



LAVAL ROCKET
GAME NOTES
 ROCHESTER AMERICANS



Laval Rocket vs. Rochester Americans

Friday, October 27, 2017 @ The Blue Cross Arena, AHL Regular Season Game #101

TONIGHT'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (3-3-0-0) look to complete the two-game sweep over the Laval Rocket (4-3-1-0) tonight as the new North Division rivals meet for the second time in three nights in the back-end of a home-and-home series at The Blue Cross Arena. The 7:05 p.m. contest will be the second of eight meetings between the two teams this season and will be broadcast live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

LAST TIME OUT

- After falling behind 2-1 near the midway point of the opening period, the Amerks responded with four straight unanswered goals on their way to a 5-2 victory over the Rocket in the inaugural meeting between the two teams Wednesday night at Place Bell. The win also snapped a three-game skid for the Amerks, who improved to 2-0-0-0 on the road this season.
- Nick Baptiste** recorded his first multi-point (1+2) outing of the season as did **Colin Blackwell** (2+1), **Sahir Gill** (1+1) and **Garret Ross** (0+2) to help the Amerks in the come-from-behind victory. **Casey Nelson** capped off the scoring for Rochester as he netted his first of the season, while goaltender **Linus Ullmark** evened his record on the campaign to 2-2-0 after making 37 saves on the night, including 28 over the final 40 minutes of play.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks 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. Rochester looks to improve to 3-0-0-0 against the Crunch after completing the two-game sweep to begin the season. Game time is slated for a 7:05 p.m. start and can be heard live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

TEAM & PLAYER NOTES

- Newcomer **C.J. Smith** ranks among the AHL's top scoring rookies with a team-high four points (2+2) through his first six games with the Amerks. In addition to scoring Rochester's lone tally in last Saturday's 5-1 loss to Utica, the first-year forward notched a pair of points (1+1) in a 3-2 overtime win against Syracuse back on Oct. 7 for his first multi-point outing. He also paces all Amerks rookies with 11 shots on goal.
- After being held off the scoresheet for the first five games of the season, Baptiste rediscovered his scoring touch on Wednesday with a trio of points against the Rocket. The three-point performance ties a career-high for Baptiste, who has accomplished the feat two other times in his three-year career with the most recent coming back on Dec. 30 of last season the against Lehigh Valley Phantoms.

2017-18 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS
32-14



4-3-1-0 (9 points)

3-3-0-0 (6 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
C.J. Smith	6	2	2	4	2	0
Colin Blackwell	6	2	1	3	5	2
Zach Redmond	4	1	2	3	2	2

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	5	2-2-0	253:30	127	.920 2.60
Adam Wilcox	3	1-1-0	105:13	42	.875 3.42

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Oct. 28	vs. Syracuse	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 1	@ Utica	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 3	vs. Hershey	7:05 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 25	Laval	W 5-2	27-39	0-5	5-6
Oct. 21	Utica	L 5-1	41-30	0-6	4-8
Oct. 20	Charlotte	L 5-2	22-32	1-8	4-4

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS
HOME 1-3-0-0	6	13	2
AWAY 2-0-0-0	8	5	2
TOTALS 3-3-0-0	14	17	6

ROCKET OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Matt Taormina	8	1	10	11	2	-4
Chris Terry	8	6	4	10	6	-4
Nikita Scherbak	6	1	8	9	4	3

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Zachary Fucale	3	2-1-0	153:27	58	.866 3.52
Charlie Lindgren	6	2-2-1	327:14	133	.864 3.85



- After scoring just four times in 57 games last season with the San Jose Barracuda, Blackwell found the back of the net twice on Wednesday for the first multi-goal game of his career. The former Harvard University standout also added an assist for three points on the night, establishing a new personal-best.
- In addition to Baptiste and Blackwell each scoring their first goals of the season Wednesday night, **Sahir Gill** also lit the lamp for his first of the campaign. The forward's tally during the first period was his first career shorthanded goal, giving him three points (1+2) over his last three games.

SCOUTING THE ROCKET

- Laval comes into the matchup following Wednesday's meeting with the Amerks showing a record of 1-3-0-0 in its last four contests after starting the season 3-0-0-0. The Rocket, one of three new members to the AHL's North Division this season, opened its inaugural campaign with three straight wins on home ice, 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, enters the contest leading the AHL with 32 total goals through their first eight games of the season. Despite owning the league's top offense, however, Laval has also allowed the most tallies in the AHL with 32 goals-against coming into the weekend.
- In addition, Laval owns the second-best power-play in the AHL with a 26.2% overall success rate while scoring a league-leading 11 power-play goals. Laval has recorded a goal in seven of its first eight 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.
- 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 11 points (1+10) in eight 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 second overall among the league's top point-getters. A three-time AHL All-Star, Taormina has recorded at least one point in seven of his first eight games this season, including a four-point outing against Binghamton on Oct. 13, and has 15 points in 10 games dating back to last season.
- While Taormina paces the club in overall scoring, Chris Terry leads the Rocket with six goals and sits at a close second with 10 points overall through his first eight games of the season. With another goal Wednesday against Rochester, the veteran forward is currently tied for the longest active scoring streak in the AHL with a point in seven straight games dating back to Oct. 7. Terry's six goals tie him for fourth in the AHL entering play tonight while his 10 points tie him for fifth-most. He also ranks second in the league with a team-high four power-play tallies.

AMERKS-ROCKET 2017-18 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER						
SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Colin Blackwell	1	2	1	3	0	3
Nick Baptiste	1	1	2	3	0	4
Sahir Gill	1	1	1	2	0	1
GOALTENDER						
GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Linus Ullmark	1	1-0-0	60:00	2	.949	2.00
LAVAL						
SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Nick Deslauriers	1	1	0	1	2	-1
Chris Terry	1	1	0	1	0	-2
Peter Holland	1	0	1	1	2	-5
GOALTENDER						
GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Zachary Fucale	1	0-1-0	60:00	5	.815	5.00

2017-18 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 25	W	5-2	27-39	0-5	5-6
Oct. 27					
Dec. 22					
Dec. 23					
Dec. 27					
Dec. 30					
Mar. 4					
Apr. 4					

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. LAVAL: 1-0-0

SERIES NOTABLES

- Rochester continues a busy stretch of three games in four nights that started with a 5-2 win Wednesday night in the first-ever meeting with Laval in franchise history.
- Dating back to last season, Rochester's penalty kill enters tonight's game having successfully killed off 40 of the last 46 penalties (86.9%) in its last 10 games.
- The Amerks set a new season-high with five goals in Wednesday's win over the Rocket. The five-goal outburst was also the most scored on the road since Rochester scored five in a 5-4 come-from-behind win over Binghamton on March 25 of last season.
- Rocket forward Nick Deslauriers appeared in five games with the Amerks during the 2013-14 season.