



Rochester Americans @ Charlotte Checkers

Sunday, January 21, 2018 @ Bojangles' Coliseum, AHL Regular Season Game #614

TODAY'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (24-9-4-5) and Charlotte Checkers (23-17-0-1) clash for the second time in less than 24 hours today as the two teams play the second of a two-game set this afternoon at Bojangles' Coliseum. The 1:00 p.m. matinee is just the third all-time meeting and will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

LAST TIME OUT

- Four Timely goals along with big saves helped the Amerks extinguish a three-game winless streak as the Amerks picked up a 4-1 victory in the opening game of a two-game set with the Checkers. Saturday night's matchup was the first-ever meeting between the two clubs at the Bojangles' Coliseum and just the second all-time in franchise history.
- With the win, the Amerks have earned points in 29 of their last 33 games and have collected 49 points dating back to Nov. 1. Additionally, the Amerks improved to 10-0-1-1 in the 12 road games when they have scored the game's opening goal and 13-2-4-3 overall while away from The Blue Cross Arena on the season.
- Rookie forward **C.J. Smith** notched his team-leading ninth multi-point outing of the season as he led the Amerks with three points (1+2) while **Seth Griffith** recorded his sixth multi-point effort with his two assists. **Eric Cornel**, **Kyle Criscuolo** and **Sean Malone** rounded out the scoring for Rochester while goaltender **Adam Wilcox**, who made his third start in the last six games, made 23 saves to record his seventh win of the campaign. The Minnesota native shows a 7-3-4 record in his first 16 appearances with the Amerks and holds a 6-1-2 mark in his last nine games overall.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks bring their season-long five-game road trip to a close with a pair of games north of the border Friday and Saturday night prior to the AHL All-Star break. Both of the 7:00 p.m. contest can be heard live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

TEAM & PLAYER NOTES

- Rochester enters the contest with a 5-2-1-2 record in its last 10 games and have collected at least one point in 33 of its first 42 games of the season, including seven of its last nine.
- With last night's victory, the Amerks remain just three points back of the Toronto Marlies for the top spot in the AHL's North Division with 57 points. The Marlies, though, have a game in hand on Rochester coming into today. The club currently ranks third in the Eastern Conference with a .679 win-percentage behind only the Marlies while the Syracuse Crunch, winners in nine of their last

2017-18 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS
140-127



23-17-0-1 (47 points)

24-9-4-5 (57 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
C.J. Smith	42	14	23	37	12	12
Zach Redmond	34	8	18	26	24	8
Sahir Gill	42	12	13	25	2	-6

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	29	17-6-5	1,673	825	.929	2.26
Adam Wilcox	16	7-3-4	890:43	389	.907	2.69

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 26	@ Toronto	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 27	@ Belleville	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 2	vs. Toronto	7:05 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Jan. 20	Charlotte	W 4-1	25-24	0-1	1-2
Jan. 17	Utica	SOL 3-2	35-38	1-3	3-3
Jan. 15	Utica	SOL 2-1	28-42	1-4	4-5

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	11-7-0-2	63	54	24
AWAY	13-2-4-3	64	56	33
TOTALS	24-9-4-5	127	110	57

CHECKERS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Andrew Miller	41	9	26	35	14	-9
Warren Foegele	39	19	11	30	14	11
Valentin Zykov	36	19	9	28	29	-15

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Alex Nedeljkovic	25	16-7-0	1,395	537	.895	2.71
Jeremy Smith	19	7-10-1	1,042	453	.901	2.88



CHARLOTTE CHECKERS GAME NOTES ROCHESTER AMERKS



12, continue to inch closer to Rochester in the overall standings.

