



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



Rochester Americans @ Belleville Senators

Saturday, January 27, 2018 @ Yardmen Arena, AHL Regular Season Game #642

TONIGHT'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (24-10-5-5) close out their season-long five-game road-trip tonight as they make their final visit of the campaign to Yardmen Arena to face the Belleville Senators (18-24-0-3). The 7:00 p.m. matchup will be the fifth of eight meetings between the North Division rivals and will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

LAST TIME OUT

- After shutting out the Toronto Marlies at Ricoh Coliseum 2-0 nearly a month ago, the Amerks returned north of the border in the fourth game of a five-game road-swing. The Amerks, however, were unable to solve Marlies goaltender Garret Sparks as they dropped a 2-0 contest Friday night in the third of eight meetings between the North Division rivals this season.
- With the loss in regulation, Rochester becomes the last team in the AHL to reach double digits (10) while suffering just its the third away from The Blue Cross Arena as the Amerks carry a 13-3-5-3 record in 24 road games this season.
- Amerks captain **Kevin Porter** led the team with four shots while 15 of the 18 Rochester skaters registered a shot on goal over the course of the tilt as goaltender **Linus Ullmark** made 37 of 38 saves on the night.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks return home to The Blue Cross following the AHL All-Star break Friday, Feb. 2 as they host the first-place Toronto Marlies for the fourth meeting of the season between the two North Division teams. After the contest, the Amerks travel to face the Binghamton Devils at the Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena on Saturday, Feb. 3. Both of the 7:05 p.m. matchups 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 three games of its five-game road trip, including taking three out of a possible four points during its inaugural visit to Charlotte last weekend.
- More importantly, the Amerks have collected at least one point in 30 of their last 36 games dating back to Nov. 1, including eight of their last 10 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 14-4-6 record in his last 24 games. Ullmark, who will represent the Amerks this weekend at the 2018 AHL All-Star Classic for the second straight season, currently leads the AHL in saves (885) and ranks

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TOTAL GOALS
111-131



18-23-0-3 (39 points)

24-9-5-5 (58 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
C.J. Smith	44	14	23	37	12	7
Kevin Porter	38	12	15	27	20	-6
Zach Redmond	36	8	19	27	24	5

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	31	17-7-6	1,792	885	.928	2.31
Adam Wilcox	16	7-3-4	890:43	389	.907	2.69

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 2	vs. Toronto	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 3	@ Binghamton	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 7	vs. Belleville	7:05 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Jan. 26	Toronto	L 2-0	35-38	1-3	3-3
Jan. 21	Charlotte	OTL 5-4	30-28	1-4	0-3
Jan. 20	Charlotte	W 4-1	25-24	0-1	1-2

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS
HOME 11-7-0-2	63	54	24
AWAY 13-3-4-3	68	63	34
TOTALS 24-10-5-5	131	117	58

SENATORS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Max McCormick	43	7	17	24	78	-4
Jim O'Brien	43	10	13	23	38	4
Ethan Werek	35	9	11	20	28	-6

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Andrew Hammond	18	8-6-2	986:43	495	.900	3.34
Danny Taylor	18	6-10-1	1,001	462	.892	3.36
Chris Driedger	9	2-4-0	430:28	206	.880	3.90



second in minutes played 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 ninth amongst all AHL goaltenders with a .928 save percentage and a 2.31 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 nine 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 44 games thus far this season. His plus-seven on-ice rating is also tops among all active Rochester skaters. The Des Moines, Iowa, native currently ranks third in scoring among all AHL rookies and is tied for 12th overall among the league's top point-getters. His 23 assists are second-most between all first-year skaters and are tied for 15th-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 36 games. He's also tied for fifth 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** shows five points (2+3) over his last five games. Since joining the Amerks on Nov. 27, the former AHL All-Star has recorded 24 points (8+16) in 25 games, including 11 points (4+7) over his last 10 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 SENATORS

- Belleville comes into the matchup having won just four times in its last 10 games after being outscored 13-3 in its last three games. The struggling Senators have been limited to two goals or less in six of their last eight games.
- Fourth-year pro Max McCormick currently leads the Belleville offense in both assists (17) and points (24) through 43 games this season. Following the last meeting with the Amerks on Jan. 10, the 25-year-old has notched six points (2+4) over his last seven games.
- Gabriel Gagne paces the Senators with a team-high 13 goals, but has two points (2+0) over his last 16 games.
- Goaltender Andrew Hammond is in his fifth season with the Ottawa Senators organization and shows a 8-6-2 record in 18 games this season. In his last seven appearance he has gone 2-4-1.

AMERKS-SENATORS 2017-18 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Sahir Gill	4	4	0	4	0	5
Hudson Fasching	4	2	2	4	0	4
Colin Blackwell	4	1	3	4	6	2

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Linus Ullmark	2	2-0-0	119:15	3	.958	1.51
Adam Wilcox	2	0-0-2	127:21	8	.893	3.77

BELLEVILLE

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Jordan Murray	4	4	1	5	4	0
Francis Perron	4	1	3	4	0	2
Max Reinhart	4	2	1	3	4	-1

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Andrew Hammond	2	2-0-0	127:04	6	.870	2.83
Danny Taylor	2	0-2-0	115:29	7	.870	3.64

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
Dec. 20	W	3-1	24-32	0-6	5-5
Jan. 10	OTL	3-2	23-35	0-2	3-4
Jan. 27					
Feb. 7					
Apr. 6					
Apr. 13					

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

SERIES NOTABLES

- Tonight is just the fifth all-time meeting between the two clubs and Rochester has not lost in regulation as they hold a 2-2-0 record thus far.
- In the four previous meetings, the team who has scored the first goal of the contest has gone on to come away with the victory in each of the games.
- Tonight is the final game in the season-series at Yardmen Arena between the two clubs as the final three games will take place in Rochester.
- With last night's loss in regulation, Rochester became the last team in the AHL to reach double digits (10) while suffering just its third away from The Blue Cross Arena as the Amerks carry a 13-3-5-3 record in 24 road games this season.