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POWER PLAY PAIR MAKES THE DIFFERENCE IN 2-1 WIN

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - The Providence Bruins scored twice on the power play against the best penalty killing unit in the league and defeated the Hershey Bears 2-1 Friday night at the Dunkin Donuts Center. Paul Carey and Zack Phillips each had points in their respective P-Bruins debuts, and Seth Griffith scored the game-winner.

Rob Flick had a chance to put his team in front in after a Chris Breen slapper from the top of the slot with 10:18 left in the first, though Philipp Grubauer made the stop. Later in the frame, Carey notched a man-advantage goal. He ripped a wrister past Grubauer from the right wing side of the zone to give Providence a 1-0 lead at 12:45. Joe Morrow had a hand in the play, and Phillips had the secondary helper. While on the penalty kill, the Bruins blocked three shots in less than ten seconds, as David Warsofsky blocked a couple, then Chris Casto stopped one with his helmet (but did not appear shaken up). The Bruins had 10 of the game's first 13 shots and took their 1-0 edge into the dressing room.

In the middle period, the Bears had a few more decent scoring chances, including two shots on the right doorstep, but Jeremy Smith made two of his 29 saves to preserve the lead. Griffith gave the home team a top-shelf wrister for some temporary insurance at 6:17.

The Bears had an answer of their own later in the frame, also on the power play. Tim Kennedy registered a goal, courtesy of a wrister from the right wing circle after Stan Galiev fed him from the top of the slot. The lamp-lighter cut the deficit in half at 9:53, but neither team scored in the second half of the game.

Hershey had a 6-on-5 for more than 90 seconds in the third, but Smith made two big saves on the right side of the zone, including batting a puck away with fewer than 10 ticks to go.

The "W" is the P-Bruins' ninth in a row at home and their third consecutive overall. It comes on the heels of the team's longest road trip of the season (five games), which featured a 5-4 overtime loss to the Bears in their only other matchup this regular season.

The Bruins will continue their home three-in-three Saturday at 7:05pm against the Springfield Falcons.

PROVIDENCE SCORING #28 Paul Carey (#7 Joe Morrow, #16 Zack Phillips, PPG) #17 Seth Griffith (#13 Alexander Khokhlachev, PPG)

PROVIDENCE GOALTENDING: #30 Jeremy Smith (29 saves on 30 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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