



LEHIGH VALLEY PHANTOMS
GAME NOTES
 ROCHESTER AMERICANS



Rochester Americans @ Lehigh Valley Phantoms

Saturday, February 10, 2018 @ PPL Center, AHL Regular Season Game #713

TONIGHT'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (25-12-6-5) look to snap their three-game winless streak tonight as they face the Lehigh Valley Phantoms (29-14-3-3). The 7:05 matchup from the PPL Center will conclude the two-game season series after the Amerks took the first contest back on Jan. 6 in Rochester. The matchup will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

LAST TIME OUT

- The Amerks played host to the Belleville Senators for just the second time in franchise history Wednesday night at The Blue Cross Arena, but the visiting Senators left the Flower City with a 2-0 victory. The regulation loss was Rochester's first in the eight-game season series between the North Division rivals after holding a 3-0-2 record coming into the night.
- Despite the shutout loss, the Amerks have earned points in 32 of their last 40 games dating back to Nov. 1 and suffered just their second regulation loss at The Blue Cross since Dec. 30.
- Rookie forward **Sean Malone** and veteran defenseman **Matt Tennyson** each had a game-high five shots for the Amerks, who are winless in their last three games for just the third time all season. Goaltender **Adam Wilcox** made his second consecutive start but took the loss as he stopped 23 of the 24 shots he faced. The Minnesota native carries an 8-4-5 record in 19 games this season.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The oldest rivalry in the American Hockey League will be renewed on Sunday, Feb. 11 as the Amerks travel to Giant Center to take on the Hershey Bears in what will be the 456th all-time meeting between the AHL's two senior-most franchises. The 5:00 p.m. matchup will be the second and final meeting of the season between the two teams and can be heard live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

TEAM & PLAYER NOTES

- Rochester boasts a 14-3-6-3 record in 26 games away from The Blue Cross Arena this season. The Amerks' three regulation losses are fewest in the AHL while their 14 wins are tied for fourth-most in the league this season.
- More importantly, the Amerks have collected at least one point in 32 of their last 40 games dating back to Nov. 1, including 10 of their last 14 games since the turn of the New Year.
- Rochester's 4-3 overtime loss at Binghamton represented the seventh time since Jan. 1 that the Amerks were forced to play beyond regulation time. Coming into tonight, the Amerks lead the AHL in games decided after regulation with 20, showing a 7-6 mark

2017-18 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS
118-140



29-14-3-3 (64 points)

25-12-6-5 (61 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
C.J. Smith	48	14	25	39	14	6
Kevin Porter	42	13	16	29	20	-8
Zach Redmond	40	8	21	29	26	4

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA	
Linus Ullmark	32	17-8-6	1,851	912	.926	2.37
Adam Wilcox	19	8-4-5	1,070	465	.906	2.69

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 11	@ Hershey	5:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	vs. W-B/Scranton	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 17	@ Binghamton	7:05 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Feb. 7	Belleville	L 2-0	33-25	0-1	3-3
Feb. 3	Binghamton	OTL 4-3	30-35	2-4	1-3
Feb. 2	Toronto	L 4-2	28-31	0-3	0-2

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	11-9-0-2	65	60	24
AWAY	14-3-6-3	75	70	37
TOTALS	25-12-6-5	140	130	61

PHANTOMS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Phil Varone	48	11	35	46	24	4
Greg Carey	47	20	12	32	22	6
Nicolas Aube-Kubel	49	14	18	32	67	16

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA	
Alex Lyon	26	15-8-2	1,483	715	.911	2.83
Dustin Tokarski	24	11-5-4	1,243	584	.900	3.14



in overtime while 2-5 in shootouts.

- Fresh off being named MVP of the 2018 AHL All-Star Challenge, Rookie forward **C.J. Smith** continues to pace the team in all offensive categories with 14 goals, 25 assists and 39 points while being one just two skaters to appear in all 48 games thus far this season. His plus-six on-ice rating is second on the team among all active Rochester skaters. The Des, Moines, Iowa native currently ranks third in scoring among all AHL rookies and is tied for 16th overall among the league's top point-getters. His 25 assists are third-most between all first-year skaters and are tied for 14th in the league.

