



# GAME NOTES

## PROVIDENCE BRUINS (34-15-3-2)

vs. Hartford Wolf Pack (27-17-6-1)

March 3, 2024, 3:05 PM

Amica Mutual Pavilion - Providence, R.I.

### BRUINS BITES

- The Providence Bruins (34-15-3-2) host the Hartford Wolf Pack (27-17-6-1) on Sunday, March 2 at the Amica Mutual Pavilion.
- The P-Bruins are 4-1-1-1 against the Wolf Pack this season, having won the last two matchups.
- Last Friday, Providence defeated Springfield 4-2, earning its fifth straight win.
- John Beecher and Trevor Kuntar each netted two goals in the win.
- Beecher recorded the second multi-goal game of his professional career, while Kuntar posted his first.
- Goaltender Michael DiPietro stopped 25 of the 27 shots he faced to earn his 17th victory of the season.
- Georgii Merkulov ranks fifth in the AHL with 49 points on the season.
- Alec Regula leads the league in +/- with a +33 rating.

### 2023-24 SCHEDULE

#### OCTOBER

FRI. OCT. 13 HARTFORD 3-2 L (SO)  
 SUN. OCT. 15 @Springfield 4-3 L  
 WED. OCT. 18 BRIDGEPORT 4-2 W  
 FRI. OCT. 20 HERSHEY 3-2 L  
 SAT. OCT. 21 HERSHEY 4-3 L (SO)  
 SAT. OCT. 28 @Springfield 5-2 L  
 SUN. OCT. 29 SPRINGFIELD 3-2 L (OT)

SAT. JAN. 13 @Hartford 3-2 L (OT)  
 SUN. JAN. 14 BRIDGEPORT 2-0 W  
 WED. JAN. 17 @Wilkes-Barre/Scranton 3-2 W  
 FRI. JAN. 19 @Syracuse 4-2 L  
 SUN. JAN. 21 BRIDGEPORT 2-1 W (OT)  
 FRI. JAN. 26 BRIDGEPORT 6-3 W  
 SAT. JAN. 27 @Bridgeport 3-1 W  
 SUN. JAN. 28 CHARLOTTE 6-1 W

#### NOVEMBER

WED. NOV. 1 @Wilkes-Barre/Scranton 3-1 W  
 FRI. NOV. 3 @Cleveland 7-3 W  
 SAT. NOV. 4 @Cleveland 5-4 L  
 FRI. NOV. 10 SPRINGFIELD 5-4 W  
 SAT. NOV. 11 @Hartford 2-0 W  
 SUN. NOV. 12 HARTFORD 3-2 W (OT)  
 FRI. NOV. 17 WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON 4-2 L  
 SAT. NOV. 18 WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON 2-1 L  
 SUN. NOV. 19 @Bridgeport 3-1 L  
 WED. NOV. 22 @Hartford 6-4 L  
 FRI. NOV. 24 @Lehigh Valley 2-1 W (OT)  
 SAT. NOV. 25 @Bridgeport 2-1 W

#### FEBRUARY

FRI. FEB. 2 @Charlotte 4-2 W  
 SAT. FEB. 3 @Charlotte 4-2 W  
 FRI. FEB. 9 HERSHEY 3-1 L  
 SAT. FEB. 10 @Hartford 4-1 W  
 FRI. FEB. 16 BRIDGEPORT 3-2 L  
 FRI. FEB. 18 HARTFORD 3-0 W  
 FRI. FEB. 23 CLEVELAND 4-3 W (OT)  
 SAT. FEB. 24 @Springfield 5-4 W  
 SUN. FEB. 25 CLEVELAND 4-3 W (SO)

#### MARCH

FRI. MAR. 1 SPRINGFIELD 4-2 W  
 SUN. MAR. 3 HARTFORD 3:05 P.M.  
 FRI. MAR. 8 @Hartford 7:00 P.M.  
 SUN. MAR. 10 SPRINGFIELD 3:05 P.M.  
 FRI. MAR. 15 LEHIGH VALLEY 7:05 P.M.  
 SAT. MAR. 16 LEHIGH VALLEY 7:05 P.M.  
 SAT. MAR. 23 CHARLOTTE 7:05 P.M.  
 SUN. MAR. 24 SYRACUSE 3:05 P.M.  
 TUE. MAR. 26 @Hershey 7:00 P.M.  
 FRI. MAR. 29 @Utica 7:00 P.M.  
 SAT. MAR. 30 @Syracuse 7:00 P.M.

