



PROVIDENCE BRUINS

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## PROVIDENCE BLANKED TO END WIN STREAK

**WILKES-BARRE, P.A.** - The Providence Bruins were blanked for the fourth time this season in a 2-0 defeat to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins Saturday night at Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza. Jeremy Smith allowed only one goal for his third game in a row, but the offense was unable to muster anything against Matt Murray.

In the first period, Jared Knight had a breakaway bid blocked from the side for the only high-quality scoring chance the visitors had in the frame. Halfway through the period, the Penguins put a barrage of shots on Smith, but were unable to light the lamp.

The teams almost also played to a scoreless second period. The P-Bruins had a chance in front, which drew a penalty as Murray was trying to make the save. At the end of the ensuing power play, the home goalie Murray made a diving kick save as Andrew Cherniwchan ripped one from the slot. With 6:30 left in the frame, Penguins captain Tom Kostopolous fell, controlled the puck while skidding on the ice, and found Scott Wilson at the top of the slot. Wilson's power play strike came with only :09 remaining on a five-minute Wilkes-Barre power play.

In the final period, the P-Bruins outshot the Penguins 9-6, but Smith still had to make a couple of big saves to keep it a one-goal contest. Cory Kane had a chance turned away from the right side, and the PA squad was forced to ice the puck. Later, Alexander Khokhlachev had a chance on an extended rush, but his pass was tipped away from Seth Griffith on a diving block Tom Kuhnhackl. (The Bruins have learned the hard way in the past couple of seasons that Wilkes-Barre has a penchant for blocking passes and shots from high-quality scoring areas, and Saturday was no different.)

With 1:19 to go Butch Cassidy called a timeout, and his goalie was pulled shortly after. However, the Penguins sealed the victory with an empty-netter at 19:29, courtesy of Conor Sheary.

With the win, the Pens kept the Bruins beneath them in the Eastern Conference standings. With one game in hand, Wilkes-Barre is now three points up on Providence for the sixth playoff spot. The teams end the season series tied at two points apiece.

The road trip continues for the P-Bruins with a Sunday game in Hershey against the Bears at 5:00pm.

### PROVIDENCE GOALTENDING:

#30 Jeremy Smith (18 saves on 19 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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