- Through 42 games this season, the Amerks have played in 17 contests that have gone beyond regulation, which leads the AHL. Of those 17, 11 have been away from The Blue Cross Arena where the Amerks hold an overall record of 13-2-4-3

- Goaltender **Linus Ullmark** has carried the majority of the workload between the pipes as he has won 16 of his last 25 starts and is 14-3-5 in his last 22 games. Recently named to his second straight AHL All-Star appearance, Ullmark enters the contest third among the AHL's leader in both saves (825) and minutes played (1,673) while being one win shy of tying for the league-lead in wins (17). The former Swedish Goaltender of the Year and reigning team MVP is also tied for fourth and seventh amongst all AHL goaltenders with a .929 save percentage and 2.26 goals-against average, respectively.

- Joining Ullmark at the 2018 AHL All-Star Classic is rookie forward **C.J. Smith**, who shows seven points (4+3) over his previous seven games following a season-long seven-game scoring drought. The 23-year-old forward paces the team in all offensive categories with 14 goals, 23 assists and 37 points while being one of just two skaters to appear in all 42 games thus far this season. His plus-12 on-ice rating is also tops among team forwards. The Des Moines, Iowa, native currently ranks second in scoring among all AHL rookies and tied for seventh overall among the league's top point-getters. His 23 assists are second-most between all first-year skaters and are tied for 12th-most in the league.

- The Amerks own three of the top 15 point-producing defensemen in the AHL in **Zach Redmond**, **Stuart Percy** and rookie **Brendan Guhle**. Redmond, who leads all Amerks defensemen with 26 points (8+18) through 34 games, is tied for fourth 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 26 points place him fifth among all AHL defensemen in scoring. Guhle is second in scoring among all AHL rookie defensemen with 21 points (7+14) while his seven goals are third among first-year blueliners in the league.

SCOUTING THE CHECKERS

- Charlotte, playing its final game of a season-long six-game homestand, comes into the matchup 3-7-0-0 in the last 10 contests.
- Forward Andrew Miller paces the Checkers with a team-high 26 assists and 35 points through 41 games in his second season in Charlotte. Following a 14-game stretch from Dec. 1 through Jan. 6 where he notched 18 points (3+15), Miller has since tallied one assist over his last six games.
- First-year forward Warren Foegele shares the team-lead with 19 goals through his first 39 games. In addition to pacing all AHL rookies in goals, Foegele ranks fifth in scoring among all first-year players with 30 points on the season. The 21-year-old has tallied 10 multi-point performances, including back-to-back two-goal games to begin the campaign as well as a hat trick in a 4-1 win over Springfield on Dec. 1.

AMERKS-CHECKERS 2017-18 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER						
SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
C.J. Smith	2	1	2	3	0	1
Seth Griffith	1	0	2	2	0	3
Eric Cornel	1	1	0	1	0	1
GOALTENDER						
GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Adam Wilcox	2	1-0-0	85:07	2	.950	1.41
Linus Ullmark	1	0-1-0	34:48	4	.750	6.90
CHARLOTTE						
SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Warren Foegele	2	1	1	2	2	-1
Andrew Poturalski	2	1	1	2	6	-2
Lucas Wallmark	2	1	1	2	0	-2
GOALTENDER						
GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Alex Nedeljkovic	1	1-0-0	59:44	2	.909	2.01
Jeremy Smith	1	0-1-0	57:48	3	.875	3.11

2017-18 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 20	L	5-2	22-32	1-8	4-4
Jan. 20	W	4-1	25-24	0-0	1-2
Jan. 21					
Mar. 30					

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. CHARLOTTE: 1-1-0

SERIES NOTABLES

- Charlotte enters tonight's matchup with 140 goals in their first 41 games of the season, which is tops in the Eastern Conference. Rochester, meanwhile, owns the conference's fourth-best goals-against average (2.62).
- C.J. Smith leads all skaters with three points (1+2) through the first two games of the season series with all three points coming in last night's 4-1 win.
- Rochester has played in 17 games that have gone beyond regulation, which are most in the American Hockey League. Charlotte has played in a league-low one overtime game this season.
- The Amerks remain the only team in the AHL with just two losses in regulation while on the road this season as they carry a 13-2-4-3 in 22 games away from The Blue Cross Arena.