

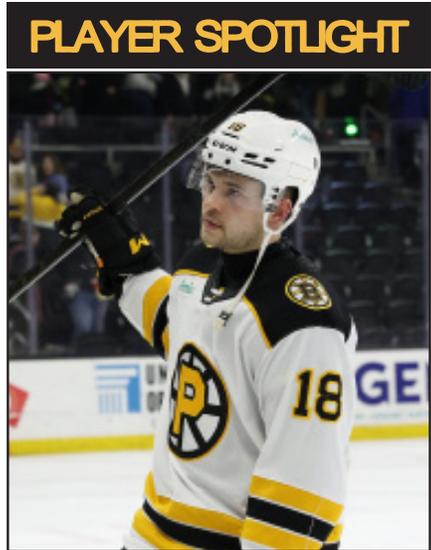


# PROSPECT REPORT

March 6 - March 12, 2026

## Notable Performances

**Will Zellers** recorded a goal and two assists in No. 2 ranked North Dakota's 5-1 victory over Omaha on Saturday. The forward's tally extended the Fighting Hawks' lead to 3-1 with 28 seconds to play in the middle frame. He also posted two primary assists on goals in the third period. Zellers is tied for the team lead with 18 goals, ranks fourth on the team with 30 points through 34 games this season and was named to the NCHC All-Rookie Team.



### PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

MATEJ BLUMEL

PROVIDENCE | AHL

42 GP | 14 G, 25 A | 39 PTS

Making his Providence debut in the 3-2 victory over Springfield on Wednesday, **Lukas Reichel** netted the game-winning goal in overtime and added an assist. The forward intercepted a breakout attempt, walked the puck into the low slot, and fired a wrist shot inside the left post to give the P-Bruins the victory with 1:44 to play in overtime. Reichel also added a secondary assist on the goal that tied the game at 1-1 in the third period. The Nürnberg, Germany, native was acquired by Boston last Friday in exchange for a 2026 sixth-round draft pick.

## Leaders



Providence goaltender **Michael DiPietro** leads the AHL with a 1.85 goals against average, .935 save percentage, and 27 wins.



Youngstown forward **Cooper Simpson** ranks second in the USHL with 67 points through 55 games and is tied for third in the league with 30 goals.

## THIS WEEKS MATCHUPS



### March 13

Youngstown vs. Dubuque, 7:05 p.m.

### March 14

Youngstown vs. Dubuque, 6:05 p.m.

### March 20

Youngstown at Chicago Steel, 7:05 p.m. CT

### March 21

Youngstown at Chicago Steel, 7:05 p.m. CT



### March 13

Maine at Boston College, 7 p.m.  
Harvard at Cornell, 7 p.m.  
Clarkson at Quinnipiac, 7 p.m.

### March 14

Boston University at UConn, 1 p.m.  
Northeastern at Massachusetts, 4 p.m.  
Merrimack at Providence, 7 p.m.  
Clarkson at Quinnipiac, 4 p.m.  
Harvard at Cornell, 7 p.m.  
Minnesota Duluth at North Dakota, 6:07 CT



### March 14

Shawinigan vs. Baie-Comeau, 4 p.m.

### March 20

Shawinigan at Victoriaville, 7 p.m.

### March 21

Shawinigan vs. Victoriaville, 4 p.m.



### March 14

Providence vs. Hartford, 7:05 p.m.

### March 15

Providence vs. Springfield, 3:05 p.m.

### March 18

Providence at Lehigh Valley, 7:05 p.m.

### March 20

Providence at Utica, 7 p.m.



# PROVIDENCE BRUINS

44-11-1-0, 89 pts  
1st place in Atlantic Division

PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	ACQUIRED
Patrick Brown	C	56	17	32	49	34	46	Free Agent, 2023
Riley Tuftte	F	49	25	20	45	26	53	Free Agent, 2024
Georgii Merkulov	C	54	18	27	45	12	34	Free Agent, 2022
Fabian Lysell	F	52	15	25	40	12	40	BOS 1st rd. (21st overall) in 2021
Matej Blumel	F	42	14	25	39	16	14	Free Agent, 2025
Matt Poitras	F	53	11	23	34	-5	42	BOS 2nd rd. (54th overall) in 2022
Frederic Brunet	D	56	11	18	29	15	30	BOS 5th rd. (132nd overall) in 2022
Dans Locmelis	F	43	15	13	28	16	6	BOS 4th rd. (119th overall) in 2022
Christian Wolanin	D	41	7	17	24	9	10	Free Agent, 2025
Alexis Gendron	F	50	10	12	22	-11	44	Trade w/PHI in 2026
Victor Soderstrom	D	44	5	17	22	5	29	Trade w/CHI in 2025
Lukas Reichel	C	24	7	8	15	-1	0	Trade w/VAN in 2026
John Farinacci	F	55	7	8	15	-2	6	Free Agent, 2023
Jake Schmaltz	F	48	6	9	15	4	10	BOS 7th rd. (192nd overall) in 2019
Riley Duran	F	56	3	11	14	12	18	BOS 6th rd. (182nd overall) in 2020
Ty Gallagher	D	29	4	9	13	5	14	BOS 7th rd. (217th overall) in 2021
Billy Sweezey	D	54	1	12	13	25	58	Free Agent, 2024
Joey Abate	F	49	4	7	11	2	81	Free Agent, 2024
Michael Callahan	D	41	1	8	9	21	16	Trade w/ARI in 2022
Colin Felix	D	22	0	3	3	1	63	Free Agent, 2025
Navrin Mutter	F	27	0	1	1	-10	72	Trade w/NSH in 2026
Christopher Brown	F	1	0	0	0	1	0	PTO, 2026
Max Wanner	D	16	0	0	0	5	7	Trade w/EDM in 2025

