



PROVIDENCE BRUINS

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### **P-BRUINS FORCE OVERTIME, ALBANY WINS IT IN SHOOTOUT**

**PROVIDENCE, RI-** The Providence Bruins continuously fought back from deficits to force overtime, but ultimately fell to the Albany Devils in a shootout, 4-3. The P-Bruins home point streak extends to 16 games.

Albany got on the board first when a scrum in front of the net resulted in a goal. But the P-Bruins fought back and tallied one of their own two minutes later. Alexander Khokhlachev controlled the puck coming into the zone and found Brandon DeFazio on the left wing. DeFazio then quickly zipped the puck to Austin Czarnik who was able to one time it home. This was Czarnik's 13th goal of the season.

The Devils took back the lead when a low angled shot slipped past Subban.

The second period was more reminiscent of ping pong than hockey, with both sides struggling to possess the puck for prolonged stints of offense. The P-Bruins were held to just 4 shots on net, a season low for the team.

Neither team was issued a penalty in the first 40 minutes of play even while play got progressively chippy towards the end of the second period.

The P-Bruins found their stride in the third period, Khokhlachev lighting the lamp just 1:33 into the third frame. Chris Breen sent Khokhlachev up the ice, who beat his defender in a foot race and decked Danis out of his pads to tie the game 2-2. Albany took their third lead of the game with 4:30 to play in regulation.

Griffith forced the overtime period when he wrapped the puck around a reaching Danis. Frankie Vatrano and Noel Acciari were credited with the helpers. Vatrano has now recorded at least a point in every game since returning to the AHL on January 22nd.

Providence started the sudden death overtime period with a 4v3 advantage after the Devils took the first penalty of the game in the final seconds of regulation. The P-BRUINS controlled the pace of play for much of overtime, and fired three shots on goal, but none found the back of the net. Subban made a crucial stop towards the end of OT to keep Providence in the game.

Neither Khokhlachev or Czarnik were successful in their attempts and both Sislo and O'Brien managed to put the puck past Subban in the shoot out to give the Devils the two points.

The P-Bruins are back home at the Dunk this Friday February 12th against the Hershey Bears.

#### **PROVIDENCE SCORING**

#27 Austin Czarnik (#24 Brandon DeFazio, #13 Alexander Khokhlachev) 4:58, 1st

#13 Alexander Khokhlachev (#8 Chris Breen) 1:33, 3rd

#17 Seth Griffith (#49 Frankie Vatrano, #10 Noel Acciari) 17:12, 3rd

#### **PROVIDENCE GOALTENDING**

#47 Malcolm Subban 21 saves on 24 shots

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