



//// BELLEVILLE SENATORS ////  
**GAME NOTES**  
 //// ROCHESTER AMERICANS ////



## Rochester Americans @ Belleville Senators

Friday, November 10, 2017 @ Yardmen Arena, AHL Regular Season Game #175

### TONIGHT'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (6-4-0-1) continue their three-game North Division road swing tonight as they travel north of the border for the first of back-to-back tilts against the Belleville Senators at Yardmen Arena. Game time is slated for a 7:00 p.m. start and will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

### LAST TIME OUT

- For the third time in as many games, the Amerks were forced beyond regulation time only to come out on the losing end of a 3-2 shootout loss to the Utica Comets Saturday night at the Adirondack Bank Center. The loss was Rochester's first of the campaign away from The Blue Cross Arena after starting the road portion of its schedule 3-0-0-0. Despite the setback, however, the Amerks have collected points in three straight and five of their last six games and join the Tuscon Roadrunners as the only two AHL teams that have yet to lose in regulation on the road this season.
- Rookie defenseman **Brendan Guhle** notched his second-straight two-point (1+1) outing as he factored in on both Rochester goals. **Sahir Gill** opened the scoring for the Amerks 2:35 into the final period while goaltender **Adam Wilcox**, who was making his fifth appearance of the season, suffered the defeat in the blue paint.

### ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The same two teams get back it again on Saturday, Nov. 11 as the Amerks and Senators square off for the second straight night in a North Division rematch at Yardmen Arena. Following Saturday's 7:00 p.m. contest, Rochester returns home on Wednesday, Nov. 15 for its first meeting of the season against the Binghamton Devils, the newest affiliate of the New Jersey Devils. Both matchups will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

### TEAM & PLAYER NOTES

- Rochester enters the weekend trailing the first-place Toronto Marlies by five points for the top spot in the AHL's North Division standings after taking five out of a possible six points this past week and nine of 12 dating back to Oct. 25. All three games, including two against Utica, went to the shootout, marking the first time since the 2012-13 season the Amerks went as far as the shootout in three consecutive outings.
- The Amerks bring a penalty kill success rate of 84.4%, which is seventh-best in the Eastern Conference, into tonight's matchup against the Senators. Conversely, Rochester's power-play unit has been equally successful as of late, going 8-for-30 (26.6%) over the last five games while on the man-advantage, including scoring at least one in each of the last five games.

### 2017-18 REGULAR SEASON



**TOTAL GOALS**  
37-33



**6-6-0-1 (13 points)**

**6-4-0-1 (13 points)**

### AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Kyle Criscuolo	11	4	6	10	10	2
C.J. Smith	11	2	8	10	6	1
Brendan Guhle	11	2	6	8	4	-3

  

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Adam Wilcox	5	1-1-1	219:23	89	.899	2.73
Linus Ullmark	9	5-3-0	454:49	236	.908	3.17

### NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 11	@ Belleville	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 15	vs. Binghamton	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 17	vs. Hartford	7:05 p.m.

### LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Nov. 4	Utica	SOL 3-2	24-38	1-7	8-9
Nov. 3	Hershey	SOW 7-6	34-37	3-7	4-6
Nov. 1	Utica	SOW 4-3	33-48	2-6	5-6

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
<b>HOME</b>	3-4-0-0	19	25	6
<b>AWAY</b>	3-0-0-1	14	10	7
<b>TOTALS</b>	6-4-0-1	33	35	13

### SENATORS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Ethan Werek	10	5	4	9	10	4
Jim O'Brien	13	4	3	7	12	1
Filip Chlapik	12	2	5	7	2	-3

  

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Andrew Hammond	8	3-2-1	404:20	210	.921	2.67
Danny Taylor	7	3-4-0	388:10	199	.892	3.71



- The Amerks make their inaugural trip to Belleville led by second-year pro **Kyle Criscuolo**, who enters the contest tied for the team lead in goals (4) and points (10) through 11 games this season. A Calder Cup winner last season in Grand Rapids, Criscuolo shows eight points (3+5) over his last six games dating back to Oct. 25, a stretch which also featured a career-long five-game point streak.