PLAYER	GP	GAA	SV%	SO	W	L	OT	SVS	ACQUIRED
Michael DiPietro	35	1.85	.935	1	27	6	0	908	Trade w/ VAN in 2022
Simon Zajicek	31	2.19	.923	0	11	3	1	374	Free Agent, 2025

## NOTES:

The Providence Bruins (44-11-1-0) earned two wins in their last three games, defeating the Hershey Bears 5-4 at home on Sunday and topping the Springfield Thunderbirds 3-2 in overtime on the road on Wednesday. The overtime victory was the P-Bruins' ninth of the season out of 10 games that have ended in the extra frame this season. Providence, holding a 10-point lead over Wilkes-Barre/Scranton for first place in the Atlantic Division, has a game in hand as well.

**Riley Tuftte** netted his team leading 25th goal of the season and added an assist to help the P-Bruins defeat the Hershey Bears 5-4 at the Amica Mutual Pavilion on Sunday. The forward's tally came with 48 seconds remaining in the third period to lift the team to victory. His tally extended his goal scoring streak to three games, tying his personal best this season. The Coon Rapids, Minnesota, native's 45 points this season ties his career best and ranks tied for second on the team.

**Georgii Merkulov** tied Wednesday's game in Springfield at 1-1 in the third period before Providence would eventually earn the victory 3-2 in overtime. The forward has points in three straight games, ranks second on the team with 18 goals and 27 assists, and is tied for second on the team with 45 points this season. The Ryazan, Russia, native is the Providence Bruins' all-time assists leader (136) and all-time points leader (224).

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Andre Gasseau	Boston College	C	21	6	16	22	-2	6
Elliott Groenewold	Quinnipiac	D	36	6	13	19	37	20
James Hagens	Boston College	F	32	21	21	42	8	24
Beckett Hendrickson	U. of Minnesota	C	36	7	13	20	5	18
Oskar Jellvik	Boston College	F	7	1	1	2	-4	2
Kristian Kostadinski	Boston College	D	32	0	2	2	3	2
Mason Langenbrunner	Harvard	D	29	2	8	10	-6	14
Dean Letourneau	Boston College	F	34	19	16	35	7	22
William Moore	Boston College	F	31	4	6	10	-6	0
Jonathan Morello	Boston University	F	35	6	7	13	7	18
Casper Nassen	Miami University (Ohio)	F	36	6	12	18	-5	6
Christopher Pelosi	Quinnipiac	C	31	17	15	32	9	12
Ryan Walsh	Cornell	C	28	8	19	27	7	33
William Zellers	North Dakota	F	34	18	12	30	2	27

PLAYER	TEAM	GP	GAA	SV%	SO	W	L	OT	SVS
Philip Svedeback	Providence	18	2.32	.918	0	8	6	2	415

## NOTES:

**Beckett Hendrickson** scored a goal in Minnesota's 3-3 tie against No. 3 ranked Michigan State on Friday and posted an assist in their 6-2 loss to No. 10 ranked Penn State on Wednesday in the Big 10 quarterfinals. The forward's goal in Friday's tie brought the Gophers within one goal early in the third period. Hendrickson finished the season sixth on the team with 20 points through 30 games this season. The Minnetonka, Minnesota, native was originally selected by Boston in the fourth round (124th overall) of the 2023 NHL Entry Draft.



## North American Juniors

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Cole Chandler	Shawinigan (QMJHL)	F	58	20	29	49	13	48
Cooper Simpson	Youngstown (USHL)	F	55	30	37	67	-1	66

## NOTES:

**Cole Chandler** scored a goal in the Shawinigan Cataractes 4-1 loss to the Quebec Remparts on Saturday. The forward's tally put the Cataractes on the board 3:44 into the third frame. Chandler ranks third on the team with 49 points and tied for fourth with 20 goals through 58 games this season. The Bedford, Nova Scotia, native was originally selected by Boston in the fifth round (133rd overall) of the 2025 NHL Entry Draft.

## Europe

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Vashek Blunar	HV71 Jr. (Swe-Jr)	D	30	5	10	15	-12	57
Liam Pettersson	Vaxjo Lakers Jr. (Swe-Jr)	D	19	5	6	11	4	8
Kirill Yemelyanov	Yaroslavl Loko Jr. (Rus-MHL)	F	53	30	24	54	37	42