



Rochester Americans @ Bridgeport Sound Tigers

Sunday, December 10, 2017 @ Webster Bank Arena, AHL Regular Season Game #357

TODAY'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (13-5-3-3) put the finishing touches on their first three-in-three of the season today at Webster Bank Arena against the Bridgeport Sound Tigers (12-9-1-1) in the final stop of a four-game, eight-day road swing through the Atlant Division. The 3:00 p.m. matinee is just the ninth all-time meeting 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 extended their point streak to a season-long eight straight games but came up short in a 3-2 shootout loss against the Hartford Wolf Pack at the XL Center Saturday night. It was the second straight meeting with the Wolf Pack that required a shootout and the third in as many weeks between the two teams.
- Amerks leading point-getter and rookie winger **C.J. Smith** pushed his point streak to four games as he notched his team-best 25th point while scoring his eighth goal of the season. The 23-year-old shows six points (2+4) in his last four games and has 14 points (6+8) over his last 10. **Zach Redmond** tied the game midway through the final period to round out the Amerks scoring while goaltender **Linus Ullmark** took the shootout loss. Rochester's reigning team MVP shows a record of 8-0-3 in his last 11 games and has not suffered a regulation loss since Oct. 28.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- Rochester returns home from its weekend trek through the Atlantic Division on Wednesday, Dec. 13 when the Amerks host the Utica Comets for a 7:05 p.m. face-off before taking on the first-place Toronto Marlies on Friday night at 7:05 p.m. All of the action from both games will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

TEAM & PLAYER NOTES

- Despite falling in the skills competition last night, the Amerks have notched points in 15 of their last 16 games dating back to Nov. 1, having only lost twice in regulation in their last 19 games.
- With a 4-0-2-2 record over its last eight games, Rochester is on its longest point streak since the team recorded points in eight straight to open the month of April during the 2013-14 campaign.
- With a goal last night, rookie forward **C.J. Smith** continued his impressive start to the season by recording his 25th point in just his 24th game to push his point streak to four games. Coming into today, he paces the Amerks in all offensive categories with eight goals, 17 assists and 25 points, in addition to a team-best 65 shots. The Des Moines, Iowa, native currently leads all active AHL rookies in scoring

2017-18 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS
74-81



12-9-1-1 (26 points)

13-5-3-3 (32 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

| SKATER | GP | G | A | PTS | PIM | +/- |
|---------------|----|---|----|-----|-----|-----|
| C.J. Smith | 24 | 8 | 17 | 25 | 6 | 8 |
| Sahir Gill | 24 | 6 | 10 | 16 | 2 | -7 |
| Brendan Guhle | 23 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 8 | 0 |

| GOALTENDER | GP | REC | MIN | SVS | SV% | GAA |
|---------------|----|--------|--------|-----|------|------|
| Linus Ullmark | 18 | 11-3-3 | 1,002 | 508 | .920 | 2.63 |
| Adam Wilcox | 9 | 2-2-3 | 470:28 | 195 | .878 | 3.44 |

NEXT THREE GAMES

| Date | Opponent | Time |
|---------|-------------|-----------|
| Dec. 13 | vs. Utica | 7:05 p.m. |
| Dec. 15 | vs. Toronto | 7:05 p.m. |
| Dec. 16 | @ Utica | 7:00 p.m. |

LAST THREE GAMES

| Date | Opponent | Score | SF-SA | PP | PK |
|--------|-------------|---------|-------|-----|-----|
| Dec. 9 | Hartford | SOL 3-2 | 30-27 | 0-3 | 4-5 |
| Dec. 8 | Springfield | W 2-1 | 37-19 | 0-3 | 3-3 |
| Dec. 2 | WBS | W 5-2 | 37-24 | 1-7 | 1-1 |

| YEARLY RECORD | GF | GA | POINTS | |
|---------------|----------|----|--------|----|
| HOME | 6-4-0-1 | 40 | 35 | 13 |
| AWAY | 7-1-3-2 | 41 | 39 | 19 |
| TOTALS | 13-5-3-3 | 81 | 74 | 32 |

SOUND TIGERS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

| SKATER | GP | G | A | PTS | PIM | +/- |
|---------------|----|---|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Tanner Fritz | 21 | 8 | 17 | 25 | 10 | 9 |
| Sebastian Aho | 22 | 7 | 10 | 17 | 4 | 0 |
| Devon Toews | 23 | 6 | 11 | 17 | 6 | 3 |

| GOALTENDER | GP | REC | MIN | SVS | SV% | GAA |
|---------------------|----|-------|--------|-----|------|------|
| Christopher Gibson | 13 | 8-5-0 | 785:00 | 319 | .904 | 2.60 |
| Kristers Gudlevskis | 10 | 4-4-2 | 596:49 | 235 | .894 | 2.81 |



BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS GAME NOTES ROCHESTER AMERKANS



and is tied for fifth overall among the league's top point-getters. Smith is also tied for sixth in the league in assists while being one of just four Rochester skaters to appear in all 24 games thus far. In addition, he ranks third among all first-year skaters with 11 power-play points, including a team-best three power-play goals.

