



# Hartford Wolf Pack vs. Rochester Americans

Friday, November 17, 2017 @ The Blue Cross Arena, AHL Regular Season Game #218

## TONIGHT'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (8-4-1-1) are back in action tonight when they host the Hartford Wolf Pack (6-7-2-1) on Military Appreciation Night at The Blue Cross Arena. The team will wear special Military-themed jerseys and matching socks as a tribute to the U.S. Armed Forces. The 7:05 p.m. matchup will be the first of four meetings between the two teams this season and will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

## LAST TIME OUT

- Rochester took an early two-goal lead Wednesday night as they hosted the Binghamton Devils to begin a stretch of three games in four nights. After grabbing the lead on the strength of back-to-back power-play goals, the Amerks never looked back largely in part to the stellar play of third-year goaltender **Linus Ullmark**, who stopped all 31 shots he faced to earn his second AHL shutout and help the Amerks to a 3-0 victory.
- Defenseman **Stuart Percy**, playing in just ninth game of the season since joining the team on Oct. 20, factored in on all three Rochester goals, scoring twice while also adding an assist for a career-high three points to lead the Amerks. The blueliner pushed his point streak to three games as he shows six points (2+4) over that span. **Eric Cornel** notched his second tally of season in the opening period while Ullmark won his fourth straight start and sixth of his last seven to improve his record to 7-3-0 on the season.
- With the win, the Amerks improved to 4-0-1-1 through the first six games in the month of November and show a record of 6-2-1-1 in their last 10 games overall, representing the fourth-best mark in the league over that span.

## ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- Rochester closes out its stretch of three games in four nights on Saturday, Nov. 18 as they travel to the southern tier for a rematch with the Binghamton Devils at Floyd L Maines Veterans Memorial Arena. Following Saturday's 7:05 p.m. contest, the Amerks remain on the road for a pre-Thanksgiving Day matchup with the Syracuse Crunch at the War Memorial Arena. Both matchups will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

## TEAM & PLAYER NOTES

- Rochester enters the contest sitting just four points back of the first-place Toronto Marlies for the top spot in the AHL's North Division standings. The Amerks have earned points in six straight games, marking the team's longest stretch since a six-game run to open the month of February during the 2014-15 campaign, and have collected 14 out of a possible 18 points dating back to Oct. 25.

## 2017-18 REGULAR SEASON



**TOTAL GOALS**  
42-44



**6-7-2-1 (15 points)**

**8-4-1-1 (18 points)**

## AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Kyle Criscuolo	14	5	6	11	10	4
C.J. Smith	14	2	9	11	6	3
Sahir Gill	14	6	4	10	0	-3

  

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	11	7-3-0	574:45	305	.921	2.71
Adam Wilcox	6	1-1-2	283:26	124	.892	3.18

## NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 18	@ Binghamton	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 22	@ Syracuse	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 24	vs. Binghamton	7:05 p.m.

## LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Nov. 15	Binghamton W	3-0	36-31	2-5	1-1
Nov. 11	Belleville OTL	5-4	23-40	1-3	3-3
Nov. 10	Belleville W	4-2	30-40	0-5	4-6

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS
<b>HOME</b> 4-4-0-0	22	25	8
<b>AWAY</b> 4-0-1-1	22	17	10
<b>TOTALS</b> 8-4-1-1	44	42	18

## WOLF PACK OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Cole Schneider	16	4	8	12	4	2
Joe Whitney	16	5	6	11	8	-3
Filip Chytil	9	3	6	9	4	1

  

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Alexander Georgiev	10	3-3-3	578:26	278	.906	3.01
Chris Nell	7	3-4-0	391:11	176	.884	3.53



//// HARTFORD WOLF PACK ////  
**GAME NOTES**  
 //// ROCHESTER AMERICANS ////



- **C.J. Smith** (2+9) and **Kyle Criscuolo** (5+6) remain tied for the team lead in scoring with 11 points each through 14 games this season. Criscuolo earned his first-career recall to the Buffalo Sabres yesterday and could potentially make his NHL debut tonight against the Detroit Red Wings. A Calder Cup winner last year in Grand Rapids, Criscuolo shows nine points (4+5) over his last nine games dating back to Oct. 25, a stretch which also featured a career-long five-game point streak. Smith, meanwhile, paces all Rochester skaters and ranks fourth amongst all AHL rookies with nine assists, six of which have come on the power-play. Smith, who despite seeing his season-long five-game assist streak come to an end last Saturday in Belleville, is tied for fifth in scoring among all first-year players and leads the group with seven power-play points.

