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SMITH'S 52 SAVES TAME SHARKS, 3-2

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - Jeremy Smith made 52 saves and the Providence Bruins snuck past the Worcester Sharks 3-2 Sunday afternoon at the Dunkin Donuts Center. It was the second night in a row that the P-Bruins' goaltender notched the team-high in saves. (Malcolm Subban was 42-of-43 in the 4-1 win over Springfield on Saturday.)

Smith made a team-season-high in 23 saves in the first. Justin Florek put the home team on top only 0:15 into the game, as he intercepted a clearing attempt from the trapezoid by Worcester goalie Aaron Dell. Florek wristed it in before Dell even had a chance to get back to the crease. Worcester just missed hitting the post on two occasions, had consecutive point-blank chances, and even controlled the puck for more than a minute of 5-on-3 time, though the visitors could not convert. The Bruins finished the period strong after being held to less than a handful of shots for three quarters of the first. Alexander Khokhlachev had a great chance in front, but Dell blocked the shot and knocked the rebound away.

Worcester piled on another 13 shots in the second, though the team managed only two shots in the first five minutes and only three in the first 10 minutes. The visiting squad had three power plays, two of them overlapping, and the other shortly thereafter. Providence took its 1-0 advantage into the dressing room again after two.

The Sharks added 18 more shots in the third, and lit the lamp twice. It wasn't until the 40th shot that the visitors finally found the back of the net. Smith was screened, and a deflection in front by Travis Olesuk tied the game at a goal apiece with 18:03 left. Colin Stuart put the home team back on top with the first of his two goals in the game. As a 3-on-2 developed in the zone, he gloved down a pass in the left wing circle, then beat Dell five-hole at 4:14. Stuart added the eventual game-winner with a shot from the right wing corner that bounced off of a defenseman in front for a power play goal at 8:10. Rhode Island native Derek DeBlois pulled Worcester back within one as he snuck his stick over Smith and flipped the puck in after the initial shot landed in the crease. Smith made two huge saves late, one lunging up on a deflection, another ranging to the left side in the closing minutes.

The Bruins finish their four-game homestand with a contest on Friday at 7:05pm against the Lehigh Valley Phantoms. The team has now won 11 straight games at the Dunk.

PROVIDENCE SCORING

#18 Justin Florek

#49 Colin Stuart (#17 Seth Griffith, #37 Zach Trotman)

Stuart (#13 Alexander Khokhlachev, #7 Joe Morrow)

PROVIDENCE GOALTENDING:

#30 Jeremy Smith (52 saves on 54 shots)

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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