



//// BELLEVILLE SENATORS ////  
**GAME NOTES**  
 //// ROCHESTER AMERICANS ////



## Rochester Americans @ Belleville Senators

Wednesday, January 10, 2018 @ Yardmen Arena, AHL Regular Season Game #530

### TONIGHT'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (22-8-3-3) go for their third straight win tonight as they make their way north of the border for a North Division showdown against the Belleville Senators (14-20-0-3) at Yardmen Arena. The 7:00 p.m. contest will be the fourth of eight 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

- Seth Griffith** notched his first three-point (1+2) performance of the season to lead the Amerks to a 3-1 victory over the Lehigh Valley Phantoms Saturday night at The Blue Cross Arena.
- With the victory, the Amerks have compiled points in 23 of their last 27 games and have collected 42 points dating back to Nov. 1. Additionally, the Amerks became just the third team in the AHL this season to reach the 50-point mark and notched back-to-back wins at home for the second time this season.
- Griffith sealed the win with his fifth goal of the campaign along with a pair of assists while **Kevin Porter** tallied his eighth marker of the season and a helper on Griffith's empty-net goal to collect his second straight multi-point effort. Rookie forward and 2018 AHL All-Star selection **C.J. Smith** ended a season-long seven-game scoring drought as he opened the scoring on the night with his 11<sup>th</sup> of the year on the power-play. **Linus Ullmark** made 26 saves on the night to improve to 17-5-3 on the year while upping his record to 14-2-3 in his last 19 appearances.

### ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks return to The Blue Cross Arena Friday, Jan. 12 as they host the Binghamton Devils for a 7:05 p.m. showdown in Rochester. Friday's matchup will be the fifth of 10 between the North Division rivals this season and will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

### TEAM & PLAYER NOTES

- The Amerks enter the matchup having won seven of their last nine and have collected at least one point in 29 of their first 36 games of the season. Rochester is just two points behind the Toronto Marlies for the top spot in the North Division with 50 points and rank second in the Eastern Conference with a .694 win-percentage behind only the Marlies coming into tonight.
- Goaltender **Linus Ullmark** and rookie defenseman **Brendan Guhle** were recalled by the parent Buffalo Sabres earlier in the week. In a related move, the Amerks promoted first-year goaltender **Jonas Johansson** from the Cincinnati Cyclones. Johansson is 6-4-0 with a 2.91 goals-against average and a .907 save percentage in 11 games.

### 2017-18 REGULAR SEASON



**TOTAL GOALS**  
93-113



**14-20-0-3 (31 points)**

**22-8-3-3 (50 points)**

### AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
C.J. Smith	36	11	20	31	12	11
Sahir Gill	36	12	13	25	2	-6
Zach Redmond	28	8	16	24	20	9

  

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	26	17-5-3	1,483	722	.928	2.27
Adam Wilcox	13	5-3-3	707:56	316	.903	2.88

### NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 12	vs. Binghamton	7:05 p.m.
Jan. 13	@ Syracuse	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 15	vs. Utica	1:05 p.m.

### LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Jan. 6	Lehigh Valley	W 3-1	35-27	1-5	3-3
Jan. 5	Bridgeport	OTW 3-1	28-30	1-2	6-6
Dec. 30	Laval	L 4-2	38-25	1-5	2-2

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
<b>HOME</b>	10-7-0-1	57	50	21
<b>AWAY</b>	12-1-3-2	56	45	29
<b>TOTALS</b>	22-8-3-3	113	95	50

### SENATORS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Max McCormick	35	5	13	18	67	-6
Ethan Werek	29	8	9	17	26	-7
Jim O'Brien	35	8	9	17	32	0

  

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Andrew Hammond	17	7-6-2	923:42	474	.899	3.44
Danny Taylor	13	3-9-1	728:39	337	.880	3.79
Chris Driedger	9	2-4-0	430:28	206	.880	3.90



- Similar to last season, no other goaltender has played more games than Ullmark, who has won 16 of his last 22 starts and is 14-2-3 in his last 19 games. Recently named to his second straight AHL All-Star appearance, Ullmark enters the week second in the AHL in saves (722) and minutes played (1,483) and is tied for first in wins (17) and shutouts (2). The former Swedish Goaltender of the Year and reigning team MVP is also tied for fourth and sixth amongst all AHL goaltenders with a .928 save percentage and 2.27 goals-against average, respectively.

