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Rochester Americans @ Toronto Marlies

Saturday, February 24, 2018 @ Ricoh Coliseum | AHL Regular Season Game #804

TONIGHT'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (26-15-8-6) are back in action again this afternoon as the home-and-home series shifts north of the border for a 4:00 p.m. rematch with the Toronto Marlies (39-14-0-1). The contest at Ricoh Coliseum will be broadcast live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

LAST TIME OUT

- The Amerks saw the league-leading Marlies score four straight unanswered goals, including three in the final 4:13 of regulation, to escape with a 5-3 victory last night at The Blue Cross Arena. The contest was the first of three meetings over the next eight days between the North Division rivals.
- Former Marlie and AHL All-Star **Seth Griffith** opened the scoring for Rochester, which has gone winless in the last four games for just the second time all season. **Justin Bailey** scored his first goal to end a career-long 21-game scoring drought while also setting **Alexander Nylander** up for his fifth marker of the campaign. Goaltender **Linus Ullmark** made 31 saves but took the loss. The Swedish netminder carries a record of 18-11-8 in 38 appearances on the season.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks return home on Wednesday Feb. 28 as they conclude the month with a matchup against the Bridgeport Sound Tigers at The Blue Cross Arena. The 7:05 p.m. tilt will be broadcast live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

TEAM & PLAYER NOTES

- A total of three points is all that separates the Amerks from their closest rivals in the North Division standings, including Utica, which coming off an AHL-best 16-game point streak, has moved into sole possession of third place. Rochester, which has collected at least one point in 14 of its last 20 games since the turn of the New Year and 36 of its last 46 overall dating back to Nov. 1, has fallen into fourth. Syracuse has closed its gap, too, and on the heels of its 2-1 win over the Amerks on Wednesday, now sits just three points ahead of Rochester entering play tonight.
- Last Sunday's 2-1 shootout loss to Binghamton marked the 10th time since Jan. 1 that Rochester was forced to play beyond regulation. Coming into tonight, the Amerks lead the AHL in games decided after regulation with 23, showing a 7-8 mark in overtime while going 2-6 in shootouts.
- Rochester's 12-3 rout of Wilkes-Barre/Scranton last Friday marked the second time this season the Amerks put up 10 or more goals in a single game, a feat the team last achieved during the 1974-75 season. The Amerks also became the first AHL team to record two

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TOTAL GOALS
177-162



39-14-0-1 (79 points)

26-15-8-6 (66 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
C.J. Smith	50	14	25	39	14	6
Seth Griffith	35	12	21	33	18	3
Zach Redmond	47	10	23	33	30	2

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	38	18-11-8	2,211	1,093	.923 2.47
Adam Wilcox	20	8-4-6	1,132	499	.911 2.60

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 28	vs. Bridgeport	7:05 p.m.
Mar. 3	@ Toronto	4:00 p.m.
Mar. 4	vs. Laval	3:05 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Feb. 23	Toronto	L 5-3	17-35	0-4	4-5
Feb. 21	Syracuse	L 2-1	20-37	0-5	4-4
Feb. 18	Binghamton	SOL 3-2	23-31	0-4	5-5

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS
HOME 12-11-0-3	82	72	27
AWAY 14-4-8-3	80	79	39
TOTALS 26-15-8-6	162	151	66

MARLIES OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Andreas Johnsson	48	23	25	48	45	20
Ben Smith	54	20	19	39	10	28
Chris Mueller	54	12	23	35	26	-1

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Garret Sparks	31	21-8-1	1,816	796	.935 1.82
Calvin Pickard	23	17-6-0	1,350	567	.931 1.87



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10-plus goals in the same season since the Fredericton Canadiens and P.E.I. Senators each did it twice during the 1995-96 campaign.

- Despite missing his first five games of the season due to injury, rookie forward **C.J. Smith** continues to pace the team with 25 assists and 39 points in 50 games thus far this season. The Des, Moines, Iowa native currently ranks fourth in scoring among all AHL rookies. His 25 assists are also tied for fourth-most between all first-year skaters.

