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Rochester Americans @ Hartford Wolf Pack

Saturday, December 9, 2017 @ XL Center, AHL Regular Season Game #346

TONIGHT'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (13-5-3-2) continue their weekend trek through New England tonight at XL Center, where they will take on on the Hartford Wolf Pack (8-12-3-2) for the second time in nine days. The 7:30 p.m. contest will be the third of four meetings on the season between the two teams and will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

LAST TIME OUT

- The Amerks picked up their seventh road win of the season as they came away with a 2-1 victory over the Springfield Thunderbirds at MassMutual Center last night to open their first three-in-three of the season.
- With the win, the Amerks have notched points in seven straight games, tying a season-long stretch set earlier in the year, and 14 of their last 15 games dating back to Nov. 1. Rochester also improved to 7-1-3-1 in 12 games away from The Blue Cross Arena this season.
- The Amerks were led by **Seth Griffith** and **Kyle Criscuolo**, who returned to the Amerks following an eight-game stint with the Buffalo Sabres earlier in the week. While Griffith pushed his point (2+1) streak to three games with his second goal of the season, Criscuolo recorded his sixth marker of the slate. Goaltender **Linus Ullmark** made 18 saves in the contest and now holds a share of the league-lead with 11 wins on the season. Over his last 10 starts, the Swedish netminder has gone 8-0-2 without a loss in regulation.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks close out a four-game, eight-day road trip on Sunday afternoon as they make their first of two trips this season to the Webster Bank Arena to face-off with the Bridgeport Sound Tigers. Following Sunday's 3:00 p.m. matinee, Rochester returns home to on Wednesday, Dec. 13 for a North Division clash with the Utica Comets at The Blue Cross Arena. Both matchups will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

TEAM & PLAYER NOTES

- For the second time this season, Rochester enters the contest with points in seven straight games, going 4-0-2-1 over that span, and 14 of its last 15 to remain in sole possession of second place in the AHL's North Division standings. They trail the first-place Toronto Marlies by a mere seven points but with a game in hand of the Marlies, who will make their first visit in Rochester next Friday night.
- With an assist on Criscuolo's game-winning goal last night, rookie forward **C.J Smith** continued his impressive start to the season by recording his 24th point in just his 23rd game to push his point streak to three games. He paces the Amerks in all offensive categories with

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TOTAL GOALS
66-79



8-12-3-2 (21 points)

13-5-3-2 (31 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
C.J. Smith	23	7	17	24	6	8
Sahir Gill	23	6	10	16	2	-7
Brendan Guhle	22	5	10	15	2	0

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	17	11-3-2	937:44	484	.920	2.69
Adam Wilcox	9	2-2-3	470:28	195	.878	3.44

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Dec. 10	@ Bridgeport	3:00 p.m.
Dec. 13	vs. Utica	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 15	vs. Toronto	7:05 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Dec. 8	Springfield	W 2-1	37-19	0-3	3-3
Dec. 2	WBS	W 5-2	37-24	1-7	1-1
Dec. 1	Hartford	SOL 5-4	38-29	1-6	5-5

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	6-4-0-1	40	35	13
AWAY	7-1-3-1	39	36	18
TOTALS	13-5-3-2	79	71	31

WOLF PACK OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Peter Holland	23	8	12	20	19	-8
Cole Schneider	25	6	13	19	12	1
Vinni Lettieri	24	9	7	16	15	-6

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Alexander Georgiev	18	4-7-5	1,030	498	.899	3.26
Chris Nell	9	4-5-0	486:15	225	.889	3.46



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seven goals, 17 assists and 24 points while being one of just four skaters to appear in all 23 games this season. The Des Moines, Iowa, native currently leads all active AHL rookies in scoring and is tied for sixth overall among the league's top point-getters. He also ranks third among all first-year skaters with 10 power-play points, including a team-best three power-play goals.

- With another assist last night, **Brendan Guhle** extended his point streak to a career and season-long five straight games. He remains Rochester's top-scoring blueliner and comes into the matchup ranked second among all AHL rookie defensemen with five goals and 15 points (5+10), all of which have come in his last 18 games. His three power-play tallies are also tops amongst all first-year blueliners while his 54 shots are tied for most with Bridgeport's Sebastian Aho.

- Ullmark picked up his 11th win of the season last night while improving to 8-0-2 in his last 10 starts. The former Swedish Goaltender of the Year and reigning team MVP hasn't lost in regulation since Oct. 28 and has won 10 of his last 13 dating back to Oct. 25, including a career-best five straight to open the month of November. He's currently tied for the league lead in wins (11), ranks second in saves (484) and is third in minutes played (938). His .920 save percentage is tied for 12th-best among all goaltenders. Last night was his 100th game as an Amerk.

- Coming off Friday's win over the Thunderbirds, the Amerks have earned at least one point in 11 of their first 12 road games this season with only one regulation loss, a 5-0 setback at Binghamton back on Nov. 18. This weekend's three-in-three concludes a busy stretch in which Rochester played eight out of 10 on the road.

- The Amerks' 5-4 shootout loss to Hartford last Friday represented the ninth time in the last 16 games that Rochester was forced to play beyond regulation time. Coming into tonight, 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 WOLF PACK

- After Hartford's 5-4 shootout win against the Amerks to begin the month of December, the Wolf Pack have dropped their last two contests. Hartford comes into the matchup with a 2-5-2-1 record in its last 10 decisions, but has earned points in three straight.

- Despite their recent struggles, however, the Wolf Pack bring the second-ranked power-play unit in the Eastern Conference into tonight's contest with a 19.8% success rate. Hartford's 19 goals while on the man-advantage are seventh-most in the Eastern Conference.

- Acquired by the New York Rangers on Dec. 1, newcomer Peter Holland has two points in his first three games with the Wolf Pack.

- Former Amerk Cole Schneider ranks second on the team with 19 points (6+13) while being one of just two skaters to appear in all 25 games this season. The Williamsville native shows four points (2+2) over his last three games and is fresh off a two-goal outing in last night's shootout loss to Providence.

2017-18 SEASON SERIES SCORING LEADERS BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
C.J. Smith	2	2	3	5	0	4
Brendan Guhle	2	1	1	2	2	1
Colin Blackwell	2	0	2	2	0	2

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Linus Ullmark	1	1-0-0	59:47	2	.947	2.01
Adam Wilcox	1	0-0-1	65:00	4	.857	3.69

HARTFORD

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Vince Pedrie	2	1	1	2	17	1
Ryan Sproul	2	1	1	2	0	-1
Bramdon Crawley	2	0	2	2	0	0

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Alexander Georgiev	2	1-1-0	122:08	7	.897	3.44

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	SOL	5-4	38-29	1-6	5-5
Dec. 9					
Mar. 18					

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. HARTFORD: 11-7-1

SERIES NOTABLES

- Tonight is just the 20th all-time meeting between Rochester and Hartford with the Amerks owning a 11-7-1 record. The Amerks have won six of the last 10 meetings with the Wolf Pack.
- In his last four starts against Hartford dating back to last season, Amerks goaltender **Linus Ullmark** has gone 4-0-0 with a 1.75 goals-against average and a .935 save percentage.
- 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.