#### APRIL

FRI. APR. 5 @Lehigh Valley 7:05 P.M.  
 SAT. APR. 6 ROCHESTER 7:05 P.M.  
 FRI. APR. 12 UTICA 7:05 P.M.  
 SAT. APR. 13 UTICA 7:05 P.M.  
 SUN. APR. 14 @Springfield 3:05 P.M.  
 FRI. APR. 19 SPRINGFIELD 7:05 P.M.  
 SAT. APR. 20 @Bridgeport 7:00 P.M.  
 SUN. APR. 21 HARTFORD 3:05 P.M.

#### DECEMBER

FRI. DEC. 1 BRIDGEPORT 6-3 W  
 SAT. DEC. 2 @Bridgeport 4-3 W  
 SUN. DEC. 3 LEHIGH VALLEY 3-2 W  
 FRI. DEC. 8 @Lehigh Valley 2-0 W  
 SAT. DEC. 9 @Wilkes-Barre/Scranton 5-1 W  
 WED. DEC. 13 @Hershey 3-2 L (OT)  
 FRI. DEC. 15 TORONTO 8-2 L  
 SUN. DEC. 17 SYRACUSE 3-1 L  
 WED. DEC. 20 @Toronto 7-3 L  
 FRI. DEC. 22 @Rochester 6-3 W  
 SAT. DEC. 23 @Hershey 4-3 L  
 WED. DEC. 27 @Bridgeport 5-4 W  
 FRI. DEC. 29 @Utica 5-2 W  
 SAT. DEC. 30 @Springfield 8-2 W

#### JANUARY

SAT. JAN. 6 @Springfield 4-3 W (SO)  
 SUN. JAN. 7 SPRINGFIELD 6-3 W  
 FRI. JAN. 12 WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON 3-2 W (OT)

### TALE OF THE TAPE

#### BRUINS

#### WOLF PACK

RECORD: 34-15-3-2

RECORD: 27-17-6-1

DIVISION RANK: 2nd Atlantic

DIVISION RANK: 4th Atlantic

GOALS FOR: 184

GOALS FOR: 152

GOALS AGAINST: 149

GOALS AGAINST: 146

PP: 16.8% (38/226)

PP: 21.7% (43/198)

PK: 80.5% (37/190)

PK: 83.0% (35/206)

TOP SCORER: Merkulov (21-28-49)

TOP SCORER: Belzile (14-22-36)

### CONTACT

Jordan Conn - Communication Specialist

C: (617)-297-1562

JConn@bostonbruins.com

### TEAM LEADERS

Goals: Merkulov (21)

Assists: Lysell, Merkulov (28)

Points: Merkulov (49)

+/-: Regula (+33)

PIM: Abate (104)

GAA: DiPietro (2.27)

Save %: DiPietro (.923)

Wins: Bussi, DiPietro (17)

# HEAD COACH - RYAN MOUGENEL



Ryan Mougengel enters his third season as head coach of the Providence Bruins after spending the previous three seasons as an assistant coach for the team. Prior to joining the P-Bruins in 2018-19, he spent four seasons as an assistant coach with San Jose's AHL affiliates. He began working under head coach Roy Sommer in 2014 with the Worcester Sharks and kept his role when the franchise relocated to San Jose as the Barracuda. Mougengel's teams made the playoffs each of those seasons highlighted by a Pacific Division Championship and run to the Conference Finals in 2017. His first taste of AHL coaching experience came in 2013-14 as an assistant coach with Hershey.

