



//// SYRACUSE CRUNCH ////
GAME NOTES
 //// ROCHESTER AMERICANS ////



Rochester Americans @ Syracuse Crunch
Saturday, October 7, 2017 @ War Memorial Arena, AHL Regular Season Game #16

TONIGHT'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (1-0-0-0) go for their second straight win of the weekend tonight in a rematch with the Syracuse Crunch (0-1-0-0) in the back-end of a home-and-home series at the War Memorial Arena. Tonight's 7:00 p.m. matchup will be carried live on the Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

LAST TME OUT

- The Amerks opened their 62nd American Hockey League season with a 3-1 win over the defending Eastern Conference Champion Crunch last night at The Blue Cross Arena.
- Third-year forward **Justin Bailey** notched a pair of goals and four shots, both of which led all Amerks, while newcomer **Steve Moses** capped of the scoring for Rochester. Goaltender **Linus Ullmark** made 28 of 29 saves in the victory, coming within just 2:26 of his second career shutout.

2016-17 RECAP VERSUS THE CRUNCH

- The Amerks stumbled last season against the Crunch, going just 2-8-0-0 after owning a 7-3-0-0 record during the 2015-16 season. The two victories versus Syracuse came within the friendly confines of The Blue Cross Arena; a 5-1 outcome followed by a 4-3 shootout win on Jan 6.
- Second-year forwards **Alex Nylander** (3+1) and **Daniel Muzito-Bagenda** (2+2) each paced the Amerks with four points throughout the season series against the Crunch.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks return home to The Blue Cross Arena to open a three-game homestand beginning with a North Division showdown against the Utica Comets on Friday, Oct. 13. Following the tilt with the Comets, Rochester will welcome the Charlotte Checkers the following Friday week before concluding with the Comets again on Saturday, Oct. 21. All three games will have a 7:05 p.m. puck drop and will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

NEW BENCH BOSS PICKS UP WIN NUMBER ONE

- Chris Taylor** earned his first victory as head coach last night after he was named head coach of the Amerks on June 30, becoming the 32nd coach and the 12th former Amerk in the 62-year history of the franchise to be appointed to the position. Taylor, who previously spent a total of 14 seasons in Rochester as a player and coach, returns to the organization after serving as an assistant coach with the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins last season.

2017-18 REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS



TOTAL GOALS

1-3



0-1-0-0 (0 points)

1-0-0-0 (2 points)

2017-18 AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Justin Bailey	1	2	0	2	2	2
Steve Moses	1	1	0	1	0	0
Kyle Criscuolo	1	0	1	1	0	-1

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	1	1-0-0	60:00	28	.966	1.00

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Oct. 13	vs. Utica	7:05 p.m.
Oct. 20	vs. Charlotte	7:05 p.m.
Oct. 21	vs. Utica	7:05 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 6	Syracuse	W 3-1	20-29	1-5	6-6

2017-18 YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	1-0-0-0	3	1	2
AWAY	0-0-0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	1-0-0-0	3	1	2

2017-18 CRUNCH OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Mitchell Stephens	1	1	0	1	0	1
Matt Bodie	1	0	1	1	0	1
Adam Erne	1	0	1	1	0	0

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Michael Leighton	1	0-1-0	55:42	17	.850	3.23



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- Taylor first joined the Amerks staff as development coach prior to the 2011-12 season following a successful 19-year professional career as a player that saw him become one of the all-time Amerk greats to ever don the red, white and blue.

- After spending parts of nine seasons with the Amerks between 1999 and 2011, Taylor finished his playing career ranked among the franchise's all-time leaders in assists (3rd, 339), games played (4th, 519), points (5th, 481) and goals (10th 142). He also served as team captain during the 2004-05 and 2005-06 seasons. Taylor received perhaps the highest honor of his career during the 2014-15 season when he was unanimously inducted into the Amerks Hall of Fame on Jan. 10, 2015 in his first year of eligibility, becoming the 56th member of the prestigious club.

LET'S GET REACQUAINTED

- As the Amerks and Crunch are set to continue their head-to-head season series, there are several former players on each club that played for the opposition. Michael Leighton (2005-06), Cory Conacher (2010-11), Jason Akeson (2015-16), and Mat Bodie (2016-17) all played for the Amerks while head coach Benoit Groulx manned the Rochester bench from 2008 until 2010.

- Rochester goaltender **Adam Wilcox** spent parts of the last three seasons with the Crunch, including a career-high 34 games last year. **Dalton Smith** (2013-15) and **Nathan Paetsch** (2010-11) also skated with Syracuse.

THE CAPTAINS

- After signing a two-year, two-way NHL contract with the Buffalo Sabres as a free agent on July 1, veteran forward **Kevin Porter** is back in Rochester, where he appeared in 98 games with the Amerks from 2012 until 2014. Porter was tabbed team captain for a third time with the Amerks by head Chris Taylor while veteran defensemen **Nathan Paetsch** and **Taylor Fedun** will serve as his assistants.

SCOUTING THE CRUNCH

- The Crunch open their home portion of the 2017-18 campaign after falling 3-1 last night in their season opener versus the Amerks. Syracuse comes into the matchup as the reigning Eastern Conference champions after earning their second trip to the Calder Cup Finals this past spring. The Crunch fell 4-2 in six games to **Nathan Paetsch** and the Grand Rapids Griffins. That same Griffins team also had the likes of **Kyle Crisculo** and **Conor Allen**, both of whom are now with the Amerks.

- Syracuse returns only a handful of players from its 2016-17 squad, including top point-getter Cory Conacher, who paced all Crunch skaters a year ago with 60 points in just 56 games. The 27-year-old forward notched a career-high 43 assists while scoring 17 goals. He also added four points (1+3) in 11 games for the Tampa Bay Lightning.

AMERKS-CRUNCH 2017-18 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER							
SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-	
Justin Bailey	1	2	0	2	2	2	
Steve Moses	1	1	0	1	0	0	
Kyle Crisculo	1	0	1	1	0	-1	
GOALTENDER							
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SYRACUSE							
SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-	
Mitchell Stephens	1	1	0	1	0	1	
Matt Bodie	1	0	1	1	0	1	
Adam Erne	1	0	1	1	0	0	
GOALTENDER							
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2017-18 SERIES GAME-BY-GAME VS. SYRACUSE

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 6	W	3-1	20-29	1-5	6-6
Oct. 7					
Oct. 28				@7:05 p.m.	
Nov. 22				@7:00 p.m.	
Jan. 13				@7:00 p.m.	
Feb. 21				@7:05 p.m.	
Mar. 10				@7:00 p.m.	
Mar. 11				@3:05 p.m.	
Apr. 11				@7:05 p.m.	
Apr. 14				@7:00 p.m.	

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. CRUNCH: 127-105-17

SERIES NOTABLES

- Dating back to the last five seasons, the Amerks own a record of 25-21-0-1 in the head-to-head series with the Crunch while Syracuse is 22-19-3-3.
- Tonight is the second of the 10 meetings between the Amerks and Crunch during the 2017-18 slate.
- Last night in the first contest of the 2017-18 season between the Crunch and Amerks, the two clubs combined to go one-for-11 (9.0%) while on the man-advantage.