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TWO POWER PLAY GOALS LEAD PENGUINS OVER P-BRUINS IN GAME 3

Wilkes-Barre, PA – The Providence Bruins fell to the Wilkes-Barre Scranton Penguins Thursday night 2-1 to fall behind two games to one in their best-of-five, first round Calder Cup Playoff series. The P-Bruins loan goal came from Jordan Szwarz while Zane McIntyre earned the start between the pipes.

The Penguins had the better of the chances in the opening period, outshooting the P-Bruins 13-5 with a majority of the attacking zone time. McIntyre was up to the task, stopping all 13 shots while making some difficult saves to keep the teams scoreless through 20 minutes.

The second period looked like it would end in similar fashion, but Tim Erixon would change that script with just 17 seconds left in the period. While on the power play, Dominik Simon fed Erixon at the right blue line. After faking a slap shot, he created space for a wrister and went top right corner for his first goal of the playoffs to give the Penguins a 1-0 lead into the second intermission.

With the Providence offense stagnant, Wilkes-Barre again took advantage of a power play to go up 2-0. Off a Kevin Porter faceoff win, former Bruin David Warsofsky's laser of a slap shot went top left corner for his third goal in as many playoff games. The P-Bruins would finally get on the board at 13:25 on their fifth and final power play of the night. Danton Heinen fed Colby Cave at the point and he fired a shot on Casey DeSmith. Szwarz grabbed the puck off a deflection and was able to backhand it around DeSmith for his first goal of the postseason. That was where the comeback would end, as the P-Bruins fell by a 2-1 final.

McIntyre stopped 30 of 32 shots while DeSmith stopped 32 of 33. Providence was 1-5 on the power play and 3-5 on the penalty kill. The P-Bruins will look to avoid elimination from the Calder Cup Playoffs tomorrow night in Pennsylvania when the clubs meet again for game four at 7:05pm.

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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