



WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON PENGUINS
GAME NOTES
 ROCHESTER AMERICANS



Rochester Americans @ Wilkes-Barre/Scranton

Saturday, December 2, 2017 @ Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza, AHL Regular Season Game #317

TONIGHT'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (11-5-3-2) kick-off a four-game, eight-day road swing beginning tonight as they make their first and only trip this season to Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza to take on the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins (13-4-0-1). The 7:05 p.m. matchup will be the first of just two 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

- For the fourth time in the last five games, the Amerks needed to go beyond regulation time to decide the outcome. Friday night, the Hartford Wolf Pack erased a 3-1 Rochester lead to pick up a 5-4 shootout win and snap a four-game losing skid at The Blue Cross Arena.
- Despite falling in the shootout, the Amerks have notched points in 12 of their last 13 games and have collected 23 out of a possible 32 points dating back to Oct. 25.
- Seth Griffith, Steve Moses, Garret Ross and Evan Rodrigues** all lit the lamp for the Amerks, who have not suffered a loss in regulation on home ice since Oct. 28, going 4-0-0-1 since. Netminder **Adam Wilcox**, who made his second start in the last three games, made 24 saves but took the loss.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- Rochester begins a weekend trek through the Atlantic Division and opens its first three-in-three of the campaign on Friday, Dec. 8 against the Springfield Thunderbirds at 7:05 p.m. Following the tilt with the Thunderbirds, the Amerks visit the Hartford Wolf Pack for a 7:30 p.m. faceoff before taking on the Bridgeport Sound Tigers Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. All of the action will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

TEAM & PLAYER NOTES

- Rochester enters the weekend ranked sixth overall in the American Hockey League and sits seven points back of the Toronto Marlies for first place in the North Division with an 11-5-3-2 overall record. Their 11 wins are tied for 10th-most in the league.
- The Amerks enter the contest led by first-year forward **C.J. Smith**, who paces the Rochester offense with 14 assists and 20 points in 21 games this season. He's also tied for the team lead with six goals. Smith, who has nine points (4+5) over his last seven games, ranks second among all AHL rookies in assists and is tied for 15th in scoring 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. Coming into tonight,

2017-18 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS
71-72

13-4-0-1 (27 points)

11-5-3-1 (27 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
C.J. Smith	21	6	14	20	6	5
Sahir Gill	21	6	10	16	2	-7
Steve Moses	21	6	8	14	2	-8

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	15	9-3-2	817:44	444	.919	2.86
Adam Wilcox	9	2-2-3	470:28	195	.878	3.44

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Dec. 8	@ Springfield	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 9	@ Hartford	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 10	@ Bridgeport	3:00 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Dec. 1	Hartford	SOL 5-4	38-29	1-6	5-5
Nov. 29	Utica	OTL 2-1	30-33	0-4	0-0
Nov. 25	Binghamton	OTW 4-3	32-19	1-7	4-5

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	6-4-0-1	40	35	13
AWAY	5-1-3-1	32	33	14
TOTALS	11-5-3-2	72	68	27

PENGUINS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Dominik Simon	18	3	13	16	10	2
Daniel Sprong	17	9	5	14	10	-1
Ryan Haggerty	11	9	4	13	2	9

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Casey DeSmith	12	9-2-1	732:04	341	.924	2.29
Tristian Jarry	5	3-2-0	301:36	139	.897	3.18



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the former UMass-Lowell standout is currently one of just two AHL rookies, joining reigning CCM/AHL Player of the Week Dylan Strome of the Tucson Roadrunners, to lead his respective team in scoring.

- **Brendan Guhle** remains Rochester's top-scoring blueliner and comes into the weekend tied for second in scoring among all AHL rookie defensemen with 13 points (5+8), all of which have come in his last 16 games. Guhle also leads all first-year blueliners with three power-play goals while his 49 shots on goal are second-most. Guhle, who's played in all but one game for the Amerks this season, is also tied for 14th in the AHL in overall rookie scoring.

- 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 on last Friday. The 25-year-old pro is on pace to establish career-highs as he currently ranks second on the team with 16 points (6+10) while being one of five Amerks to appear in all 21 games this season.

- 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 10 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 .919 save percentage is tied for 16th-best among all netminders.

- Rochester's 5-4 shootout loss to Hartford last night represented the ninth time in the last 15 games that the Amerks were forced to play beyond regulation time. Entering the month of December, the Amerks lead the AHL in games decided after regulation with 10, showing a 3-3 mark in overtime while going 2-2 in shootouts.

SCOUTING THE PENGUINS

- Despite dropping a pair of contests last weekend to the Syracuse Crunch, Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, last year's Macgregor Kilpatrick Trophy winners as the AHL's top team, comes into the matchup with a 7-2-0-1 record in its last 10 games. The Penguins' 13-4-0-1 overall record is second-best not only in the Eastern Conference but as well as the entire AHL.

- Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, in the middle of its second three-in-three of the campaign, is led by Dominik Simon's team-best 13 assists and 16 points. After posting 46 points (15+31) during the 2016-17 season, the third-year pro enters tonight riding a six-game point-streak (1+5) dating back to Nov. 12, the second-longest among all active skaters.

- The Penguins are without the services of their elite goaltending tandem of Casey DeSmith and Tristan Jarry, both of whom are currently on recall to Pittsburgh. Prior to his recall on Nov. 28, DeSmith was 9-2-1 while Jarry was 3-2-0 in five games. In order to fill the void, the Penguins have brought in a trio of new netminders, this past week, including former Amerk netminder Anthony Peters.

2016-17 SEASON SERIES SCORING LEADERS BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Kyle Bonis	1	1	0	1	0	1
Daniel Muzito-Bagenda	1	1	0	1	0	1
Cal O'Reilly	2	1	0	1	0	-2

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
2	0-2-0	118:21	7	.897	3.55

WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Jake Guentzel	2	1	2	3	0	1
Tom Kostopoulos	2	1	2	3	0	-1
Lukas Bengtsson	1	1	1	2	0	3

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
1	1-0-0	60:00	1	.963	1.00
1	1-0-0	60:00	2	.931	2.00

2017-18 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
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Dec. 2

Feb. 16

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. WILKES-BARRE: 15-18-7

SERIES NOTABLES

- Tonight is just the 41st all-time meeting between the Amerks and Penguins, who have won the last three get-togethers. Rochester's last win in Wilkes-Barre/Scranton was a 4-0 shutout victory that came back on Feb. 1, 2014.
- Amerks head coach **Chris Taylor** along with **Kevin Porter**, **Sahir Gill**, **Adam Krause**, **Barry Goers**, and **Stuart Percy** make their first trip back to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton after spending last season with the Penguins, while general manager **Randy Sexton** also spent time with the Pittsburgh Penguins organization.
- Amerks assistant coach **Toby Petersen** spent parts of three seasons as a player with the Penguins from 2000-2004.
- Wilkes-Barre/Scranton goaltender Anthony Peters appeared in eight games with the Amerks during the 2014-15, going 1-6-0 in seven appearances.
- Following tonight's matchup, the Penguins make their lone trip of the season to Rochester on Feb. 16, 2018.