- Seth Griffith** has made a recent surge to move into second on the team in scoring with eight points (4+4) over his last seven games. The former AHL All-Star has maintained nearly a point-per-game pace all season as he shows 33 points (12+21) through 35 games and hasn't gone more than three games without a point all season. Along with Griffith, second-year forward **Kyle Criscuolo** took over the team-lead in goals as he netted his 15th of the season last Sunday. Over his last 12 games, Criscuolo shows 11 points (5+6), which includes a career-high four-point (2+2) effort last Friday against Wilkes-Barre/Scranton. He also shares the team-lead with four game-winning goals while his 32 points (15+17) rank third among all Rochester forwards.

- Two-time AHL All-Star **Linus Ullmark** continues to shoulder the majority of the workload between the pipes, boasting an 18-11-8 record with two shutouts in 38 games this season. He currently ranks second in the AHL in both saves (1,093) and in minutes played (2,211) while being five wins shy of tying for the league-lead in wins (18). The former Swedish Goaltender of the Year and reigning team MVP also ranks sixth and 14th amongst all AHL goaltenders with a .923 save percentage and a 2.47 goals-against average, respectively.

- The Amerks own three of the top point-producing defensemen in the AHL in **Zach Redmond**, **Stuart Percy** and rookie **Brendan Guhle**. Redmond leads all Amerks defensemen with 33 points (10+23) through 48 games, ranking tied for second on the team and fifth among all AHL defensemen in scoring. The veteran blueliner is also tied for fourth in goals by a defenseman with 10, which is a new career-high. Guhle is fourth in scoring among all AHL rookie blueliners with 24 points (8+16), while his eight goals are third-most.

SCOUTING THE MARLIES

- Despite losing three of its last five games, Toronto leads the AHL in wins (39) and points (79), while allowing the fewest goals-against (111) in the league through 54 games this season.
- The Marlies come into the matchup fueled by second-year pro Andreas Johnsson, who paces Toronto in all offensive categories with 23 goals and 25 assists while ranking fourth overall in the league with 48 points. His 23 goals are also tied for second-most in the AHL. He's coming off a season-long eight-game point streak during which he compiled 17 points (6+11) and five multi-point outings.
- Toronto owns one of the top goaltending tandems in the AHL in Garret Sparks and Calvin Pickard. The duo are first and second in the AHL with a 1.82 and 1.87 goals-against average, respectively. Sparks, the reigning Goaltender of the Month, is 10-2-1 in his last 13 games.

AMERKS-MARLIES 2017-18 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER						
SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Seth Griffith	5	2	3	5	0	-3
Alexander Nylander	4	2	2	4	4	3
Justin Bailey	4	1	1	2	4	-2
GOALTENDER	GP	REC.	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	5	1-4-0	292:21	12	.920	2.46
TORONTO						
SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Andreas Johnsson	4	1	4	5	2	1
Ben Smith	5	1	4	5	2	6
Miro Aalonen	5	3	1	4	2	1
GOALTENDER	GP	REC.	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Garret Sparks	4	3-1-0	236:33	7	.935	1.78
Calvin Pickard	1	1-0-0	60:00	2	.941	2.00

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	5-5
Jan. 26	L	2-0	31-39	0-3	2-2
Feb. 2	L	4-2	28-31	0-3	2-2
Feb. 23	L	5-2	17-35	0-4	4-5
Feb. 24					
Mar. 3					
Apr. 7					

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. TORONTO: 42-66-4

SERIES NOTABLES

- In seven of the last nine meetings dating back to last season, the team that scored first has gone on to come away with the victory.
- The Amerks come into tonight's contest averaging 36.1 shots per game against the Marlies this season. Rochester has averaged 13.5 shots in the second period while managing just seven shots during the opening frame.
- The two teams have combined to go just 2-for-32 in the previous five games while on the power-play in the head-to-head series. Conversely, the Amerks' penalty kill has successfully killed off 15 of the 16 penalties against the Marlies this season.