- Coming off his two-goal outing Saturday in Belleville, forward **Sahir Gill** has moved atop the team's goal-scoring leaders with six on the season, matching the career-high he set last year in Wilkes-Barre/Scranton. More impressively, the former Boston University standout reached the six-goal mark in 31 fewer games and has already recorded half his total offensive output from the 2016-17 campaign through just 14 appearances this season for Rochester. He also shares the team lead with two power-play tallies.

- **Brendan Guhle** remains Rochester's top-scoring blueliner and enters play tonight tied with Bridgeport's Sebastian Aho for second in scoring among all AHL rookie defensemen with nine points (2+7), all of which have come in his last 10 games. He's been held scoreless just three times over that span.

- A year after leading the AHL in saves, games and minutes played, Ullmark has picked up right where he left off from last season. The former Swedish Goaltender of the Year and reigning team MVP has won four straight and six of his last seven starts dating back to Oct. 25, including a season-high 44-save effort at Utica on Nov. 1. He currently ranks second in the AHL in wins (7) and saves (305) while his .921 save percentage is 12<sup>th</sup>-best among all netminders with at least 240 minutes played.

#### SCOUTING THE WOLF PACK

- After dropping its last three games, which include a pair of 2-1 setbacks at the hands of the Bridgeport Sound Tigers, Hartford comes into the matchup sporting a 3-5-2-0 record in its last 10 decisions.
- Despite their recent struggles, however, the Wolf Pack bring the top-ranked power-play unit in the Eastern Conference into tonight's contest with a 24.2% success rate. Hartford's 16 goals while on the man-advantage are sixth-most in the AHL and fourth in the Eastern Conference.
- Hartford returns to Rochester fueled by former Amerk Cole Schneider, who leads the Wolf Pack with 12 points (4+8) while being one of just four skaters to appear in all 16 games this season.

#### 2016-17 SEASON SERIES SCORING LEADERS BREAKDOWN

##### ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Taylor Fedun	1	1	3	4	5	2
Evan Rodriuges	4	2	1	3	0	3
Cole Schneider	3	2	1	3	4	1

##### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Linus Ullmark	3	3-0-0	179:49	5	.935	1.67
John Muse	1	0-1-0	58:09	3	.897	3.10

##### HARTFORD

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Nicklas Jensen	4	2	2	4	2	1
John Gilmour	4	0	3	3	4	-2
Marek Hrivik	2	2	2	2	0	0

##### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Brandon Halverson	3	1-2-0	178:46	8	.899	2.69
Magnus Hellberg	1	0-1-0	59:55	4	.833	4.01

#### 2017-18 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
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Nov. 17

Dec. 1

Dec. 9

Mar. 18

**AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. HARTFORD: 10-7-0**

#### SERIES NOTABLES

- Tonight is just the 18<sup>th</sup> all-time meeting between Rochester and Hartford with the Amerks owning a 10-7-0-0 record. The Amerks have won five of the last eight meetings with the Wolf Pack, including the last two contests.
- In three games against Hartford last season, Amerks goaltender **Linus Ullmark** went 3-0-0 with a 1.67 goals-against average and a .935 save percentage.
- Schneider opposes the Amerks for the first time since signing with the New York Rangers over the summer. In 71 games last season, the Williamsville native posted career-highs with 39 assists and 63 points to lead the team in scoring for a second straight year. He was also one of three Amerks named to the 2017 AHL All-Star Classic.