alexander Khokhlachev scored his second game-winning goal in as many home games to lift the Providence Bruins over the Manchester Monarchs 2-1 in overtime Friday at the Dunkin Donuts Center.

Both teams were empty-handed on single power play attempts in the first, but Manchester scored to take the lead late in the period. Providence allowed six of the first seven shots of the frame, then took 11 of next 13 to end the period. However, Brian O'Neill's lamplighter (and 44th point of the season) with 0:16 left made it 1-0 visitors. His give-and-go with Nick Shore gave each of the top two AHL points leaders another notch.

The Bruins retaliated with a 15-shot outburst in the middle period, including the game-tying goal (which came after a Tyler Randell fight with Paul Bissonette halfway through the frame). Brian Ferlin tried to feed Matt Lindblad, but the pass was blocked. Justin Florek hustled over to the loose puck, passed to Ferlin, and Brian found David Warsofsky open for a one-timer at 13:53.

Neither team could capitalize in the third, though Seth Griffith and Ryan Spooner each had great chances. (It was only the second game all season that Spooner, Griffith and Khokhlachev were all in the lineup for Providence.) The Bruins had a couple more great chances to close the period, but Patrik Bartosak made the save on each occasion. Malcolm Subban also made saves on a shot and two rebound bids from the doorstep late in the frame.

In sudden death, each team committed a penalty. Zach Trotman prevented a breakaway chance for Michael Mersch, but it led to a penalty shot. Subban made the stop on Mersch's backhand at 2:03 of the period. A Nick Shore penalty led to the difference maker on the Providence power play. Khokhlachev's backhander in front gave the team the victory at 4:24. (Khokhlachev-- the lone P-Bruins all-star heading to Utica-- also made the difference in the 5-4 win on Sunday versus the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins.

The Bruins' next game is Saturday at the Mass Mutual Center at 7:00pm against the Springfield Falcons.

PROVIDENCE SCORING:

#5 David Warsofsky (#19 Brian Ferlin, #18 Justin Florek) #13 Alexander Khokhlachev (#17 Seth Griffith, PPG)

PROVIDENCE GOALTENDING:

#47 Malcolm Subban (36 saves on 27 shots)

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The Providence Bruins are an American Hockey League franchise and the top affiliate of the NHL's Boston Bruins. Since moving to Providence in 1992 the P-Bruins have been among the league leaders in regular season attendance. On the ice the team has enjoyed similar success, having won five division titles, three regular season titles and the Calder Cup in 1999.

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