



//// LAVAL ROCKET ////  
**GAME NOTES**  
 //// ROCHESTER AMERKANS ////



# Rochester Americans vs. Laval Rocket

## Wednesday, October 25, 2017 @ Place Bell, AHL Regular Season Game #92

### TONIGHT'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (2-3-0-0) look to snap a three-game losing streak tonight as they make their first trip of the season – and first in franchise history – to Place Bell for the front end of a home-and-home series with the Laval Rocket. The 7:30 p.m. contest will be the first of eight scheduled meetings between the new North Division rivals this season and will be broadcast live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

### LAST TIME OUT

- Hosting the Utica Comets for the second time in eight days, the Amerks fell 5-1 Saturday night at The Blue Cross Arena to close out a three-game homestand. With the loss, the Amerks have dropped their last three contests after earning a pair of victories to begin the 2017-18 season.
- Amerks rookie **C.J. Smith** spoiled Utica netminder Thatcher Demko's bid for a second straight shutout in Rochester with 6:11 left in the final period for his second tally of the campaign from **Steve Moses** and **Brendan Guhle**. Goaltender **Adam Wilcox** drew the starting nod but was replaced by **Linus Ullmark** after the first period and suffered his first loss of the season. Ullmark finished the night stopping 22 of the 24 shots he faced.

### ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- After a quick turnaround, the same two teams meet again for the second time in three nights as the home-and-home series shifts back to Rochester for a 7:05 p.m. rematch at The Blue Cross Arena. The Amerks will then close out the first month of the 2017-18 campaign on Saturday, Oct. 28 when they host the Syracuse Crunch for the third meeting of the season. Both matchups will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

### TEAM & PLAYER NOTES

- The Amerks enter the week as one of two AHL clubs that have not allowed a power-play goal against while on the road this season. Rochester successfully killed off all four penalties in its lone road contest of the season back on Oct. 7 in Syracuse. Overall, the Amerks rank sixth in the Eastern Conference with an 87.5% success rate (24-for-28) through their first five games to begin the campaign.
- Newcomer **C.J. Smith** is tied for 18<sup>th</sup> in scoring among AHL rookies with a team-high four points (2+2) through his first five games with the Amerks. In addition to scoring the Amerks lone tally in Saturday's 5-1 loss to Utica, the first-year forward notched a pair of points (1+1) in Rochester's 3-2 overtime win against the Syracuse Crunch on Oct. 7 for his first multi-point outing. He also paces all Amerks rookies with eight shots on goal.

### 2017-18 REGULAR SEASON



**TOTAL GOALS**  
30-9



**4-2-1-0 (9 points)**

**2-3-0-0 (4 points)**

### AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
C.J. Smith	5	2	2	4	2	0
Zach Redmond	4	1	2	3	2	2
Steve Moses	5	1	2	3	0	-1

### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	4	1-2-0	193:30	90	.909 2.79
Adam Wilcox	3	1-1-0	105:13	42	.875 3.42

### NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Oct. 27	vs. Laval	7:05 p.m.
Oct. 28	vs. Syracuse	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 1	@ Utica	7:00 p.m.

### LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 21	Utica	L 5-1	41-30	0-6	4-8
Oct. 20	Syracuse	L 5-2	22-32	1-8	4-4
Oct. 13	Utica	L 2-0	33-30	0-4	6-6

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	1-3-0-0	6	13	2
AWAY	1-0-0-0	3	2	2
TOTALS	2-3-0-0	9	15	4

### ROCKET OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Matt Taormina	7	1	9	10	2	-2
Chris Terry	7	5	4	9	6	-2
Nikita Scherbak	6	1	8	9	4	3

### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Zachary Fucale	2	2-0-0	93:27	36	.900 2.57
Charlie Lindgren	6	2-2-1	327:14	133	.864 3.85



- The Amerks remain without the services of veteran defensemen **Taylor Fedun** and **Zach Redmond**, along with forward **Justin Bailey**, who were all recalled to the parent Buffalo Sabres last week. Redmond currently leads all Rochester defensemen with three points (1+2) in four games after scoring his first goal of the season – and first as an Amerk – on the power-play in last Friday’s 5-2 loss to Charlotte. Bailey is tied for the team lead with a pair of goals in three games prior to his recall to the big club while Fedun shows one assist in three games for Rochester.

