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Rochester Americans @ Toronto Marlies

Friday, January 26, 2018 @ Ricoh Coliseum, AHL Regular Season Game #639

TONIGHT'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (24-9-5-5) continue their season-long five-game road-trip tonight as they head north of the border to meet up with the Toronto Marlies (30-11-0-1) at Ricoh Coliseum. The 7:00 p.m. showdown is the just third of eight between the North Division rivals this season and will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

LAST TIME OUT

- Trailing 4-1 at the halfway point, the Amerks scored three straight unanswered goals to take the game beyond regulation, but fell 5-4 in overtime in what was the second of back-to-back games against the Charlotte Checkers Sunday afternoon at Bojangles' Coliseum.
- Kevin Porter** scored twice in a span of 2:28 in the third period, the second of which tied the game at 4-4 with 2:01 left to play, with **Hudson Fasching** assisting on both goals. Rookie **Sean Malone** (1+0) scored his second goal in as many games, while **Seth Griffith** (1+0) rounded out the scoring to extend his point streak to four games, keeping him at a point-per-game pace. The former AHL All-Star has totaled five points (2+3) over his current point streak to move into fifth on the team in scoring. **Linus Ullmark** made 23 saves on the day.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks bring their season-long five-game road swing to a close on Saturday, Jan. 27 when they return to Yardmen Arena to face the Belleville Senators at 7:00 p.m. in their final game before the AHL All-Star break. All of the action can be heard live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

TEAM & PLAYER NOTES

- Rochester enters the contest having claimed at least one point in each of the first three games of its five-game road trip, including taking three out of a possible four points during its inaugural visit to Charlotte this past weekend.
- More importantly, the Amerks have collected at least one point in 30 of their last 35 games dating back to Nov. 1, including eight of their last nine games since the turn of the New Year.
- Similar to last season, third-year goaltender **Linus Ullmark** has carried the majority of the workload between the pipes as he has won 16 of his last 26 starts and is 14-3-6 in his last 23 games overall. Ullmark, who will represent the Amerks this weekend at the 2018 AHL All-Star Classic for the second straight season, currently ranks second in the AHL in minutes played (1,734) and third in saves (848) 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 also ranks seventh and eighth amongst all AHL goaltenders with a .926

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TOTAL GOALS
132-131



30-11-0-1 (61 points)

24-9-5-5 (58 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

| SKATER | GP | G | A | PTS | PIM | +/- |
|--------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| C.J. Smith | 43 | 14 | 23 | 37 | 12 | 9 |
| Kevin Porter | 37 | 12 | 15 | 27 | 20 | -6 |
| Zach Redmond | 35 | 8 | 19 | 27 | 24 | 6 |

| GOALTENDER | GP | REC | MIN | SVS | SV% | GAA |
|---------------|----|--------|--------|-----|------|------|
| Linus Ullmark | 30 | 17-6-6 | 1,734 | 848 | .926 | 2.35 |
| Adam Wilcox | 16 | 7-3-4 | 890:43 | 389 | .907 | 2.69 |

NEXT THREE GAMES

| Date | Opponent | Time |
|---------|--------------|-----------|
| Jan. 27 | @ Belleville | 7:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 2 | vs. Toronto | 7:05 p.m. |
| Feb. 3 | @ Binghamton | 7:05 p.m. |

LAST THREE GAMES

| Date | Opponent | Score | SF-SA | PP | PK |
|---------|-----------|---------|-------|-----|-----|
| Jan. 21 | Charlotte | OTL 5-4 | 30-28 | 1-4 | 0-3 |
| Jan. 20 | Charlotte | W 4-1 | 25-24 | 0-1 | 1-2 |
| Jan. 17 | Utica | SOL 3-2 | 35-38 | 1-3 | 3-3 |

| YEARLY RECORD | GF | GA | POINTS |
|------------------------|-----|-----|--------|
| HOME 11-7-0-2 | 63 | 54 | 24 |
| AWAY 13-2-5-3 | 68 | 61 | 34 |
| TOTALS 24-9-5-5 | 131 | 115 | 58 |

MARLIES OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

| SKATER | GP | G | A | PTS | PIM | +/- |
|------------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Ben Smith | 42 | 18 | 15 | 33 | 10 | 27 |
| Andreas Johnsson | 37 | 17 | 12 | 29 | 39 | 9 |
| Chris Mueller | 42 | 8 | 17 | 25 | 18 | -4 |

| GOALTENDER | GP | REC | MIN | SVS | SV% | GAA |
|----------------|----|--------|-------|-----|------|------|
| Garret Sparks | 24 | 16-6-1 | 1,399 | 631 | .942 | 1.67 |
| Calvin Pickard | 18 | 13-5-0 | 1,052 | 450 | .930 | 1.94 |



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save percentage and a 2.35 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 eight 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 43 games thus far this season. His plus-nine on-ice rating is also tops among all active Rochester skaters. The Des Moines, Iowa, native currently ranks second in scoring among all AHL rookies behind only Tucson's Dylan Strome and is tied for 10th overall among the league's top point-getters. His 23 assists are second-most between all first-year skaters and are tied for 14th-most in the league.