The native of Scarborough, Ontario got his coaching start in the ECHL with the Fresno Falcons from 2005-2009. Working as the assistant coach, his team made the postseason in each of his first three seasons. He then moved on to become the head coach of the ECHL's Las Vegas Wranglers from 2009-13. The Wranglers qualified for the postseason with Mougengel at the helm in each of his four seasons, highlighted by a run to the Finals in 2011-12. He was a head coach in the 2011 ECHL All Star game and was promoted to General Manager of Las Vegas during his final ECHL season.

Prior to coaching, Mougengel played parts of six pro seasons between the AHL and ECHL. His lone season of AHL action came with Rochester in 1999-00, suiting up in 20 games for the Amerks registering a goal. He spent five years in the ECHL from 1997-03 with Atlantic City, Chesapeake, Hampton Roads and Jackson scoring 105 points (46g-59a) and 271 penalty minutes over 180 games. He was part of Atlantic City's 2003 Kelly Cup Championship team, scoring a goal and eight assists over 17 playoff games.



## COACH MOUGENEL BY YEAR

2005-09	Fresno Falcons (ECHL)	Assistant Coach
2009-13	Las Vegas Wranglers (ECHL)	Head Coach
2014-15	Worcester Sharks (AHL)	Assistant Coach
2015-18	San Jose Barracuda (AHL)	Assistant Coach
2018-21	Providence Bruins	Assistant Coach
2021-Present	Providence Bruins	Head Coach

## MOUGENEL'S COACHING RECORD

Year	W	L	OTL	SOL	PTS
2021-22	36	25	5	6	83
2022-23	44	18	8	2	98

# COACHING STAFF



## TRENT WHITFIELD

### Assistant Coach

Trent Whitfield enters his eighth season as an assistant coach for the Providence Bruins. He recently served as an assistant coach of the Calgary Hitmen of the Western Hockey League (WHL) in 2015-16. The previous season, he was an assistant coach of the Portland Pirates of the American Hockey League (AHL) in 2014-15. Whitfield enjoyed a successful 15-year playing career at the ECHL, AHL, and NHL levels, skating in 194 NHL games with the Boston Bruins, St. Louis Blues, Washington Capitals, and New York Rangers. He compiled 11 goals and 18 assists for 29 points. Whitfield played in 812 games at the AHL level with the Providence Bruins, Peoria Rivermen, and Portland Pirates, totaling 247 goals and 349 assists for 596 points.



## MATT THOMAS

### Assistant Coach

Matt Thomas enters his third season as an assistant coach of the Providence Bruins in 2022-23. Thomas, 45, had served as head coach of the ECHL's Cincinnati Cyclones since the beginning of the 2018-19 season, leading the club to a 89-30-12-4 (W-L-OTL-SOL) record in 135 games with two consecutive playoff appearances. In his first season, Thomas took home the John Brophy Award, given annually to the ECHL Coach of the Year, after leading the Cyclones to a league-best 110 points and capturing a regular season championship. Thomas has also coached the Atlantic City Boardwalk Bullies, Fresno Falcons, Stockton Thunder, and University of Alaska Anchorage.