### SCOUTING THE ROCKET

- Laval comes into the matchup back on home ice following a three-game road swing in which the Rocket went 1-2-0-0 over their first three-game weekend of the season. Laval, one of three new members to the AHL’s North Division this season, opened its inaugural campaign with three straight wins, including a 3-0 victory over Belleville on Oct. 6 in the franchise’s first game.
- The Rocket, the new primary affiliate of the Montreal Canadiens, enter the contest leading the AHL with 30 goals through their first seven games of the season. In addition to owning the league’s top offense, however, Laval has also allowed the second-most tallies in the AHL (27).
- Laval owns the second-best power-play in the Eastern Conference with a 27.8% success rate (10-for-36). Laval has recorded a goal in six of its first seven games while on the man-advantage, including going 4-for-7 in an 8-7 win over Binghamton back on Oct. 13. Conversely, the Rocket have allowed nine goals while shorthanded this season, which are most in the league. Laval has a surrendered a power-play goal in six straight games dating back to Oct. 7 versus Belleville.
- After establishing career-highs in goals (15), assists (45) and points (60) in 70 games as a member of the Syracuse Crunch in 2016-17, nine-year veteran Matt Taormina leads all Laval skaters with 10 points (1+9) in seven games. Taormina, last season’s Eddie Shore Award winner as the AHL’s top defenseman, currently leads all AHL blueliners in scoring and is tied for third overall among the league’s top point-getters. A three-time AHL All-Star, Taormina has recorded at least one point in six of his first seven games this season, including a four-point outing against Binghamton on Oct. 13, and has 14 points in nine games dating back to last season.
- While Taormina paces the club in overall scoring, Chris Terry leads the Rocket with five goals to go with his four assists. Last season in 58 games with the St. John’s IceCaps, Terry bagged a team and career-high 30 goals along with 38 helpers. Earlier this season, the seven-year pro scored his first-career hat-trick to help Laval pick up an 8-7 overtime win over Binghamton on Oct. 13.
- After beginning the season with back-to-back wins, goaltender Charlie Lindgren has dropped his last three outings. The second-year pro has allowed 19 goals over the last four games after giving up just two goals in his first two starts of the 2017-18 season.

### AMERKS-ICECAPS 2016-17 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER						
SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Justin Bailey	4	3	3	6	4	2
Erik Burgdoerfer	5	0	6	6	4	1
Evan Rodrigues	4	2	3	5	2	1
GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	6	1-4-1	362:52	16	.905	2.65
John Muse	1	1-0-0	60:00	2	.941	2.00

### ST JOHN’S (LAVAL)

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Daniel Audette	8	1	5	6	0	3
Bobby Farnham	8	1	5	6	14	3
Nikita Scherbak	7	3	2	5	0	2
GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Charlie Lindgren	6	6-0-0	364:11	9	.946	1.48
Yann Danis	2	0-1-1	120:49	7	.881	3.48

### 2017-18 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 25					
<b>Oct. 27</b>					
Dec. 22					
Dec. 23					
<b>Dec. 27</b>					
<b>Dec. 30</b>					
<b>Mar. 4</b>					
Apr. 4					

### AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. LAVAL: 0-0-0

### SERIES NOTABLES

- Rochester begin a busy stretch of three games in four nights that starts with a home-and-home against the Laval Rocket.
- Tonight is the first-ever meeting in franchise history between the two teams. The new North Division rivals will square off seven other times this season with the final meeting coming on April 4 at Place Bell.
- Dating back to last season, Rochester’s penalty kill enters tonight having successfully killed off 35 of the last 40 penalties (87.5%) in its last nine games.