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Hartford Wolf Pack vs. Rochester Americans

Friday, December 1, 2017 @ The Blue Cross Arena, AHL Regular Season Game #302

TONIGHT'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (11-5-3-1) usher in the month of December tonight with their second matchup in as many weeks against the Hartford Wolf Pack (7-9-2-1) at The Blue Cross Arena. The 7:05 p.m. matchup will be the final visit of the season for the Wolf Pack and the second of four meetings between the two teams this season. The game will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

LAST TIME OUT

- For the third consecutive game, and third time in a month, the Amerks and the Utica Comets required extra time to determine a winner on Wednesday night at Adirondack Bank Center. Rochester opened the scoring early in the second period, but the hosts would answer in the third before Reid Boucher sealed the 2-1 win for Utica just 1:29 into the extra frame.
- Despite the setback, however, the Amerks concluded the month of November with a 7-1-3-1 record in 12 games and collected 18 of a possible 24 points during the month.
- Garret Ross**, who returned to the lineup after missing the last three games, scored the lone Rochester goal 4:18 into the middle period while goaltender **Linus Ullmark** stopped 31 of 33 shots but suffered the loss. The 24-year-old netminder boasts a 6-0-2 record in his last eight appearances, which includes a five-game win streak.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks set out on a four-game, eight-day road swing beginning on Saturday, Dec. 2 when they travel to Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza to face the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins for the only time this season. Following the 7:05 p.m. matchup with the Penguins, Rochester begins a weekend trek through the Atlantic Division and opens its first three-in-three of the season on Friday, Dec. 8 against the Springfield Thunderbirds. Both matchups will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

TEAM & PLAYER NOTES

- After closing out the month of November with points in 11 of their last 12 games, the Amerks rank fifth overall in the American Hockey League and sit just six points back of the Toronto Marlies for first place in the North Division with an 11-5-3-1 overall record. Their 11 wins are tied for seventh-most in the league.
- The Amerks enter the contest led by first-year forward **C.J. Smith**, who paces the Rochester offense with 13 assists and 19 points in 20 games this season. He's also tied for the team lead with six goals. Smith, who shows eight points (4+4) over his last six games, ranks second among all AHL rookies in assists and is tied for 13th in scoring

2017-18 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS
55-68



7-12-2-1 (17 points)

11-5-3-1 (26 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
C.J. Smith	20	6	13	19	6	4
Sahir Gill	20	6	9	15	2	-5
Kevin Porter	19	5	9	14	16	-3

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	15	9-3-2	817:44	444	.919	2.86
Adam Wilcox	8	2-2-2	405:28	171	.881	3.40

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Dec. 2	@ W-B/Scranton	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 8	@ Springfield	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 9	@ Hartford	7:30 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Nov. 29	Utica	OTL 2-1	30-33	0-4	0-0
Nov. 25	Binghamton	OTW 4-3	32-19	1-7	4-5
Nov. 24	Binghamton	W 10-3	29-32	3-4	3-5

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	6-4-0-0	36	30	12
AWAY	5-1-3-1	32	33	14
TOTALS	11-5-3-1	68	63	26

WOLF PACK OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Peter Holland	20	8	10	18	19	-5
Cole Schneider	22	4	11	15	10	3
Vinni Lettieri	21	8	6	14	13	-5

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Alexander Georgiev	15	3-7-3	837:26	394	.897	3.22
Chris Nell	9	4-5-0	486:15	225	.889	3.46



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among the league's top point-getters. In addition, Smith is tied for second among all first-year skaters with 10 power-play points, including a team-best three power-play tallies. The former UMass-Lowell standout is currently one of just two AHL rookies to lead his respective team in scoring, joining Tucson's Dylan Strome.

- A year after leading the AHL in saves, games and minutes played, **Linus Ullmark** has picked up right where he left off from last season. The former Swedish Goaltender of the Year and reigning team MVP won a career-best five straight from Nov. 1 to Nov. 17 and eight of his last 11 starts dating back to Oct. 25, including a season-high 44-save effort at Utica on Nov. 1. He currently paces the AHL in saves (444) and is tied for third in wins (9) while his .918 save percentage is tied for 14th-best among all netminders.

- **Brendan Guhle** remains Rochester's top-scoring blueliner and comes into the weekend tied for third in scoring among all AHL rookie defensemen with 12 points (5+7), all of which have come in his last 15 games. Guhle also leads all first-year blueliners with three power-play goals while his 44 shots on goal are second-most.

- While holding a share of the team-lead in goals (6), forward **Sahir Gill** enters play tonight coming off a career-high four assists in Rochester's 10-3 win over Binghamton last Friday. The fourth-year pro is on pace to establish career-highs as he currently ranks second on the team with 15 points (6+9) through 20 games this season.

SCOUTING THE WOLF PACK

- Hartford comes into the matchup on a four-game skid and have dropped seven of its last eight following a 3-1 loss to Springfield Wednesday night on home ice. Gabriel Fontaine scored the lone goal for the Wolf Pack, who have just three wins in their last 10 games and fallen to the basement of the AHL's Atlantic Division.

- Despite their recent struggles, however, the Wolf Pack bring the third-ranked power-play unit in the Eastern Conference into tonight's contest with a 19.8% success rate. Hartford's 18 goals while on the man-advantage are also sixth-most in the Eastern Conference.

- Hartford returns to Rochester fueled by former Amerk Cole Schneider, who is second on the team with 15 points (4+11) while being one of just three skaters to appear in all 22 games this season. The Williamsville native, who played his college hockey at nearby UConn, has been held off the scoresheet in each of his last four games but remains one of six players with a positive plus/minus rating.

- The Wolf Pack received a significant boost offensively after yesterday's acquisition of forward Peter Holland from the Montreal Canadiens in exchange for Adam Cracknell. The veteran forward becomes Hartford's top scorer after recording eight goals and 18 points in 20 games with the Laval Rocket, including a four-point night (3+1) against Syracuse on Nov. 4. A former first-round pick of the Anaheim Ducks in 2009, the 26-year-old Holland has notched 142 points (63+79) over 163 career AHL games, in addition to 81 points (35+46) in 243 NHL contests.

2017-18 SEASON SERIES SCORING LEADERS BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
C.J. Smith	1	2	2	4	0	3
Colin Blackwell	1	0	2	2	0	3
Hudson Fasching	1	1	0	1	0	3

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	1	1-0-0	59:47	2	.947 2.01

HARTFORD

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Ryan Sproul	1	1	1	2	0	-1
John Gilmour	1	1	0	1	0	-1
Cole Schneider	1	0	1	1	0	0

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Alexander Georgiev	1	0-1-0	57:22	3	.900 3.14

2017-18 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Nov. 17	W	4-2	38-31	1-5	4-5
Dec. 1					
Dec. 9					
Mar. 18					

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. HARTFORD: 11-7-0

SERIES NOTABLES

- Tonight is just the 19th all-time meeting between Rochester and Hartford with the Amerks owning an 11-7-0-0 record. The Amerks have won six of the last nine meetings with the Wolf Pack, including the last three 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.
- Tonight's matchup begins a stretch in which the teams will play each other twice in eight days with another meeting scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 9 at the XL Center in Hartford.
- The Wolf Pack's roster features three former Amerks in forwards Cole Schneider, Dan Catenacci and Eric Selleck. Hartford assistant coach Joey Mormina is also a former Amerk defenseman, having ended a 12-year playing career with a 20-game stint in Rochester during the 2015-16 campaign.