- C.J. Smith**, meanwhile, comes into the weekend riding a season-long five-game assist streak (0+6) and continues to pace all Rochester skaters with eight assists, five of which have come on the power-play. Smith's eight assists tie him for third among all AHL rookies while his 10 points overall are fourth-most amongst all first-year skaters. Smith also leads all first-year players with six power-play points (1+5) and is averaging at least two shots per game.

- Brendan Guhle** sits at a close third and enters play tonight tied for third in scoring among all AHL rookie defensemen with eight points (2+6) in 11 games. He closed out the previous weekend with back-to-back multi-point outings and has recorded all eight of his points in his last seven games, being held scoreless just once over that span.

- After leading the AHL in saves and minutes played last season, reigning MVP **Linus Ullmark** has essentially picked up from where he left off a year ago. The former Swedish Goaltender of the Year has won four of his last five starts dating back to Oct. 25., including a seasn-high 44-save effort in a 4-3 shootout win at Utica on Nov. 1. He currently ranks fifth among all netminders with 236 saves and his 455 minutes are 11<sup>th</sup>-most in the league coming into the weekend.

### SCOUTING THE SENATORS

- Belleville, playing its fifth of a season-long seven-game homestand after beginning its inaugural campaign on a nine-game road swing, comes into the matchup having snapped a two-game skid Wednesday night with a 4-3 win over the Binghamton Devils.

- Belleville welcome the Amerks having just seven goals while on the man-advantage this season on 66 attempts (10.6%). Despite having a league-low power-play percentage, the B-Sens have drawn the sixth-most penalties in the Eastern Conference.

- In his first season in Belleville, forward Ethan Werek leads the Senators with five goals and nine points through 10 games this season. After a three-point (2+1) effort on opening night, Werek has a goal and assist over his last two games and has been pointless in just three games this season.

- The B-Sens have relied heavily on the goaltending duo of Andrew Hammond and Danny Taylor this season. Hammond returns for his fifth season with the Ottawa Senators organization and shows a 3-2-1 record in eight games in Belleville this season. Following a four-year stint away from hockey in North America, Taylor has appeared in seven games with Belleville, owning a 3-4-0 record. The 31-year-old netminder has appeared in 141 career AHL games, boasting a 67-42-12 lifetime record dating back the 2007-08 season.

### 2016-17 AMERKS-SENS SEASON SERIES SCORING LEADERS

#### ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Cole Schneider	8	3	6	9	2	2
Tim Kennedy	6	0	8	8	2	5
Derek Grant	3	4	1	5	0	0

#### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	4	3-1-0	239:58	8	.934 2.00
Jonas Johansson	3	2-0-1	184:45	8	.901 2.60

#### BELLEVILLE (BINGHAMTON)

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Nick Paul	8	5	2	7	2	-1
Jason Akeson	6	1	5	6	2	0
Max McCormick	7	4	1	5	4	0

#### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Chris Driedger	2	1-1-0	123:00	5	.939 2.44
Matt O'Connor	4	1-3-0	237:51	11	.909 2.77

### 2016-17 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 22	W	3-1	24-39	0-3	5-5
Nov. 5	W	4-1	31-30	0-2	2-2
Dec. 19	L	4-1	27-31	0-3	2-3
Feb. 18	L	4-3	25-37	1-1	2-2
Feb. 19	W	3-2	34-22	0-4	3-5
Mar. 25	W	5-4	41-32	0-4	4-5
Apr. 5	W	5-2	33-31	1-3	1-1
Apr. 12	SOL	3-2	48-19	1-3	3-3

**AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. BELLEVILLE: 0-0-0**

### SERIES NOTABLES

- Belleville is one of seven teams that the Amerks have yet to face in franchise history.
- Senators defenseman Erik Burgdoefer opposes the Amerks for the first time since signing over the summer. In 52 games last season with Rochester, Burgdoefer notched 17 points (1+16). The 28-year-old also made his NHL debut with the Buffalo Sabres in 2016-17, appearing in two games.
- Amerks general manager **Randy Sexton's** son, Ben, is a forward for the B-Sens. In his first season with the Senators, Sexton has tallied two goals in eight games after scoring a career-high 19 last season as a member of the Albany Devils.