



ROCHESTER AMERICANS

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TONIGHT'S GAME: Binghamton @ Rochester

Amerks prepare to honor military

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By: Mark Gruba

The Rochester Americans hockey team will partner once again with the Veterans Outreach Center to recognize members of the military this Friday, November 17 at the Blue Cross Arena in Rochester.

The Amerks will host Hartford in a 7:05 p.m. game on Military Appreciation Night.

Laura Stradley, the Executive Director of the Veterans Outreach Center, and Erica Whyte, the Communications Coordinator and in game Host for the Amerks, discussed the event Tuesday during News 8 at Noon.

"This is just an opportunity for us to say thank you to the men and women that do so much to keep our country safe," said Whyte. "The first 5,000 people that get there are going to be getting special military Amerks dog tag necklaces and as always, our Amerks will be wearing these amazing military themed jerseys!"

The jerseys will be auctioned off with a portion of the proceeds going to the VOC. Members of the military, both active and retired, can obtain a complimentary ticket to the game. Everyone else can receive an Amerks military t-shirt and ticket for \$30. Individual game tickets will also be sold.

"We're so glad to be able to partner with the Amerks as we have for many years now," said Stradley. "We are the oldest Outreach Center in the country. We've been around for more than 44 years and we provide services to veterans and their families for a whole host of things along the lines of wellness therapy, peer support programs, employment and training, housing for veterans who are experiencing homelessness, housing support for those who are at risk for homelessness and many other things."

Military members can get their free tickets, [click here](#).

To submit a military photo for the Amerks video board, [click here](#).

There will be military themed Amerks pucks for purchase. The Blue Star Mothers will also be on hand in the main concourse of the arena to collect donation items to care packages which will be sent to local U.S. military service members currently deployed overseas. Suggested items to donate include Q-tips, lip balm, toothpaste/brushes, dental floss, beef jerky, sugarless gum/candy, granola bars, shampoo/body wash (travel size), sunscreen, peanuts and popcorn.

Veterans in our community looking for services or assistance are encouraged to reach out to the Veterans Outreach Center, [click here](#).

Sabres hope Bailey rediscovers urgency in latest trip to Rochester

Buffalo News

By: John Vogl

The Sabres are once again hoping Justin Bailey finds consistency in his return to Rochester.

With Bailey healed after missing five games with a lower-body injury, Buffalo has sent the right winger back to the Amerks.

"He's been off for a while, get his timing back, get some confidence back," Sabres coach Phil Housley said Tuesday.

In the continuation of a trend, Bailey played well after arriving in Buffalo. He had two goals, three points and eight shots in his opening four games.

In the next three, he had no points and two shots.

"I thought he started out really well the first couple games," Housley said. "I thought his played dipped a little from that, that urgency he had on the forecheck, using his speed and even in providing a physical element.

"He's going to go down, work on that, get his timing back."

Sabres' Marco Scandella sick; Alexander Nylander practicing with Amerks again
Olean Times Herald

By: Bill Hoppe

Sabres defenseman Marco Scandella is “under the weather” but should play Tuesday in Pittsburgh, coach Phil Housley said.

Scandella, 27, missed today’s practice. With top defenseman Rasmus Ristolainen injured, Scandella has become the Sabres’ top minute-muncher, skating 25 minutes some nights.

The newcomer has zero goals and three assists while averaging 23 minutes, 38 seconds of ice time in 17 outings this season.

In other injury news, Housley said slick forward prospect Alexander Nylander, out since suffering a lower-body injury in rookie camp more than two months ago, has started practicing again with the Rochester Americans.

“It’s good to see that he’s skating with the team right now,” Housley said this morning inside KeyBank Center. “That shows he’s making really good progress. He’s going to have to continue to find his timing in practice, but that was intriguing.”

Housley said Nylander, 19, didn’t undergo surgery. The Sabres selected the Swede eighth overall in 2016. He played his first four NHL games late last season.

Check back later for more, including a full story on the Sabres’ offensive struggles and center Jack Eichel’s goal drought.

“He’s trying to do the right things, he means well,” Housley said. “He’s just got to continue to work through it.”

Update: The Sabres sent winger Justin Bailey, out the last five games with a lower-body injury, back to the Amerks this afternoon. In other news, defenseman Justin Falk, sidelined all season with a lower-body injury, should make his season debut Thursday. Falk practiced beside Victor Antipin today.