- The Amerks are led by the goaltending duo of AHL All-Star **Linus Ullmark** and third-year netminder **Adam Wilcox**. Ullmark has carried the majority of the workload between the pipes, boasting a 17-8-6 record in 32 games this season. He currently ranks second in the AHL in saves (912) and third in minutes played (1,851) while being three wins shy of tying for the league-lead in wins (17). The former Swedish Goaltender of the Year and reigning team MVP also ranks fifth and eighth amongst all AHL goaltenders with a .926 save percentage and a 2.37 goals-against average, respectively. Wilcox, meanwhile, is 6-2-2 in his last 11 contests and is 3-1-1 through his previous five starts.

- The Amerks own three of the top point-producing defensemen in the AHL in **Zach Redmond**, **Stuart Percy** and rookie **Brendan Guhle**. Redmond, who leads all Amerks defensemen with 29 points (8+21) through 40 games, is tied for eighth in goals by a defenseman with eight, matching a career-high. Additionally, Redmond's 29 points rank fifth among all AHL defensemen in scoring. Guhle is fifth in scoring among all AHL rookie blueliners with 21 points (7+14), while his seven goals are third among first-year defensemen. Percy's 24 points (3+21) through 41 games bring him within one point of tying a career-high he set with the Toronto Marlies during the 2013-14 campaign.

SCOUTING THE PHANTOMS

- Lehigh Valley comes into the matchup having won two of its last three contests and have gone 7-3-1-0- in its last 11 since the previous get-together with the Amerks back on Jan. 6 in Rochester.

- The Phantoms are led by a familiar face in seven-year pro Phil Varone, who paces the Lehigh Valley offense with 35 assists and 46 points through 48 games this season. Varone, a two-time Amerks MVP and former Rookie of the Year, currently leads the AHL in scoring while his 35 helpers rank third in the league. He enters play tonight with eight points (1+7) in his last 11 games and hasn't gone more than two games all season without registering a point.

- Leading all Phantoms defensemen in scoring for the second straight is veteran T.J. Brennan, whose 20 assists and 30 points are tops among all Phantoms blueliners through 38 games. Brennan, a two-time Eddie Shore Winner as the AHL's best defenseman and five-time AHL All-Star, has recorded 409 points (144+265) in 557 career games with Lehigh Valley, Toronto, Rockford, Rochester and Portland. Brennan has reached the 30-point in eight straight seasons.

AMERKS-PHANTOMS 2017-18 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER						
SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Seth Griffith	1	1	2	3	0	2
Kevin Porter	1	1	1	2	0	2
C.J. Smith	1	1	0	1	0	-1

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	1	1-0-0	60:00	1	.963	1.00

LEHIGH VALLEY

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SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
T.J. Brennan	1	1	0	1	0	1
Will O'Neill	1	0	1	1	0	0
Mark Alt	1	0	0	0	0	0

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Dustin Tokarski	1	0-1-0	59:36	2	.941	2.01

2017-18 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Jan. 6	W	3-1	35-27	1-5	3-3
Feb. 10					

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. LEHIGH VALLEY: 30-28-5

SERIES NOTABLES

- The Amerks enter tonight's game with a success rate of 86.3% while on the penalty kill this season, ranking second in the AHL. Meanwhile, Lehigh Valley carries an 80.9%, good enough for 12th in the Eastern Conference.
- Lehigh Valley's roster includes a pair of former Amerks in forward Phil Varone and defenseman T.J. Brennan. Both lead their respective positions among all Phantoms skaters this season.
- Tonight marks the final game of the two-game season series after the Amerks claimed the only other get-together by a 3-1 score last month at The Blue Cross Arena. **Seth Griffith** factored in on all three Rochester goals for his first of two three-point efforts over a six-day span, while Brennan netted the lone tally in the loss for Lehigh Valley.
- Despite just going 1-3-0-0 last season against the Phantoms, the Amerks are 6-5-0-0 in the last 11 meetings between the two teams dating back to the 2015-16 campaign.