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 //// ROCHESTER AMERICANS ////



## Rochester Americans @ Syracuse Crunch

Saturday, January 13, 2018 @ War Memorial Arena, AHL Regular Season Game #565

### TONIGHT'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (23-8-4-3) continue a four-game stretch against North Division opponents tonight as they travel east down the I-90 to face the red-hot Syracuse Crunch (22-12-1-2) at the War Memorial Arena. The 7:00 p.m. contest will be the fifth of 10 meetings between the longtime rivals this season and will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

### LAST TIME OUT

- The Amerks pushed their point streak to four games as they exploded for four third-period goals on their way to a decisive 5-2 victory over the Binghamton Devils last night on home ice.
- With the win, the Amerks have earned points in 26 of their last 29 games and have collected 45 points dating back to Nov. 1. The win also extended Rochester's home win streak to three straight games.
- Seth Griffith** led the Amerks offense as he tallied a three-point (1+2) night, his second in the last three games, and shows seven points (2+5) over his last four home games. **Kyle Crisculo** and **C.J. Smith** each finished with a goal and an assist while **Nick Baptiste** and **Kevin Porter** completed the scoring for Rochester. Goaltender **Adam Wilcox**, who made back-to-back starts for the first time all season, stopped 18 of 20 shots he faced to improve to 6-3-4 on the season. The 25-year-old netminder also recorded his first point as an Amerk with an assist on Baptiste's game-winning goal, marking the second point earned by an Amerks goaltender this season and his first since 2015-16 when he was a member of the Syracuse Crunch.

### ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks are back at The Blue Cross Arena on Monday, Jan. 15 for the final home game of the month when they host the Utica Comets in the front-end of a home and home series. The 1:05 p.m. matinee can be heard live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester and will be televised state-wide on MSG.

### TEAM & PLAYER NOTES

- The Amerks enter the matchup with a 7-2-1-0 record in their last 10 games and have collected at least one point in 31 of their first 38 games of the season. Rochester is just one point behind the Toronto Marlies for the top spot in the North Division with 53 points and rank second in the Eastern Conference with a .697 win-percentage behind only the Marlies coming into tonight.
- Goaltender **Linus Ullmark** and rookie defenseman **Brendan Guhle** returned to the Amerks on Friday after the pair were recalled by the parent Buffalo Sabres earlier in the week. Both appeared in Buffalo's 3-1 win over Columbus Thursday night, with Guhle notching his first NHL point with an assist on Kyle Okposo's game-

### 2017-18 REGULAR SEASON



**TOTAL GOALS**  
127-120



**22-12-1-2 (47 points)**

**23-8-4-3 (53 points)**

### AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
C.J. Smith	38	12	21	33	12	11
Sahir Gill	38	12	13	25	2	-5
Kevin Porter	32	9	15	24	16	-3

  

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	26	17-5-3	1,483	722	.928	2.27
Adam Wilcox	15	6-3-4	830:43	366	.904	2.82

### NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 15	vs. Utica	1:05 p.m.
Jan. 17	@ Utica	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 20	@ Charlotte	6:00 p.m.

### LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Jan. 12	Binghamton	W 5-2	32-20	1-4	2-2
Jan. 10	Bellefonte	OTL 3-2	23-35	0-2	3-4
Jan. 6	Lehigh Valley	W 3-1	35-27	1-5	3-3

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
<b>HOME</b>	11-7-0-1	62	52	23
<b>AWAY</b>	12-1-4-2	58	48	30
<b>TOTALS</b>	23-8-4-3	120	10	53

### CRUNCH OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Matthew Peca	37	8	21	29	10	1
Adam Erne	37	11	14	25	32	3
Michael Bournival	35	12	12	24	40	8

  

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Louis Domingue	13	9-4-0	776:44	316	.911	2.39
Conor Ingram	17	10-5-1	963:47	390	.905	2.55



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winning goal. Ullmark, meanwhile, had a solid showing, turning aside an NHL career-high 44 saves in his season debut, the most in a win by a Sabres goaltender since Anders Nilsson stopped 46 of 47 shots on Nov. 19, 2016 vs. Pittsburgh.