Amerks edged by Belleville in OT

C&C Worldwide

By: Staff Report

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Despite the loss, the Amerks have earned 10 out of a possible 12 points in their first six road games while showing a record of 4-0-1-1 to begin the 2017-18 season.

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Belleville was led by rookie forward Jordan Murray's first-career three-point performance (2+1) while Max McCormick and Francis Perron each turned in multi-point (1+1) nights in the overtime win. First-year defenseman Thomas Chabot opened the scoring in the contest as goaltender Andrew Hammond finished the night with 19 saves to improve his record to 4-2-1.

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As the overtime period continued and was in its final minute, McCormick sent a saucer-pass from just inside the Amerks zone towards Murray, who was crashing the net. The rookie forward managed to redirect the puck just enough and it found its way behind Wilcox, giving the Sens a 5-4 victory with 56 seconds left in the extra period.

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Less than 2:30 into the period, Gill buried his second goal of the evening and eighth point (6+2) in the last eight games. Rookie C.J. Smith, who saw his five-game point streak end last night, and Stuart Percy each recorded helpers on the power-play goal that gave the Amerks a 3-1 lead.

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Amerks double up Belleville

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The Rochester Americans (7-4-0-1) made their first-ever trip to Yardmen Arena and doubled up the Belleville Senators (6-7-0-1) 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, improving to 4-0-0-1 to begin the 2017-18 season.

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.

The B-Sens were paced by Max Reinhart and Gabriel Gagne as each found the back of the net while Danny Taylor drew the nod in the blue paint for the eighth time this season. Despite making 26 saves, the Plymouth, England, native suffered his second-straight loss.

With the Amerks leading 3-1 near the midway point of the final period, the B-Sens were gaining some energy while on the power-play. However, as the Amerks were trapped in their own zone for much of the penalty kill, Blackwell intercepted a pass at his own blueline before he raced in all-alone on Taylor. As the second-year pro was approaching the Belleville cage, he fired home his third goal of the season and his first-career shorthanded tally to put the Amerks ahead 4-1 at the 8:20 mark.

Belleville was able to trim Rochester's lead with 7:13 remaining, but the Amerks and Ullmark prevailed to earn the 4-2 victory in the front-end of the back-to-back set.

Rochester opened the scoring during the first period as the B-Sens were in the middle of an apparent line-change upon exiting their own zone. Amerks defenseman Zach Redmond, back from his second call-up to the Buffalo Sabres, intercepted a clearing attempt and quickly hit Fasching short of the blueline of the Belleville zone. As Fasching protected the puck with his 6-foot-4 frame, he beat Taylor past the blocker for his third goal of season to give the Amerks 1-0 lead with 10:41 left in the opening stanza.

Rochester's lead was short-lived, though, as Reinhart evened the scoring 11 seconds after an Amerks penalty to tie the game at one.

After the clubs emerged from the intermission break, the Amerks grabbed the lead for the remainder of the night as they tacked on a pair of goals less than four minutes apart during the middle period.

Controlling the puck along the near boards of the Senators zone, Criscuolo flung an innocent-looking shot towards C.J. Smith, who was parked in front of the Belleville netminder. Smith was unable to flag down the shot but the puck hit off a Senators defender and made its way behind Taylor 7:30 into the period. The marker was Criscuolo's ninth point (3+6) in last 7 games, putting him atop Rochester's scoring leaders with his 11th point overall on the season.

The marker at was setup by Fasching and Percy. For Fasching, it was his second point of the contest, marking his second professional two-point outing and first since Feb. 24 when he notched a pair of goals against the Syracuse Crunch.

Following Criscuolo's team-leading fifth goal of the slate, Porter put the Amerks ahead 3-1 at the 10:01 mark of the period. Skating with the puck towards the Belleville net, Rochester's captain appeared as if he was going to go behind the net but fired a shot to beat Taylor. Barry Goers and Percy teamed for the assists and for Percy it was his second of the tilt. Porter now has three goals and four points through his first four games of November.

The two-point night from Percy marked his first as an Amerk and first since Dec. 11, 2016 when he was a member of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins.

Each of the teams would add another goal during the final 20 minutes of play but it was the Amerks who picked up the 4-2 win in the first-ever meeting between the two North Division foes.

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.

Amerks fall in final minute of OT to Sens, 5-4

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