



# PROSPECT REPORT

January 2 - January 8, 2026

## Notable Performances

**Patrick Brown** was selected as one of two playing captains for the AHL All-Star Classic in Rockford, Illinois, on February 10 and 11. The forward has points in five straight games with seven points in that span. The captain of the P-Bruins ranks tied for fifth in the AHL with 34 points and is tied for first in the league with a plus-22 rating. The Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, native totals 12 goals on the season and leads Providence with 22 assists.

### PLAYER SPOTLIGHT



COOPER SIMPSON

YOUNGSTOWN | USHL

32 GP, 17G, 26A, 43 PTS

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## Leaders



Providence goaltender **Michael DiPietro** ranks second in the AHL with a 1.86 goals against average and a .935 save percentage.



Providence forward **Georgii Merkulov** ranks second all-time in Providence Bruins scoring with 206 career points, trailing Andy Hilbert who totaled 210.

## THIS WEEKS MATCHUPS



**January 9**

Youngstown vs. Des Moines  
Buccaneers, 7:05 p.m.

**January 10**

Youngstown vs. Des Moines  
Buccaneers, 6:05 p.m.

**January 14**

Youngstown vs. USA Hockey  
NTDP, 7:05 p.m.

**January 16**

Youngstown vs. Muskegon  
Lumberjacks, 7:05 p.m.



**January 9**

Harvard at Dartmouth, 7 p.m.  
Union at Quinnipiac, 7 p.m.  
Boston University at Massachusetts, 7 p.m.  
Maine at Providence, 7 p.m.

**January 10**

Miami at Arizona State, 5 p.m. MT  
North Dakota at Colorado College, 6 p.m. MT  
Massachusetts at Boston University, 6 p.m.  
Maine at Providence, 6 p.m.  
RPI at Quinnipiac, 7 p.m.

**January 12**

Boston University at Harvard, 7 p.m.



**January 10**

Shawinigan at Val-d'Or, 4 p.m.

**January 11**

Shawinigan at Rouyn-Noranda, 4 p.m.

**January 15**

Shawinigan vs. Cape Breton, 7 p.m.

**January 16**

Shawinigan vs. Sherbrooke, 7 p.m.



**January 9**

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

**January 10**

Providence at Hartford, 6 p.m.

**January 11**

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

**January 14**

Providence vs. Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, 7:05 p.m.



# PROVIDENCE BRUINS

23-6-1-0, 47 pts  
2nd place in Atlantic Division

PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	ACQUIRED
Patrick Brown	C	30	12	22	34	22	17	Free Agent, 2023
Georgii Merkulov	C	28	13	14	27	11	20	Free Agent, 2022
Fabian Lysell	F	26	11	15	26	8	22	BOS 1st rd. (21st overall) in 2021
Riley Tufte	F	23	11	12	23	17	32	Free Agent, 2024
Dans Locmelis	F	30	12	9	21	9	4	BOS 4th rd. (119th overall) in 2022
Matthew Poitras	F	30	6	12	18	-2	27	BOS 2nd rd. (54th overall) in 2022
Frederic Brunet	D	30	5	10	15	10	14	BOS 5th rd. (132nd overall) in 2022
Matej Blumel	F	16	3	11	14	6	8	Free Agent, 2025
Jake Schmaltz	F	24	5	6	11	4	8	BOS 7th rd. (192nd overall) in 2019
Brett Harrison	F	25	4	6	10	5	4	BOS 3rd rd. (85th overall) in 2021
Victor Soderstrom	D	22	2	8	10	2	4	Trade w/CHI in 2025
Billy Sweezey	D	30	1	9	10	19	31	Free Agent, 2024
Christian Wolanin	D	15	1	8	9	6	0	Free Agent, 2025
John Farinacci	F	30	3	4	7	-2	4	Free Agent, 2023
Riley Duran	F	30	1	6	7	2	6	BOS 6th rd. (182nd overall) in 2020
Joey Abate	F	25	1	4	5	3	51	Free Agent, 2024
Ty Gallagher	D	15	2	2	4	0	2	BOS 7th rd. (217th overall) in 2021
Michael Callahan	D	15	0	3	3	8	6	Trade w/ARI in 2022
Colin Felix	D	19	0	3	3	2	47	Free Agent, 2025
Dalton Bancroft	F	19	0	1	1	1	12	Free Agent, 2025
Jackson Edward	D	9	0	0	0	2	2	BOS 7th rd. (200th overall) in 2022

PLAYER	GP	GAA	SV%	SO	W	L	OT	SVS	ACQUIRED
Michael DiPietro	17	1.86	.935	0	12	4	0	435	Trade w/ VAN in 2022
Simon Zajicek	13	2.02	.930	0	10	2	1	344	Free Agent, 2025

## NOTES:

**Dans Locmelis** was selected to the Latvian Men's Ice Hockey team and will head to Milano Cortina for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games in February. The forward has three goals and an assist in his last two games. The Jelgava, Latvia, native has amassed 12 goals and nine assists through 30 games with Providence this season.

**Michael DiPietro** has stopped 47 of the last 49 shots he has faced over his last two starts. The goaltender led Providence to a 4-1 victory at Hartford last Friday and a 3-1 win at home over Springfield on Sunday. The Windsor, Ontario native ranks second in the AHL with a 1.86 goals against average and a .935 save percentage.

**Georgii Merkulov** extended his point streak to five games with an assist last Sunday and totals eight points in that span. The forward ranks second all-time in Providence Bruins scoring with 206 career points, trailing Andy Hilbert (2001-2005) who totaled 210. The Ryazan, Russia, native leads the P-Bruins with 13 goals on the season.

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Andre Gasseau	Boston College	C	5	1	3	4	-4	2
Elliott Groenewold	Quinnipiac	D	20	2	7	9	17	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	16	0	1	1	2	1
Mason Langenbrunner	Harvard	D	12	0	4	4	-5	8
Dean Letourneau	Boston College	F	18	11	8	19	10	16
William Moore	Boston College	F	18	3	5	8	-3	0
Jonathan Morello	Boston University	F	18	3	5	8	5	10
Casper Nassen	Miami University (Ohio)	F	20	4	9	13	-3	6
Christopher Pelosi	Quinnipiac	C	20	11	10	21	5	10
Ryan Walsh	Cornell	C	13	3	11	14	4	6
William Zellers	North Dakota	F	19	10	6	16	1	10

PLAYER	TEAM	GP	GAA	SV%	SO	W	L	OT	SVS
Philip Svedeback	Providence	17	2.32	.918	0	8	6	2	415

## NOTES:

**Ryan Walsh** recorded two assists in No. 14 ranked Cornell's 6-4 victory over Nebraska-Omaha last Friday. The forward ranks first on the team with 11 assists and 14 points through 13 games played.

**Chris Pelosi** found the back of the net in No. 8 ranked Quinnipiac's 9-1 win over Harvard. The forward is tied for the team lead with 11 goals and is tied for second on the team with 21 points.



## North American Juniors

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Cole Chandler	Shawinigan (QMJHL)	F	35	11	18	29	9	31
Cooper Simpson	Youngstown (USHL)	F	32	17	26	43	1	46

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## Europe

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Vashek Blunar	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	34	18	13	31	18	31