## SUPPORT STAFF

**MIKE DUNHAM** - Goaltending Coach

**NICK NEARY** - Video Coach

**ROB TAGLE** - Head Athletic Trainer

**DAN HICKEY** - Assistant Athletic Trainer

**DAVID PEZZULLO** - Physical Therapist

**ANTHONY PELLECCIONE** - Head Equipment Manager

**MATT EMERSON** - Assistant Equipment Manager

**PAT DUGAN** - Strength and Conditioning Coach

**JORDAN CONN** - Communication Specialist

# PROVIDENCE BRUINS ROSTER

## SKATERS

No.	Name	Pos.	Height	Weight	DOB	Birthplace
2	Reilly Walsh	D	5-11	192	04/21/1999	Framingham, Massachusetts
8	Trevor Kuntar	F	6-0	204	06/20/2001	Williamsville, New York
10	Georgii Merkulov	F	5-11	175	10/10/2000	Ryazan, Russia
12	Jayson Megna	F	6-0	190	02/01/1990	Fort Lauderdale, Florida
16	Luke Toporowski	F	5-10	180	04/12/2001	Bettendorf, Iowa
18	Vincent Arseneau	F	6-1	226	03/26/1992	Isles-de-la-Madeleine, Quebec
19	John Beecher	F	6-3	210	04/05/2001	Elmira, New York
21	Dan Renouf	D	6-3	202	06/01/1994	Pickering, Ontario
22	Fabian Lysell	F	5-11	181	01/19/2003	Göteborg, Sweden
23	Michael Callahan	D	6-2	199	09/23/1999	Franklin, Massachusetts
24	Marc McLaughlin	F	6-0	197	07/26/1999	North Billerica, Massachusetts
26	John Farinacci	F	5-11	197	02/14/2001	Red Bank, New Jersey
29	Oskar Steen	F	5-9	199	03/09/1998	Karlstad, Sweden
39	Patrick Brown	F	6-1	209	05/29/1992	Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
42	Frederic Brunet	D	6-3	195	08/21/2003	Gatineau, Quebec
46	Jakub Zboril	D	6-1	198	02/21/1997	Brno, Czech Republic
47	Joseph Abate	F	6-1	195	09/26/1998	Bloomington, Illinois
48	Brett Harrison	F	6-2	188	06/07/2003	Dorchester, Ontario
51	Ian Mitchell	D	5-11	173	01/18/1999	St. Albert, AB
75	Alec Regula	D	6-4	211	08/06/2000	West Bloomfield, Michigan
90	Anthony Richard	F	5-10	185	12/20/1996	Trois-Rivières, Quebec

## GOALTENDERS

No.	Name	Height	Weight	DOB	Hometown
30	Michael DiPietro	6-0	207	06/09/1999	Windsor, Ontario
35	Brandon Bussi	6-4	218	06/25/1998	Sound Beach, New York

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Vincent Arseneau - ahr-SEHN-oh  
Joseph Abate - uh-BAH-tay  
Frederic Brunet - brewn-AYE  
Brandon Bussi - BUHS-ee  
John Farinacci - fahr-in-AH-chee  
Trevor Kuntar - KOON-tar  
Fabian Lysell - FAY-bee-ihn LIGH-sell

Marc McLaughlin - mick-LAWF-lihn  
Georgii Merkulov - JOHR-jee muhrk-uh-lawf  
Dan Renouf - rehn-UHF  
Anthony Richard - rish-ARD  
Luke Toporowski - tahp-uhr-OW-skee  
Jakub Zboril - JAY-kuhb zeh-BOHR-ihl

Ryan Mouganel (HC) - moo-jenn-EHL

# PROVIDENCE'S RECORD WHEN

Playing at home .....	15-7-1-2
Playing on the road.....	19-8-2-0
Playing in overtime.....	6-0-3-2
Playing in shootout.....	2-0-0-2
Playing in October.....	1-3-1-2
Playing in November.....	7-5-0-0
Playing in December.....	9-4-1-0
Playing in January .....	9-1-1-0
Playing in February.....	7-2-0-0
Playing in March .....	1-0-0-0
Playing in April .....	0-0-0-0
Playing on Wednesday .....	4-2-1-0
Playing on Friday .....	11-6-0-1
Playing on Saturday .....	11-4-1-1
Playing on Sunday .....	8-3-1-0
Versus Atlantic Division opponent.....	29-10-3-2
Versus Non-Divisional opponents .....	5-5-0-0
Scoring first.....	25-4-2-2
Opponent scores first.....	9-11-1-0
Leading after one period .....	13-2-1-1
Trailing after one period .....	7-6-1-1
Tied after one period .....	15-7-1-0
Leading after two periods .....	23-3-3-0
Trailing after two periods .....	1-8-0-1
Tied after two periods.....	9-4-0-1
Providence outshoots opponent .....	16-9-2-1
Opponent outshoots Providence .....	17-6-1-1
Shots are even .....	1-0-0-0
Game is decided by one goal .....	14-6-3-2
Game is decided by multiple goals.....	20-9-0-0
Scoring one power play goal.....	12-4-3-1
Scoring multiple power play goals .....	7-1-0-0
Opponent scores one power play goal .....	13-5-2-0
Opponent scores multiple power play goals .....	2-3-0-2
Scoring a shorthanded goal .....	8-2-0-0
After a win .....	24-7-2-0
After a loss .....	10-8-1-1