- Similar to last season, Ullmark has carried a majority of the duties between the pipes as he 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 weekend third in the AHL in saves (722), fourth in minutes played (1,483) while being 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 fifth amongst all AHL goaltenders with a .928 save percentage and 2.27 goals-against average, respectively. Only Grand Rapids' Jared Coreau has played more games than Ullmark.

- Joining Ullmark at the 2018 AHL All-Star Classic is rookie forward **C.J. Smith**, who shows three points (2+1) over his last three games following a career-long seven-game scoring drought. The 23-year-old forward paces the team with 21 assists and 33 points while being one of just two skaters to appear in all 38 games thus far this season. He's also tied for the team lead with 12 goals while his plus-11 on-ice rating is tops among forwards. The Des Moines, Iowa, native currently ranks fourth in scoring among all AHL rookies, while his 21 assists are second between all first-year skaters and are tied for 13<sup>th</sup>-most in the league.

- The Amerks own three of the top 20 point-producing defensemen in the AHL in **Zach Redmond**, **Stuart Percy** and **Guhle**. Redmond, who leads all Amerks defensemen with 24 points (8+16) through 30 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. Additionally, Redmond's 24 points place him third among all AHL defensemen in scoring. Guhle 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 CRUNCH

- The Crunch come into the matchup the AHL's top team as of late, winning seven straight and 18 of their last 21 games dating back to their 6-5 overtime over Rochester on Nov. 22. The impressive run also included a season-long 10-game win streak for the Crunch, who boast an AHL-best 8-2-0-0 record over their last 10 outings to move within six points of the Amerks in the North Division standings.

- Syracuse has scored 127 goals this season to lead all North Division teams. Of those 127, 48 have come in the opening 20 minutes of play, which is most in the AHL.

- In his third full season with the Crunch, forward **Matthew Peca** enters play tonight leading all Syracuse skaters in both assists (21) and points (29). After posting just five points (0+5) in the first 16 games of the season, Peca has collected 24 (8+16) over his last 21 appearances.

- Recalled by Tampa Bay on Dec. 30, goaltender **Louis Domingue** is 9-4-0 since joining the Crunch, including a seven-game win streak.

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

##### ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
C.J. Smith	4	1	4	5	0	0
Kyle Criscuolo	3	2	1	3	2	0
Zach Redmond	3	1	2	3	2	-1

##### GOALTENDER

GP	REC.	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Adam Wilcox	2	1-0-0	109:20	4	.900	2.20
Linus Ullmark	3	1-1-1	131:38	8	.904	3.65

##### SYRACUSE

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Matthew Peca	4	1	4	5	0	1
Kevin Lynch	4	2	2	4	2	3
Michael Bournival	2	1	2	3	4	2

##### GOALTENDER

GP	REC.	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Michael Leighton	2	1-1-0	115:42	5	.894	2.59
Connor Ingram	1	0-0-1	60:39	3	.833	2.97
Louis Domingue	1	1-0-0	61:39	5	.857	4.87

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

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 6	W	3-1	20-29	1-5	6-6
Oct. 7	OTW	3-2	18-26	1-6	4-4
Oct. 28	L	3-2	27-19	1-4	4-5
Nov. 22	OTL	6-5	35-49	2-6	2-2
Jan. 13					
Feb. 21					
Mar. 10					
Mar. 11					
Apr. 11					
Apr. 14					

#### AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. CRUNCH: 128-107-17

#### SERIES NOTABLES

- Six of the last eight games between the Amerks and Crunch dating back to last season have been one-goal games, including the last three.
- In the last seven games in the season-series, the Amerks have scored a power-play goal in each contest as they have gone eight-for-27 (29.6%) with the man-advantage.
- The Amerks are 2-1-1-0 in the four games this season with the Crunch after going 2-8-0-0 during the 2016-17 campaign in the head-to-head series.