



# PROSPECT REPORT

December 12 - 18, 2025

## Notable Performances

Goaltender **Simon Zajicek** stopped 29 of 30 shots faced in the 4-1 victory over the Hershey Bears at the Giant Center last Friday. The Frydlant, Czechia, native then made 34 saves on 36 shots in 49 minutes of relief in a 2-1 overtime loss to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins at Mohegan Arena on Saturday. The goaltender ranks fifth in the AHL with a .932 save percentage and fifth in the league with a 2.02 goals against average.

### PLAYER SPOTLIGHT



SIMON ZAJICEK

PROVIDENCE | AHL

9-1-1, 2.02 GAA, .932 SAVE %

**Cole Chandler** netted a goal and added two assists in the Shawinigan Cataractes 5-4 shootout loss to the Victoriaville Tigres on Wednesday night. The forward's tally in the second period cut the Tigres lead to 3-2. The Bedford, Nova Scotia, native totals 11 goals and 17 assists in 29 QMJHL games this season. Chandler was originally selected by Boston in the fifth round (133rd overall) of the 2025 NHL Entry Draft.

**Dans Locmelis** netted the game-winning goal in Providence's 4-1 win at Hershey last Friday. The Jelgava, Latvia, native is tied for the team lead with three game-winning goals and totals eight goals and seven assists through 25 games this season.

## Leaders



Providence goaltender **Michael DiPietro** ranks third in the AHL with a 1.97 goals against average and third in the league with a .933 save percentage.



Youngstown forward **Cooper Simpson** ranks second USHL with 37 points through 28 games this season.

## THIS WEEK'S MATCHUPS



**December 27**

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

**December 28**

Youngstown at Chicago Steel,  
3:05 p.m. CT

**January 2**

Youngstown at Madison Capitols,  
7:05 p.m. CT

**January 3**

Youngstown at Madison Capitols,  
7:05 p.m. CT



**December 28**

Concordia at Quinnipiac, 2 p.m.  
Boston College vs. Western Michigan, 4  
p.m. CT

**December 29**

Colorado College at Miami, 6:05 p.m.

**January 2**

Alaska at Providence, 7 p.m.  
Mercyhurst at North Dakota, 7:07 p.m.  
Harvard at Quinnipiac, 7 p.m.  
Minnesota at Bemidji State, 7:07 CT

**January 3**

Simon Fraser at Boston University, 5 p.m.  
Alaska at Providence, 5 p.m.



**December 28**

Shawinigan vs. Drummondville, 4 p.m.

**December 30**

Shawinigan at Baie-Comeau, 7 p.m.

**December 31**

Shawinigan at Baie-Comeau, 1 p.m.

**January 2**

Shawinigan vs. Sherbrooke, 7 p.m.



**December 20**

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

**December 27**

Providence at Springfield, 6:05 p.m.

**December 31**

Providence at Springfield, 3:05 p.m.

**January 2**

Providence at Hartford, 6 p.m.



# PROVIDENCE BRUINS

19-5-0-0, 39 pts  
2nd place in Atlantic Division

PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	ACQUIRED
Patrick Brown	C	25	10	17	27	16	12	Free Agent, 2023
Fabian Lysell	F	22	11	11	22	8	22	BOS 1st rd. (21st overall) in 2021
Georgii Merkulov	C	23	8	11	19	3	8	Free Agent, 2022
Riley Tufte	F	18	10	8	18	10	18	Free Agent, 2024
Dans Locmelis	F	25	8	7	15	7	4	BOS 4th rd. (119th overall) in 2022
Matthew Poitras	F	25	4	11	15	-3	21	BOS 2nd rd. (54th overall) in 2022
Frederic Brunet	D	23	4	9	13	7	10	BOS 5th rd. (132nd overall) in 2022
Jake Schmaltz	F	19	5	6	11	3	8	BOS 7th rd. (192nd overall) in 2019
Brett Harrison	F	21	3	5	8	5	4	BOS 3rd rd. (85th overall) in 2021
Christian Wolanin	D	10	1	7	8	5	0	Free Agent, 2025
Billy Sweezey	D	25	1	6	7	11	27	Free Agent, 2024
Riley Duran	F	25	1	5	6	1	4	BOS 6th rd. (182nd overall) in 2020
Jacob Perreault	F	8	3	2	5	-1	0	Free Agent, 2025
John Farinacci	F	25	3	2	5	-2	4	Free Agent, 2023
Joey Abate	F	20	1	4	5	3	29	Free Agent, 2024
Ty Gallagher	D	10	1	1	1	-3	2	BOS 7th rd. (217th overall) in 2021
Colin Felix	D	17	0	2	2	0	27	Free Agent, 2025
Dalton Bancroft	F	16	0	1	1	0	10	Free Agent, 2025
Will Riedell	D	2	0	0	0	1	0	PTO, 2025
Max Wanner	D	7	0	0	0	2	0	Trade w/ EDM in 2025
Loke Johansson	D	11	0	0	0	3	4	BOS 6th rd. (186 overall) in 2024