# THE LAST TIME (REGULAR SEASON)

## A BRUINS PLAYER...

**Scored 4:** Frank Vatrano, vs. Portland 10/11/15  
**Scored 3:** Vinni Lettieri, vs. Hershey 3/12/23  
**Had 5 Assists:** Alexander Khoklachev vs. Bridgeport 2/26/16  
**Had 3 Assists:** Jayson Megna, at Springfield 2/24/24  
**Had 5 Points:** Georgii Merkulov, at Wilkes-Barre/Scranton 12/09/23  
**Had 4 Points:** Jayson Megna, at Springfield 2/24/24  
**Scored in OT:** Georgii Merkulov, vs. Cleveland 2/23/24  
**Scored a SHG:** John Farinacci, at Springfield 2/24/24  
**Made 50+ Saves:** Jeremy Smith, vs. Worcester 3/8/15  
**Made 40+ Saves:** Brandon Bussi (41), at Lehigh Valley 11/24/23  
**Recorded a SO:** Michael DiPietro, vs. Hartford 02/18/24  
**Goaltender with an Assist:** Brandon Bussi, at Bridgeport 1/7/23



Brandon Bussi



Georgii Merkulov

## A BRUINS TEAM...

**Had 50 SOG:** vs. Springfield 3/19/23  
**Faced 50 SOG:** vs. Worcester 3/8/15  
**Scored 5 Goals in a Period:** vs. Bridgeport, 12/1/23  
**Scored 4 Goals in a Period:** at Cleveland 11/3/23  
**Scored 5 PPG in a Game:** at Springfield 1/31/10  
**Scored 3 PPG in a Game:** at Cleveland 11/3/23  
**Scored Multiple SHG in a Game:** (3x) vs. Cleveland 2/23/24  
**Completed Comeback Trailing by 3:** at Utica, 11/2/22  
**Scored 7+ Goals in a Game:** at Springfield, 12/30/23



