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GAME NOTES
 //// ROCHESTER AMERICANS ////



Rochester Americans @ Hershey Bears
Sunday, February 11, 2018 @ Giant Center, AHL Regular Season Game #723

TONIGHT'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (25-12-6-5) look to snap their season-long four-game winless streak tonight as they face the Hershey Bears (18-24-3-4) to close out their weekend trek through the Keystone State. The 5:00 matchup from Giant Center will conclude the two-game season series and will be 456th all-time meeting between the league's oldest teams. The game will be broadcast live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

LAST TIME OUT

- The Amerks scored three goals during the final period of Saturday night's contest with the Lehigh Valley Phantoms but ended up on the wrong side of a 5-3 score at the PPL Center.
- Despite the loss, however, the Amerks have collected at least one point in 32 of their last 41 games dating back to Nov. 1, including 10 of their last 15 games since the turn of the New Year. The regulation loss was Rochester's fourth of the season while away from The Blue Cross Arena as the Amerks carry a record of 14-4-6-3 on the road this season.
- **Matt Tennyson** recorded his first multi-point (1+1) effort with the Amerks – and of the season – while **Sahir Gill** notched his fifth multi-point night of the slate as he scored his 14th goal of year to go along with an assist. **Zach Redmond** lit the lamp for his career-best ninth goal of the campaign to round out the scoring for the Amerks, who have gone winless in four straight games for the first time all season. Goaltender **Linus Ullmark** returned to the crease after missing the last two contests, stopping 27 of 32 shots.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks return home to The Blue Cross Arena on Friday, Feb. 16 when they host the first-place Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins to begin their second three-in-three of season. Following the 7:05 p.m. matchup, the Amerks will take on the Binghamton Devils twice on back-to-back nights as part of a home-and-home series that begins on Saturday, Feb. 17 in the southern tier.

TEAM & PLAYER NOTES

- Rochester boasts a 14-4-6-3 record in 27 games away from The Blue Cross Arena this season. The Amerks are just one of three teams in the American Hockey League with four regulation losses on the road this season.
- More importantly, the Amerks have collected at least one point in 32 of their last 41 games dating back to Nov. 1, including 10 of their last 15 games since the turn of the New Year.
- Rochester has played in seven games that have went beyond regulation since Jan. 1. Coming into tonight, the Amerks lead the

2017-18 REGULAR SEASON

TOTAL GOALS
125-143

18-25-3-4 (43 points)

25-13-6-5 (61 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
C.J. Smith	49	14	25	39	14	6
Zach Redmond	41	9	21	30	26	3
Sahir Gill	49	14	15	29	4	-9

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	33	17-9-6	1,909	939	.923	2.45
Adam Wilcox	19	8-4-5	1,070	465	.906	2.69

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 16	vs. W-B/Scranton	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 17	@ Binghamton	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 18	vs. Binghamton	3:05 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Feb. 10	Lehigh Valley	L 5-3	27-32	1-4	2-4
Feb. 7	Belleville	L 2-0	33-25	0-1	3-3
Feb. 3	Binghamton	OTL 4-3	30-35	2-4	1-3

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS
HOME 11-9-0-2	65	60	24
AWAY 14-4-6-3	78	75	37
TOTALS 25-13-6-5	143	135	61

BEARS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Chris Bourque	48	12	33	45	38	-19
Travis Boyd	49	10	25	35	10	-22
Riley Barber	50	16	12	28	22	-18

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Vitek Vanecek	19	7-7-1	998:23	392	.893	2.82
Pheonix Copley	27	8-12-5	1,410	584	.888	3.15



AHL in games decided after regulation with 20, showing a 7-6 mark in overtime while going 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 49 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 19th overall among the league's top point-getters. His 25 assists are tied for 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 17-9-6 record in 33 games this season. He currently ranks second in the AHL in saves (939) and third in minutes played (1,909) while being four wins shy of tying for the league-lead in wins (17). The former Swedish Goaltender of the Year and reigning team MVP also ranks eighth amongst all AHL goaltenders with a .923 save percentage and a 2.45 goals-against average, respectively. Wilcox, meanwhile, is 6-2-3 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 30 points (9+21) through 41 games, is tied for sixth in goals by a defenseman with nine, which is a new career-high. Additionally, Redmond's 30 points tie him for 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 42 games bring him within one point of tying a career-high he set with the Toronto Marlies during the 2013-14 campaign.

SCOUTING THE BEARS

- Hershey, which concludes its seventh three-in-three weekend of the season tonight, comes into the matchup 1-8-0-1 in its last 10 contests and looking to snap a three-game losing skid.
- The Bears are 11-11-3-2 this season within the friendly confines of the Giant Center after recording 24 victories in each of the last two seasons.
- Hershey will be without the services of veteran forward and team captain Chris Bourque, who was loaned to Team USA for the 2018 Winter Olympics. The three-time Calder Cup Champion is in his ninth season with Hershey and shows a team-high 33 assists and 45 points through 48 games this season. Overall, the 12th year pro has skated in 700 career AHL games and has tallied 682 points (230+452) between Hershey, Hartford and Providence.

AMERKS-BEARS 2017-18 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Kyle Crisculo	1	1	1	2	0	-1
Brendan Guhle	1	1	1	2	0	-1
Kevin Porter	1	1	1	2	2	-2

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Linus Ullmark	1	1-0-0	65:00	6	.824	5.54

HERSHEY

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Chris Bourque	1	1	4	5	2	2
Riley Barber	1	1	1	2	0	-1
Travis Boyd	1	1	1	2	0	2

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Pheonix Copley	1	0-0-1	64:56	6	.833	5.54

2017-18 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Nov. 3	OTW	7-6	35-27	1-5	3-3
Feb. 11					

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. HERSHEY: 190-211-54

SERIES NOTABLES

- The Amerks enter tonight's game with an 85.6% success rate while on the penalty kill this season, ranking fourth in the AHL. Meanwhile, Hershey carries an 82.7%, good enough for 10th in the Eastern Conference.
- Tonight's matchup marks the 456th all-time meeting between the AHL's two senior-most franchises with Rochester holding a 190-211-54 lifetime record against Hershey.
- The Bears claimed three of four meetings last season while the Amerks took the extra point in the lone meeting of the 2017-18 campaign, a 7-6 win via the shootout back on Nov. 3 in Rochester. A total of 24 different skaters registered at least one point on the night, including a season-high five-point effort from Bourque, while the two teams combined for the third-most goals (13) in any game this season.
- Both teams come into tonight's matchup in the midst of a winless streak. The Amerks have gone 0-3-1-0 during its last four games while the Bears show a 0-3-0-0 mark in the last three outings.