



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



Rochester Americans @ Belleville Senators

Saturday, November 11, 2017 @ Yardmen Arena, AHL Regular Season Game #182

TONIGHT'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (7-4-0-1) close out their two-game set with the Belleville Senators (6-7-0-1) as the North Division rivals meet for the second time in as many nights tonight at Yardmen Arena. Opening faceoff is slated for 7:00 p.m. and will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

LAST TIME OUT

- The Amerks made their first-ever trip to Yardmen Arena and doubled up the Belleville Senators in the inaugural meeting between the new North Division rivals Friday night. With the 4-2 victory, the Amerks have earned nine out of a possible 10 points in their first five road games of the season, improving to 4-0-0-1.
- Forward **Hudson Fasching** (1+1) and defenseman **Stuart Percy** (0+2) each recorded their first multi-point efforts of the season as they led the Amerks offense. **Kyle Criscuolo**, **Kevin Porter** and **Colin Blackwell** rounded out the scoring for the visitors while **Linus Ullmark** pulled within one win of tying for the most wins in the AHL this season as he made 38 saves on 40 shots. The Swedish goaltender shows a record of 6-3-1 in 10 appearances this season and has earned the win in five of his last six decisions.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- 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

- The Amerks enter tonight's contest sitting just five points back of the first-place Toronto Marlies for the top spot in the AHL's North Division standings after taking seven out of a possible eight points in their last four games and 11 of 14 dating back to Oct. 25.
- The Amerks bring a penalty kill success rate of 82.9%, which is eighth-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-35 (17.7%) over the last six games while on the man-advantage, including scoring at least one in five of the last six games.
- The Amerks continue their inaugural trip to Belleville led by second-year pro **Kyle Criscuolo**, who enters the contest leading for the team in goals (5) and points (11) through 12 games this season. A Calder Cup winner last season in Grand Rapids, Criscuolo shows nine points (4+5) over his last seven games dating back to Oct. 25, a stretch which also featured a career-long five-game point streak.

2017-18 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS
35-37



6-7-0-1 (13 points)

7-4-0-1 (15 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Kyle Criscuolo	12	5	6	11	10	4
C.J. Smith	12	2	8	10	6	3
Brendan Guhle	12	8	6	8	4	-3

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	10	6-3-0	514:45	274	.913	3.03
Adam Wilcox	5	1-1-1	219:23	89	.899	2.73

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 15	vs. Binghamton	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 17	vs. Hartford	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 18	@ Binghamton	7:05 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Nov. 10	Belleville	W 4-2	30-40	0-5	4-6
Nov. 4	Utica	SOL 3-2	24-38	1-7	8-9
Nov. 3	Hershey	SOW 7-6	34-37	3-7	4-6

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	3-4-0-0	19	25	6
AWAY	4-0-0-1	18	12	9
TOTALS	7-4-0-1	37	37	15

SENATORS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Ethan Werek	11	5	4	9	12	4
Filip Chlapik	13	2	6	8	4	-6
Jim O'Brien	14	4	3	7	12	1

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Andrew Hammond	8	3-2-1	404:20	210	.921	2.67
Danny Taylor	8	3-5-0	445:04	225	.889	3.77



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- While Criscuolo paces the team in points and goals, rookie **C.J. Smith** paces all Rochester skaters and is tied for third among all AHL rookies with eight assists. Despite last night's 4-2 victory, Smith saw his season-long five-game assist streak (0+6) come to an end. The Des Moines, Iowa, native is also tied for sixth among all first-year skaters in overall scoring with 10 points (2+8) through 12 games.

- 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 12 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 eight games, being held scoreless just twice 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 five of his last six starts dating back to Oct. 25, including a season-high 44-save effort in a 4-3 shootout win at Utica on Nov. 1. He currently leads all netminders with 274 saves and his 514 minutes are seventh-most in the league.

- Porter has been the team's top point-getter through the first four games in November with three goals and an assist as well as 10 shots.

SCOUTING THE SENATORS

- Belleville, playing its sixth of a season-long seven-game homestand after beginning its inaugural campaign on a nine-game road swing, comes into the matchup having on the heels of a 4-2 loss to the Amerks last night. The Senators have won just twice on home ice all season.

- Belleville welcomes the Amerks having just nine goals while on the man-advantage this season on 72 attempts (12.5%). Despite having a league-low power-play percentage, the B-Sens have drawn the fifth-most penalties in the Eastern Conference.

- In his first season in Belleville, forward Ethan Werek leads the Senators with nine points and five goals through 11 games. After a three-point (2+1) effort on opening night, Werek has a goal and assist over his last three games and while being pointless in four games this season.

- With Werek pacing the club in both goals and points, Filip Chlapik leads all Belleville rookies in scoring. The Czech Republic native shows seven points (2+6) in 12 games while being fourth overall on the Senators with 26 shots.

- The B-Sens have relied 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 eight games with Belleville, owning a 3-5-0 record. The 31-year-old netminder has appeared in 142 career AHL games owning a 67-43-12 record since dating back the 2007-08 season.

2017-18 SEASON SERIES SCORING LEADERS

ROCHESTER						
SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Hudson Fasching	1	1	1	2	0	3
Stuart Percy	1	0	2	2	0	3
Colin Blackwell	1	1	0	1	0	1

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	1	1-0-0	59:56	2	.950	2.00

BELLEVILLE						
SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Gabriel Gagne	1	1	0	1	0	-3
Max Reinhart	1	1	0	1	0	0
Thomas Chabot	1	0	1	1	4	-1

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Danny Taylor	1	0-1-0	56:54	4	.867	4.22

2017-18 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Nov. 10	W	4-2	30-40	0-5	4-6
Nov. 11					
Dec. 20					
Jan. 10					
Feb. 7					
Apr. 6					
Apr. 13					

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

SERIES NOTABLES

- Senators defenseman Erik Burgdoerfer opposes the Amerks for the first time since signing over the summer. In 52 games last season with Rochester, Burgdoerfer notched 17 points on one goal and 16 assists. The 28-year-old also made his NHL debut with the Buffalo Sabres in 2016-17, appearing in two games.
- The Amerks enter tonight as one of two teams in the AHL that have not lost during regulation on the road this season.
- Amerks general manager **Randy Sexton's** son, Ben, is a forward for the B-Sens. In his first season with the Senators, Ben has tallied two goals after scoring a career-high 19 last season with the Albany Devils.