- Joining Ullmark at the 2018 AHL All-Star Classic is rookie forward **C.J. Smith**, who ended a season-long seven-game scoring drought with his 11<sup>th</sup> goal of the year in Saturday's win. The 23-year-old forward paces the team with 20 assists and 31 points while being one of just three skaters to appear in all 36 games thus far this season. His plus-11 on-ice rating is also tops on the team. The Des Moines, Iowa, native currently ranks fourth in scoring among all AHL rookies, while his 20 assists are second between all first-year skaters and are tied for 12<sup>th</sup>-most in the league.

- The Amerks own three of the top 12 point-producing defensemen in the AHL in **Zach Redmond**, **Stuart Percy** and **Guhle**. Redmond, who leads all Amerks blueliners with 24 points (8+16) through 28 games, is tied for third in goals by a defenseman with eight, matching the career-high he previously set twice as a member of the St. John's IceCaps. His 24 points place him third among all AHL defensemen in scoring. Guhle, who made his season debut last night for the Sabres, is tied for second in scoring among all AHL rookie defensemen with 20 points (7+13) while his seven goals are also second-most among first-year blueliners in the league.

#### SCOUTING THE SENATORS

- Belleville comes into the matchup having won just three times in its last 10 games after being outscored 12-1 in back-to-back road games this past weekend. The struggling Senators have been limited to just one goal in three of their last four games with Saturday's 6-0 loss to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton marking the third time they have failed to score a goal this season.

- Fourth-year pro Max McCormick currently leads the Belleville offense in both assists (13) and points (18) through 35 games this season. Prior to being held without a point in three straight games, the 25-year-old had notched five points (1+4) in three games to close out the calendar year.

- Gabriel Gagne paces the Senators with a team-high 12 goals, but hasn't been able to find the net in his last nine games, a season-long drought that came on the heels of a three-game goal-scoring streak.

- Goaltender Andrew Hammond is in his fifth season with the Ottawa Senators organization and shows a 7-6-2 record in 17 games this season. After earning a 2-1 win against the Toronto Marlies the day after Christmas, Hammond has allowed nine goals in his last two starts, going 0-2-0 over that span.

#### AMERKS-SENATORS 2017-18 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

##### ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Sahir Gill	3	4	0	4	0	5
Kevin Porter	3	1	2	3	0	2
Zach Redmond	2	1	2	3	0	3

##### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Linus Ullmark	2	2-0-0	119:15	3	.958	1.51
Adam Wilcox	1	0-0-1	64:03	5	.875	4.68

##### BELLEVILLE

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Francis Perron	3	1	3	4	0	2
Jordan Murray	3	3	0	3	4	-1
Thomas Chabot	2	1	1	2	4	-2

##### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Danny Taylor	2	0-2-0	115:29	7	.870	3.64
Andrew Hammond	1	1-0-0	64:03	4	.826	3.75

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

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Nov. 10	W	4-2	30-40	0-5	4-6
Nov. 11	OTL	5-4	23-40	1-3	3-3
<b>Dec. 20</b>	W	3-1	24-32	0-6	5-5
Jan. 10					
Jan. 27					
<b>Feb. 7</b>					
<b>Apr. 6</b>					
<b>Apr. 13</b>					

#### AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. BELLEVILLE: 2-1-0

##### SERIES NOTABLES

- The Amerks enter play tonight with an 87.6 % success rate on the penalty kill, which is second-best in the Eastern Conference, while the Senators show a success rate of 76.2%.
- Rochester has a goal with the man-advantage in four straight games for the first time all season and have not allowed a goal while shorthanded in 10 straight games dating back to Dec. 15. The penalty kill has gone 37-for-37 during that span.
- The Amerks remain the only team in the league with one regulation loss while on the road this season and hold a record of 12-1-3-2 in their 18 games away from The Blue Cross Arena.