



HERSHEY BEARS GAME NOTES ROCHESTER AMERICANS



Hershey Bears vs. Rochester Americans Friday, November 3, 2017 @ The Blue Cross Arena, AHL Regular Season Game #142

TONIGHT'S GAME

• The oldest rivalry in the American Hockey League will be renewed tonight in Rochester as the Amerks (5-4-0-0) return home to host the Hershey Bears (3-5-0-1) at The Blue Cross Arena for the only time this season. The puck drops on the 455th all-time meeting between the league's two oldest teams at 7:05 p.m. with all the action being carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

LAST TIME OUT

• In a back-and-forth game that saw the Amerks and Utica Comets combine for 81 shots, 34 penalty minutes and seven goals, **Eric Cornel** capped off Wednesday night's game at the Adirondack Bank Center in the eighth round of a shootout to give the Amerks a 4-3 victory, their first over the Comets this season.

• Amerks rookie **C.J. Smith** and second-year forward **Kyle Criscuolo** each registered a pair of helpers to give Rochester its third win in the last four contests. With his two assists, Criscuolo extended his point streak to a career-long four games as he shows six points (2+4) over that span. **Hudson Fasching** opened the scoring with his first marker of the season just 14 seconds after the opening face-off while **Kevin Porter** and **Steve Moses** each recorded their second tallies in the win. Rochester netminder **Linus Ullmark** had a season-high 45 saves on the way to upping his record to 4-3-0 on the campaign.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

• The Amerks embark on a three-game North Division road swing beginning on Saturday, Nov. 4 with a return trip to Utica to face the Comets for the second time in four nights at Adirondack Bank Center. Following the fourth matchup of the season with Utica, the Amerks travel north of the border for a two-game set against the Belleville Senators on Friday, Nov. 10 and Saturday, Nov. 11 at Yardmen Arena. All three contests will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

ROSTER MOVES

• The Amerks will be without the services of third-year forward **Nick Baptiste**, who earned his first recall to the Buffalo Sabres earlier in the week. Baptiste, the fourth different player to be called up, is currently tied for the team lead with three goals and is tied for third in points with five in eight games this season with the Amerks.

• In a corresponding move, Rochester has recalled forward **Vaclav Karabacek** from the Cincinnati Cyclones of the ECHL. A second-round pick of the Sabres in 2014, Karabacek has appeared in four games for Cincinnati, recording 10 shots, which includes a season-high five in this past Saturday's contest with the Kalamazoo Wings.

2017-18 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS
21-24



3-5-0-1 (7 points)

5-4-0-0 (10 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Kyle Criscuolo	9	3	5	8	8	3
C.J. Smith	9	2	6	8	4	2
Nick Baptiste	8	3	2	5	2	1

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	8	4-3-0	389:49	208	.920	2.77
Adam Wilcox	4	1-1-0	154:23	54	.871	3.11

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 4	@ Utica	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 10	@ Belleville	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 11	@ Belleville	7:00 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Nov. 1	Utica	SOW 4-3	33-48	2-6	5-6
Oct. 28	Syracuse	L 3-2	27-19	1-4	4-5
Oct. 27	Laval	OTW 4-3	48-36	1-6	4-4

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	2-4-0-0	12	19	4
AWAY	3-0-0-0	12	7	6
TOTALS	5-4-0-0	24	26	10

BEARS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Chris Bourque	9	3	8	11	16	-4
Travis Boyd	9	1	8	9	2	-5
Chandler Stephenson	9	5	1	6	2	-6

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Adam Carlson	3	2-1-0	178:05	81	.910	2.70
Parker Milner	6	1-4-1	362:00	148	.865	3.81



