



PROSPECT REPORT

October 24 - 30, 2025

Notable Performances

Riley Tuft ranks tied for fourth in the AHL with 11 points in seven games (5-6-11). The Coon Rapids, Minnesota, native didn't record a point in the first two games of the season, then posted games of three, two, four, one, and one points in the next five contests respectively. Tuft netted the game-winning goal in the win over the Penguins on Wednesday and his four-point night in last Friday's 5-3 victory over Springfield was a career-best for the seven-year professional.

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT



RILEY TUFT

PROVIDENCE | AHL

7 GP, 5G, 6A, 11PTS

Georgii Merkulov scored twice in Sunday's 4-1 win against Bridgeport, placing the Ryazan, Russia, native in sole second place on the Providence Bruins all-time point list with 189 total points. Merkulov also found the back of the net in the win over Wilkes-Barre/Scranton on Wednesday. The forward ranks tied for second on the team with ten points (5-5-10) and has posted points in all but one game this season.

Chris Pelosi scored in each of No. 7 ranked Quinnipiac's games last weekend. The forward is tied for second on the team with four goals. Pelosi was originally selected by Boston in the third round (92nd overall) of the 2023 NHL Entry Draft.

Leaders



Youngstown Phantoms forward **Cooper Simpson** ranks tied for second in the USHL with 15 points in 13 games.



Providence forward **Riley Tuft** ranks tied for fourth in the AHL with 11 points, trailing the three leaders by one point with one less game played.

THIS WEEKS MATCHUPS



November 1

Youngstown vs. Chicago Steel, 6:05 p.m.

November 7

Youngstown vs. Sioux Falls Stampede, 7:05 p.m.

November 8

Youngstown vs. Sioux Falls Stampede, 6:05 p.m.



October 31

Boston University @ Maine, 7 p.m.
Harvard @ UConn, 7 p.m.
Boston College @ Northeastern, 7 p.m.

November 1

Providence @ UMass Lowell, 5 p.m.
Boston University @ Maine, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota Duluth @ North Dakota, 6:07 CT

November 2

Merrimack @ Yale, 7 p.m.



November 1

Shawinigan @ Newfoundland, 7 p.m.

November 2

Shawinigan @ Newfoundland, 4 p.m.

November 7

Shawinigan vs. Blainville-Boisbriand, 7 p.m.

November 8

Shawinigan vs. Rouyn-Noranda, 4 p.m.



November 1

Providence @ Hershey, 7:05 p.m.

November 2

Providence @ Charlotte, 3:05 p.m.

November 7

Providence vs. Cleveland, 6 p.m.



PROVIDENCE BRUINS

7-0-0-0 , 14 pts
1st place in Atlantic Division

PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	ACQUIRED
Joey Abate	F	3	0	0	0	-1	2	Free Agent, 2024
Jonathan Aspirot	D	5	1	2	3	2	4	Free Agent, 2025
Dalton Bancroft	F	4	0	0	0	2	0	Free Agent, 2025
Matej Blumel	F	7	2	7	9	4	2	Free Agent, 2025
Patrick Brown	C	7	4	6	10	9	4	Free Agent, 2023
Frederic Brunet	D	7	2	1	3	9	2	BOS 5th rd. (132nd overall) in 2022
Michael Callahan	D	5	0	1	1	3	0	Trade w/ Arizona in 2022
Riley Duran	F	7	0	0	0	-4	0	BOS 6th rd. (182nd overall) in 2020
Jackson Edward	D	3	0	0	0	1	2	BOS 7th rd. (200th overall) in 2022
John Farinacci	F	7	0	0	0	-2	0	Free Agent, 2023
Colin Felix	D	3	0	0	0	0	0	Free Agent, 2025
Ty Gallagher	D	1	0	0	0	-2	0	BOS 7th rd. (217th overall) in 2021
Brett Harrison	F	5	2	3	3	6	0	BOS 3rd rd. (85th overall) in 2021
Dans Locmelis	F	7	2	3	5	6	0	BOS 4th rd. (119th overall) in 2022
Fabian Lysell	F	7	4	3	7	3	2	BOS 1st rd. (21st overall) in 2021
Georgii Merkulov	C	7	5	5	10	5	0	Free Agent, 2022
Matthew Poitras	F	7	0	6	6	2	4	BOS 2nd rd. (54th overall) in 2022
Jake Schmaltz	F	2	0	0	0	-1	2	BOS 7th rd. (192nd overall) in 2019
Victor Soderstrom	D	7	0	4	4	4	4	Trade w/ CHI in 2025
Alex Steeves	F	7	3	3	6	3	2	Free Agent, 2025
Billy Sweezey	D	7	1	4	5	7	5	Free Agent, 2024
Riley Tufte	F	7	5	6	11	11	12	Free Agent, 2024
Max Wanner	D	4	0	0	0	1	0	Trade w/ EDM in 2025

PLAYER	GP	GAA	SV%	SO	W	L	OT	SVS	ACQUIRED
Michael DiPietro	4	2.50	.914	0	4	0	0	106	Trade w/ VAN in 2022
Simon Zajicek	3	1.66	.939	0	3	0	0	77	Free Agent, 2025

NOTES:

The Providence Bruins won the battle of two undefeated Atlantic Division teams with a 3-1 victory over the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins on Wednesday night, extending their franchise best start to a season to seven straight wins. Providence and Grand Rapids are the only two remaining teams in the AHL without a regulation loss. The P-Bruins have a league best 31 goals for and the second best power play in the Eastern Conference with a 31.8% success rate.

Goaltender **Simon Zajicek** notched his third professional victory, stopping 23 of 24 shots in a 4-1 victory over Bridgeport on Sunday. The Frydlant, Czechia, native boasts a 1.66 goals against average and a .939 save percentage, allowing just five goals in his first three starts in North American professional hockey.

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

PLAYER	TEAM	GP	GAA	SV%	SO	W	L	OT	SVS
Philip Svedeback	Providence	5	3.22	.885	0	1	2	1	108

NOTES:

Will Zellers found the back of the net in No. 8 ranked North Dakota's 5-2 loss at Clarkson. The Maple Grove, Minnesota, native's tally came on the power play in the second frame for his second goal of the season. The forward now has two goals and two assists through his first six NCAA games. Zellers was originally selected by Colorado in the third round (76th overall) of the 2024 NHL Entry Draft and was acquired along with Casey Middlestadt via trade for Charlie Coyle, a second round pick in the 2025 draft (Liam Pettersson), and a fifth round pick in the 2026 draft.



North American Juniors

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Cole Chandler	Shawinigan (QMJHL)	F	12	1	8	9	6	12
Cooper Simpson	Youngstown (USHL)	F	13	5	10	15	-4	26

NOTES:

Cole Chandler tallied an assist in each of the Shawinigan Cataractes QMJHL games last weekend. The forward totals one goal and eight assists through the first 12 games of his third season in Shawinigan. 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 Blantar	HV71 Jr. (Swe-Jr)	D	11	2	3	5	0	14
Liam Pettersson	Vaxjo Lakers Jr. (Swe-Jr)	D	2	1	0	1	-1	4
Kirill Yemelyanov	Yaroslavl Loko Jr. (Rus-MHL)	F	17	7	8	15	5	4