- By being he held off the scoresheet last night, **Brendan Guhle** saw his career and season-long point streak come to an end at five straight games. He remains Rochester's top-scoring blueliner and comes into the matchup ranked second among all AHL rookie defensemen in scoring behind only Bridgeport's Sebastian Aho with five goals and 15 points (5+10), all of which have come in his last 19 games. His three power-play tallies are also tops amongst all first-year blueliners while his 57 shots lead all rookie defenseman.

- Ullmark picked up his 11th win of the season Friday night while suffering just his third shootout loss in the last 11 starts last night. The netminder holds an 8-0-3 mark during that span. 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 14 starts dating back to Oct. 25, including a career-best five straight to open the month of November. He currently leads the AHL in saves (508), and ranks second in wins (11) and minutes played (1,002). His .920 save percentage is tied for 12th-best among all goaltenders. Friday night was his 100th game as an Amerk.

- Coming off last night's 3-2 shootout loss to the Wolf Pack, the Amerks have earned at least one point in 12 of their first 13 road games this season with only one regulation loss, a 5-0 setback at Binghamton back on Nov. 18. Today's contest concludes a busy stretch in which Rochester played eight out of 10 on the road. At 7-1-3-2, the Amerks have the fourth-best record on the road in the AHL this season and are one of 14 teams to outscore their opposition on foreign ice.

- The Amerks' shootout loss to Hartford last night represented the 10th time in the last 17 games that Rochester was forced to play beyond regulation time. Coming into tonight, the Amerks lead the AHL in games decided after regulation with 11, showing a 3-3 mark in overtime while going 2-3 in shootouts.

SCOUTING THE SOUND TIGERS

- Despite dropping their last three games, the Sound Tigers enter this afternoon's matchup with a 6-2-1-1 record over their last 10.

- In his second full season with the Sound Tigers, Tanner Fritz brings a team-high 17 assists and 25 points into to the ninth all-time meeting between the Amerks and Sound Tigers. The 26-year-old has nine points (5+4) over his last six games.

- The Sound Tigers have used the goaltending tandem of Christopher Gibson and Kristers Gudlevskis through 24 games this season. Gibson saw his season-long five-game win streak end with a 4-3 loss last night and shows a record of 8-2-0 in his last 10 games, while Gudlevskis is 4-4-2 in 10 games in his first season in Bridgeport.

2016-17 SEASON SERIES SCORING LEADERS BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

| SKATER | GP | G | A | PTS | PIM | +/- |
|----------------|----|---|---|-----|-----|-----|
| Taylor Fedun | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 2 |
| Dan Catenacci | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | -3 |
| Patrick Mullen | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | -1 |

GOALTENDER

| GP | REC | MIN | GA | SV% | GAA |
|--------------|-----|-------|--------|-----|-----------|
| Linu Ullmark | 4 | 1-3-0 | 237:55 | 12 | .880 3.03 |

BRIDGEPORT

| SKATER | GP | G | A | PTS | PIM | +/- |
|-------------------|----|---|---|-----|-----|-----|
| Josh Ho-Sang | 3 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 5 |
| Michael Del Colle | 4 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 6 |
| Josh Winquist | 4 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 5 |

GOALTENDER

| GP | REC | MIN | GA | SV% | GAA |
|------------------|-----|-------|--------|-----|-----------|
| Jaroslav Halak | 3 | 2-0-1 | 181:10 | 8 | .919 2.65 |
| Stephon Williams | 1 | 1-0-0 | 60:00 | 1 | .967 1.00 |

2017-18 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

| Date | Result | Score | SF-SA | PP | PK |
|---------|--------|-------|-------|----|----|
| Dec. 10 | | | | | |
| Jan. 5 | | | | | |
| Feb. 28 | | | | | |
| Mar. 17 | | | | | |

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. BRIDGEPORT: 2-6-0

SERIES NOTABLES

- The Amerks enter play today with a 17.7 % success rate on the power-play while the Sound Tigers show a success rate of 17.0%, which is eighth-best in the Eastern Conference.
- This afternoon's contest is the ninth all-time meeting between the two clubs. Bridgeport has yet to lose in regulation in the previous eight games while Rochester is in search of its first-ever win at Webster Bank Arena.
- Today's matchup pits the AHL's top two rookie defensemen against one another in Bridgeport's Sebastian Aho and Rochester's Brendan Guhle. Aho, a fifth-round pick of the New York Islanders in this year's NHL Entry Draft, leads all first-year blueliners in goals (7) and points (17), including a hat trick back on Nov. 5. Guhle is at a close second with 15 points (5+10) through 23 games and continues to pace the group in power-play goals (3) and shots on goal (57).