# RECORDS

## ALL-TIME LEADERS (Regular Season)

### Games Played

1. Tommy Cross (2011-18) - 364
2. Jay Henderson (1997-03, 2005) - 278
3. Anton Blidh (2015-21) - 278

### Points

1. Andy Hilbert (2001-05) - 210
2. Sergejs Zoltoks (1992-95) - 186
3. Andre Savage (1998-01, 2004) - 175

### Goals

1. Andy Hilbert (2001-05) - 101
2. Sergejs Zoltoks (1992-95) - 83
3. Craig Cunningham (2011-15) - 75



Andy Hilbert



Tuukka Rask

## INDIVIDUAL RECORDS (Regular Season)

<b>Most Points - Season</b>	102	R. Robitaille	1998-99
<b>Most Goals - Season</b>	41	T. Sweeney	1992-93
<b>Most Assists - Season</b>	74	R. Robitaille	1998-99
<b>Most Penalty Minutes - Season</b>	407	A. Downey	1997-98
<b>Most Shorthanded Goals - Season</b>	7	J. Studnicka	2019-20
<b>Most Power Play Goals - Season</b>	20	B. Boyes	2004-05
<b>Most Appearances - Season</b>	57	T. Rask	2008-09
<b>Most Minutes - Season</b>	3,340	T. Rask	2008-09
<b>Most Wins - Season</b>	37	2x, J. Grahame	1998-99
<b>Most Shutouts - Season</b>	9	T. Thomas	2003-04
<b>Lowest GAA - Season (MIN 25 GP)</b>	1.79	D. Vadar	2019-20
<b>Highest Save% - Season (MIN 25 GP)</b>	.941	T. Thomas	2003-04
<b>Most Points One Game</b>	7	3x, First: J. Stumpel	10/30/92
<b>Most Goals One Game</b>	5	R. Robitaille	11/25/98 AT SYR
<b>Most Assists One Game</b>	6	J. Girard	1/12/01 AT WOR
<b>Most Penalty Minutes One Game</b>	43	B. Walsh	11/24/04 AT PHI

## TEAM RECORDS (Regular Season)

<b>Highest Points %</b>	.750	1998-99 (Calder Cup Champions)	<b>Longest Overall Winning Streak</b>	12	2/14/20 - 3/11/20
<b>Lowest Points %</b>	.313	1997-98	<b>Longest Home Winning Streak</b>	12	12/27/98 - 2/14/99
<b>Most Wins</b>	56	1998-99 (Calder Cup Champions)	<b>Longest Road Winning Streak</b>	8	12/21/16 - 1/21/17
<b>Most Losses (L+OTL)</b>	54	1993-94	<b>Longest Overall Point Streak</b>	17	12/18/98 - 1/29/99 (15-0-1-1)
<b>Most Ties</b>	13	1993-94	<b>Longest Point Streak at Home</b>	23	12/4/15 - 3/12/16 (18-0-3-2)
<b>Most Goals Scored Per Game</b>	4.80	1992-93	<b>Longest Point Streak on Road</b>	10	3/2/03 - END OF SEASON (4-0-4-2)
<b>Fewest Goals Scored Per Game</b>	2.13	2003-04	<b>Longest Losing Streak (L+OTL) Overall</b>	8	3/24/00 - 4/8/00
<b>Most Goals Allowed Per Game</b>	4.35	1992-93	<b>Longest Losing Streak (L+OTL) Home</b>	6	12/26/97 - 1/30/98
<b>Fewest Goals Allowed Per Game</b>	2.13	2003-04	<b>Longest Losing Streak (L+OTL) Road</b>		(Last) 10/14/15 - 11/11/15
<b>Most Penalty Minutes (Season)</b>	2,332	1998-99 (Calder Cup Champions)			

# AMICA MUTUAL PAVILION

Located in the heart of Providence, The Amica Mutual Pavilion (AMP) is New England's premier multi-use entertainment arena. Home to the AHL Providence Bruins and the Big East Providence College Men's Basketball team, the AMP hosts a wide variety of sporting events, concerts, family shows, trade shows and more. The arena floor can be set up to accommodate center stage shows, table seating, ice, dirt, basketball, and event trade show booths.

Formerly known as the Dunkin' Donuts Center, the AMP was built in 1971 and was then known as the Providence Civic Center. Entertainers such as, Elvis Presley, Elton John, Cher and Aerosmith have performed to sell-out crowds at the arena. In September of 2008, following a multi-million dollar renovation, the arena re-opened boasting new seats, a state of the art video scoreboard, facility and concession upgrades, luxury suites, a redesigned concourse and expanded lobby, and a sky-bridge to the Rhode Island Convention Center.

The 14,000-seat AMP offers 31,000 square feet of arena space with a ceiling height of 86 feet, a 25,000-square-foot concourse, a 9,000-square-foot lobby, 20 luxury suites, and five additional meeting/hospitality rooms. There are 5,500 hotel rooms in the Greater Providence area—1,800 located within walking distance of the Center.

The AMP is part of the Rhode Island Convention & Entertainment Complex, which also includes the Rhode Island Convention Center (RICC) and Veterans Memorial Auditorium (The VETS).