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TEAM & PLAYER NOTES

- Rochester enters the contest just four points behind the first-place Toronto Marlies for the top spot in the AHL's North Division standings after earning six of a possible eight points in the last four games.
- The Amerks bring a penalty kill success rate of 85.7%, which is fifth-best in the Eastern Conference, into tonight's matchup against the Bears. Conversely, Rochester's power-play unit has enjoyed success as of late, scoring four goals while on the man-advantage in the last three games, going 4-for-16 (25.0%) in that span.
- Criscuolo (3+5) and Smith (2+6) share the team lead with eight points through their first nine games of the season. Rochester is 4-1-0-0 this season when Criscuolo and Smith record a point in the same game and is 1-0-0-0 when the pair score a goal in the same outing. Criscuolo is riding a career-long four-game point-streak, showing six points (2+4) over that span.
- Smith enters the weekend leading the Amerks with six assists while ranking tied for fifth among all AHL rookies with eight points overall. His six assists also tie him for fourth-most among all first-year skaters. Smith carries a three-game assist streak into play tonight and shows five points (1+4) over his last five games overall.
- Amerks forward **Sahir Gill** comes into the weekend after seeing his three-game goal-scoring streak end in Wednesday's shootout win over the Comets. The 25-year-old pro has totaled five points (3+2) over his last six games and has notched a goal in each of the last two games at The Blue Cross Arena.

SCOUTING THE BEARS

- Hershey, which begins its third straight three-in-three weekend tonight, comes into the matchup after going 3-3-0-0 in the last two weekends and winners of its last two games.
- The Bears are just 1-4-0-0 this season away from the friendly confines of Giant Center after going 19-14-3-2 in each of their last two seasons on the road combined.
- Veteran forward Chris Bourque enters tonight's matchup with a team-high eight assists and 11 points (3+8) through his first nine games. The three-time Calder Cup Champion is in his ninth season with Hershey while appearing in 549 career games with the Bears. Overall, the 12th year pro has skated in 661 career games and has tallied 648 points (221+427) between the Bears, Hartford Wolf Pack and Providence Bruins.
- After appearing in all 76 games with the Bears each of the last two seasons, Travis Boyd returns for his third season with Hershey. Through nine games, Boyd shows nine points (1+8) on the slate, including a pair of multi-point efforts in each of the last two games.
- Rookie goaltender Adam Carlson is the only netminder on the Bears active roster to appear in a game this season while Pheonix Copley and Vitek Vanecsek are looking to make their season debuts. The first-year netminder shows a record of 2-1-0 in three games.

2016-17 SEASON SERIES SCORING LEADERS BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Cole Schneider	4	3	3	6	2	1
Cal O'Reilly	3	1	4	5	2	-1
Justin Bailey	4	2	2	4	7	-1

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Linus Ullmark	3	1-2-0	177:12	15	.853	5.08
Jonas Johnsson	1	0-1-0	58:37	3	.850	7.07

HERSHEY

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Sanford	1	2	2	4	0	0
Travis Boyd	4	1	3	4	0	2
Chris Bourque	4	0	4	4	10	-1

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Vitek Vanecsek	1	1-0-0	59:14	1	.944	1.01
Pheonix Copley	1	1-0-0	60:00	2	.926	2.00
Joe Cannata	2	1-1-0	117:18	8	.778	4.09

2016-17 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 14	W	5-4	12-29	2-4	3-4
Nov. 6	L	5-3	24-31	1-3	4-5
Dec. 11	L	6-1	18-42	0-6	3-6
Apr. 7	L	3-2	27-20	0-5	3-4

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. HERSHEY: 189-211-54

SERIES NOTABLES

- Former Amerk defenseman Paul Geiger makes his return to The Blue Cross Arena after signing an AHL contract with the Bears this past summer. Last season, the undrafted defenseman appeared in 49 games with the Amerks, recording nine points (3+6).
- The Bears claimed three of four meetings last season with the Amerks, including the most recent get-together back on Apr. 7 in Rochester. The Amerks, however, outscored Hershey 8-6 on home ice.
- After tonight's matchup, the teams are idle until the Amerks make their lone trip to Hershey on Feb. 11.
- Tonight's matchup marks the 455th all-time meeting between the AHL's two senior-most franchises with Rochester holding a 189-211-54 lifetime record against Hershey.