PLAYER	GP	GAA	SV%	SO	W	L	OT	SVS	ACQUIRED
Michael DiPietro	15	1.97	.933	0	10	4	0	388	Trade w/ VAN in 2022
Simon Zajicek	11	2.02	.932	0	9	1	1	300	Free Agent, 2025
Luke Cavallin	0	0.00	.000	0	0	0	0	0	Free Agent, 2025

## NOTES:

The Providence Bruins (19-5-1-0) earned five out of a possible six points in a three-game road trip to Pennsylvania last week. The P-Bruins defeated the Hershey Bears 3-1 last Wednesday, before earning a 4-1 victory in a rematch on Friday night. Providence grabbed a point in a 2-1 overtime loss to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton on Saturday. The P-Bruins currently sit in second place of the Atlantic Division with the same number of points as the first place Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins and with two games in hand.

**Georgii Merkulov** became the Providence Bruins all-time assists leader with 120, surpassing Alexander Khoklachyov. The Ryazan, Russia, native ranks second all-time in Providence Bruins scoring with 198 points, trailing only Andy Hilbert with a total of 210. The forward totals eight goals and 11 assists through 23 games this season.

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Andre Gasseau	Boston College	C	5	1	3	4	-4	2
Elliott Groenewold	Quinnipiac	D	18	2	5	7	12	12
James Hagens	Boston College	F	16	10	8	18	3	8
Beckett Hendrickson	U. of Minnesota	C	19	4	10	14	14	8
Oskar Jellvik	Boston College	F	3	0	1	1	-2	0
Kristian Kostadinski	Boston College	D	14	0	1	1	2	1
Mason Langenbrunner	Harvard	D	10	0	4	4	-3	8
Dean Letourneau	Boston College	F	16	9	8	17	9	14
William Moore	Boston College	F	16	2	4	6	-1	0
Jonathan Morello	Boston University	F	17	3	4	7	3	10
Casper Nassen	Miami University (Ohio)	F	18	4	8	12	-3	6
Christopher Pelosi	Quinnipiac	C	18	10	10	20	5	10
Ryan Walsh	Cornell	C	11	3	9	12	4	4
William Zellers	North Dakota	F	18	10	5	15	-1	10

PLAYER	TEAM	GP	GAA	SV%	SO	W	L	OT	SVS
Philip Svedeback	Providence	15	2.29	.919	0	7	5	2	376

## NOTES:

**Casper Nassen** scored a goal in Miami University's 4-4 tie against Colorado College last Friday. The forward has recorded four goals and eight assists through 18 games this season. The Norrtälje, Sweden, native was originally selected by Boston in the seventh round (214th overall) of the 2023 NHL Entry Draft.



## North American Juniors

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Cole Chandler	Shawinigan (QMJHL)	F	29	11	17	25	7	25
Cooper Simpson	Youngstown (USHL)	F	28	13	24	37	0	46

## NOTES:

**Cooper Simpson** posted a goal and an assist for his 12th multi-point game of the season in the Youngstown Phantoms' 4-1 victory over the Omaha Lancers on Saturday. His tally came on the power play for his 13th goal of the season. The Shakopee, Minnesota, native ranks second in the USHL with 37 points and tied for second in the league with 24 assists. Simpson was originally selected by Boston in the third round (79th overall) of the 2025 NHL Entry Draft.

## Europe

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Vashek Blantar	HV71 Jr. (Swe-Jr)	D	18	3	7	10	0	20
Liam Pettersson	Vaxjo Lakers Jr. (Swe-Jr)	D	9	2	1	3	-1	8
Kirill Yemelyanov	Yaroslavl Loko Jr. (Rus-MHL)	F	30	16	13	29	14	31