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CZARNIK'S HAT TRICK CRUSHES BRIDGEPORT, 3-2

PROVIDENCE, RI- Austin Czarnik recorded his first profession hat trick in tonight's 3-2 win, including the game-winning over time goal. Seth Griffith notched assists on all three goals as well.

The first 20 minutes of play was dump-and-chase hockey on both ends of the ice. Bridgeport out shot the P-Bruins 17-7 but both Tommy Cross and Zack Phillips recorded two shots on net.

Czarnik got things going early in the second, capitalizing on the power play. Brandon DeFazio retrieved a turnover in the offensive end high slot and slipped the puck to Seth Griffith. Griffith demonstrated patience before dishing the puck to Czarnik who's one time slapper went high blocker side.

Not quite satisfied after one power play goal, Czarnik notched a second 13:02 into the second period. Colton Hargrove passed to Griffith from behind the net. Griffith then sent the puck to Czarnik on the high right point. Czarnik's wrister sailed past Gibson low blocker side.

Bridgeport responded 4:09 later when Wright's shot managed to slip past Subban.

The Sound Tigers tied thing up at 2 only 0:42 into the third period. Beck tallied the goal and Wright notched an assist. Tempers flared the rest of the period, with both teams getting plenty of solid shots on net, and both teams hitting hard. The tie remained knotted at 2-2 after 60 minutes of play, forcing the 3v3 overtime.

But it was hero of the night Czarnik who quickly ended things in overtime - scoring 0:51 into the overtime period. Czarnik brought the puck into the zone and pivoted on the side boards to control the puck. His pass found Griffith down low who fired a pass to Defazio, but Gibson managed to get a piece of his one-timer. The rebound bounced right to Czarnik's tape who slapped home the game-winner.

This win extends the P-Bruins home streak to 6 games, and their point streak to 8 games in a row.

Providence is back home at the Dunk Sunday January 3rd against Rochester.

PROVIDENCE SCORING

#27 Austin Czarnik (#17 Seth Griffith, #24 Brandon DeFazio) 2:14, 2nd PP

#27 Austin Czarnik (#17 Seth Griffith, #20 Colton Hargrove) 13:02, 2nd PP

#27 Austin Czarnik (#24 Brandon DeFazio, #17 Seth Griffith) 0:51, OT

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#47 Malcolm Subban 28 saves on 30 shots

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