- The Amerks own three of the top 20 point-producing defensemen in the AHL in **Zach Redmond**, **Stuart Percy** and rookie **Brendan Guhle**. Redmond leads all Amerks defensemen and is tied for fourth among all AHL blueliners with 27 points (8+19) through 35 games. He's also tied for fourth in goals by a defenseman with eight. Guhle, meanwhile, is tied for 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.

- With his eighth goal of the campaign in Sunday's 5-4 overtime loss in Charlotte, forward **Seth Griffith** extended his point streak to four games. Since joining the Amerks on Nov. 27, the former AHL All-Star has recorded 24 points (8+16) in 24 games, including 11 points (4+7) over his last nine games since the turn of the New Year to jump up to fifth on the team in scoring. After enduring a season-long three-game stretch in December in which he failed to find the scoresheet, Griffith hasn't gone more than a game without a point since.

SCOUTING THE MARLIES

- The Marlies come into the matchup holding an 8-1-0-1 record in their last 10 outings dating back to Dec. 29 when the Amerks handed Toronto a 2-0 loss in the previous meeting between the two teams.
- Toronto, which has a three-point lead over the Amerks for the top spot in the North Division standings, leads the AHL in wins (30) and points (61), while allowing the fewest goals-against (83) in the league through 42 games this season.
- Veteran forward Ben Smith paces the Marlies in both goals (18) and points (33) coming into tonight's matchup as well as a plus-27 on-ice rating that ranks second-best in the AHL. The eighth-year pro is tied for seventh in the league in goals, three of which have come over his last four games, and is one of just three Toronto skaters to have appeared in all 42 games thus far this season.
- Toronto owns one of the top goaltending tandem in the AHL in Garret Sparks and Calvin Pickard. The duo are first and third in the AHL with a 1.67 and 1.94 goals-against average, respectively. After starting the season 1-2-0, Pickard has gone 12-3-0 in his last 15 starts. Sparks, who holds a record of 16-6-1 this season along with a league-leading three shutouts, has gone 5-0-1 in his last six appearances.

AMERKS-MARLIES 2017-18 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

| SKATER | GP | G | A | PTS | PIM | +/- |
|--------------------|----|---|---|-----|-----|-----|
| Seth Griffith | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| Alexander Nylander | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Sahir Gill | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

GOALTENDER

| GP | REC | MIN | GA | SV% | GAA |
|---------------|-----|-------|--------|-----|-----------|
| Linus Ullmark | 2 | 1-1-0 | 118:14 | 3 | .935 1.52 |

TORONTO

| SKATER | GP | G | A | PTS | PIM | +/- |
|---------------|----|---|---|-----|-----|-----|
| Kerby Rychel | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Ben Smith | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Miro Aaltonen | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

GOALTENDER

| GP | REC | MIN | GA | SV% | GAA |
|----------------|-----|-------|-------|-----|-----------|
| Calvin Pickard | 1 | 1-0-0 | 60:00 | 2 | .941 2.00 |
| Garrett Sparks | 1 | 0-1-0 | 57:05 | 2 | .938 2.10 |

2017-18 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

| Date | Result | Score | SF-SA | PP | PK |
|---------|--------|-------|-------|-----|-----|
| Dec. 15 | L | 3-2 | 34-29 | 0-3 | 2-2 |
| Dec. 29 | W | 2-0 | 32-22 | 1-3 | 0-5 |
| Jan. 26 | | | | | |
| Feb. 2 | | | | | |
| Feb. 23 | | | | | |
| Feb. 24 | | | | | |
| Mar. 3 | | | | | |
| Apr. 7 | | | | | |

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. TORONTO: 42-63-4

SERIES NOTABLES

- Amerks forward **Seth Griffith** and defenseman **Stuart Percy** each spent time with the Marlies organization.
- Amerk assistant coach **Gord Dineen** spent the last eight seasons on Toronto's coaching staff, helping the team to six 40-win seasons and four division titles. He served as Marlies head coach in 2014-15.
- After being part of the Amerks the last two seasons, forward Jean Dupuy has appeared in five games with the Marlies since his recent call-up from Orlando..
- 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 13-2-5-3 in 23 games away from The Blue Cross Arena.