



LAVAL ROCKET GAME NOTES ROCHESTER AMERICANS



Laval Rocket vs. Rochester Americans

Sunday, March 4, 2018 @ The Blue Cross Arena | AHL Regular Season Game #854

TODAY'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (28-15-9-6) will celebrate Youth Hockey Day in the Flower City and bring the first weekend of March to a close this afternoon as they welcome the Laval Rocket (22-27-6-2) back to The Blue Cross Arena. The 3:05 p.m. matinee will be the seventh of eight meetings between the two teams this season and will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

LAST TIME OUT

- For the second time in a week, the Amerks left Ricoh Coliseum in Toronto victorious after coming away with a win over the league-leading Marlies. Newcomer **Daniel O'Regan** scored his first two goals for Rochester to help lead the Amerks to a 4-1 win Saturday evening.
- O'Regan netted his eighth and ninth goals of the season while **Justin Bailey** and **Zach Redmond** rounded out the scoring for Rochester, which remains the only team in the AHL with four regulation losses away from The Blue Cross Arena through 31 games. Goaltender **Linus Ullmark** made 26 saves to snap a four-game winless streak while improving to 19-11-9 in 40 appearances on the season. The third-year netminder needs one more win to capture his second straight 20-win season.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks embark on another busy stretch of three games in three nights on Friday, Mar. 9 when they host the Providence Bruins for the only time this season at The Blue Cross Arena. The 7:05 p.m. contest will be the first of just two meetings between the two teams this season and will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

TEAM & PLAYER NOTES

- Rochester remains in the thick of what is shaping up to be a very tight race to the finish in the North Division, where just a handful of points is all that separates the Amerks from some of their closest rivals, including Syracuse, which thanks to an 8-1-1-0 run in its last 10 games, has taken over sole possession of second place in the Division standings. The Crunch currently have a five-point lead on Rochester, but have also played one more game than the Amerks. Utica has closed its gap, too, and coming off an AHL-best 16-game point streak, is now a three points behind Rochester coming into today. The Amerks, who have collected at least one point in 38 of their last 49 overall dating back to Nov. 1, have slid into third and maintain a 19-point lead on fifth-place Laval. The top four teams in the North Division are guaranteed a playoff spot.
- The Amerks enter the contest having appeared in 11 games that have gone beyond regulation since Jan.1. Overall on the season,

2017-18 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS
164-174



22-27-6-2 (52 points)

28-15-9-6 (71 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
C.J. Smith	50	14	25	39	14	6
Kyle Criscuolo	50	15	19	34	34	4
Kevin Porter	52	14	20	34	20	-8

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	40	19-11-9	2,232	1,144	.924	2.42
Adam Wilcox	21	9-4-6	1,192	523	.908	2.67

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Mar. 9	vs. Providence	7:05 p.m.
Mar. 10	@ Syracuse	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 11	vs. Syracuse	3:05 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Mar. 3	Toronto	W 4-1	31-27	1-1	5-5
Feb. 28	Bridgeport	OTL 2-1	26-27	0-2	5-5
Feb. 24	Toronto	W 7-4	32-28	0-3	2-2

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS
HOME 12-11-1-3	83	74	28
AWAY 16-4-8-3	91	84	43
TOTALS 28-15-9-6	174	158	71

ROCKET OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Chris Terry	43	23	25	48	29	-16
Matt Taormina	46	4	36	40	16	-14
Adam Cracknell	50	21	14	35	28	-10

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Charlie Lindgren	30	8-14-7	1,737	755	.891	3.18
Michael McNiven	18	6-10-1	1,026	467	.893	3.27
Zachary Fucale	12	8-3-0	659	279	.891	3.10



Rochester leads the AHL in games decided after the third period with 24, showing a 7-9 mark in overtime while going 2-6 in shootouts.

- With nine points (5+4) over his last eight games, forward **Seth Griffith** remains tied for second on the team in scoring. The former AHL All-Star has maintained nearly a point-per-game pace all season as he shows 34 points (13+21) through 36 games, which earned him a return trip to the parent Buffalo Sabres recall earlier this week.
- Along with Griffith, second-year forward **Kyle Criscuolo** remains the team-leader in goals as he has 15 through 50 games this season. Over his last 10 games, Criscuolo has produced 10 points (3+7), which includes a career-high four-point (2+2) effort in the 12-3 win over Wilkes-Barre/Scranton on Feb. 16. His 34 points (15+19) tie him for second on the team among all Rochester skaters.
- Two-time AHL All-Star **Linus Ullmark** continues to shoulder the majority of the workload between the pipes, boasting an 19-11-9 record with two shutouts in 40 games this season. He currently ranks second in the AHL in both saves (1,144) and in minutes played (2,332) 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 fifth and 10th amongst all AHL goaltenders with a .924 save percentage and a 2.42 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 34 points (11+23) through 50 games, ranking tied for second on the team and fifth among all AHL defensemen in scoring. The veteran blueliner is also tied for third in goals by a defenseman with 11, 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 among first-year defensemen. Percy, meanwhile, has established career-highs in all offensive categories and is two points shy of his first 30-point season.

SCOUTING THE ROCKET

- With three wins in their last four games, including a 5-4 come-from-behind overtime victory last night at Syracuse, Laval comes into today's matchup with a record of 5-4-1-0 in its last 10 contests.
- Chris Terry leads the Rocket and is tied for fifth in the AHL with 23 goals, nine of which have come on the man-advantage, which are tied for sixth-most in the league. Additionally, his 48 points lead the team and place him tied for seventh in the AHL in overall scoring. The veteran forward shows 26 points (11+15) over his last 20 games while being held without a point just three times dating back to Dec. 9.
- Three-time AHL All-Star and last year's Eddie Shore Award winner Matt Taormina paces the club with 36 assists on the season and shares the lead in scoring amongst all AHL defenseman with 40 points despite appearing in 46 games. After recording 13 points (1+12) in 10 games last season against the Amerks as a member of the Syracuse Crunch, Taormina has just one assist in six games this season.

AMERKS-ROCKET 2017-18 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Nick Baptiste	6	4	4	8	0	8
Kyle Criscuolo	6	3	2	5	4	3
Kevin Porter	6	2	3	5	2	-3

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Adam Wilcox	2	1-1-0	117:28	4	.931 2.04
Linus Ullmark	4	3-1-0	243:22	9	.934 2.22

LAVAL

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Chris Terry	6	5	3	8	4	0
Adam Cracknell	5	2	3	5	2	-1
Nikita Scherbak	4	1	3	4	4	2

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Charlie Lingren	4	2-0-2	246:20	10	.932 2.44
Micheal McNiven	1	0-1-0	58:46	3	.897 3.06
Zachary Fucale	1	0-1-0	60:00	5	.815 5.00

2017-18 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 25	W	5-2	27-39	0-5	5-6
Oct. 27	OTW	4-3	48-36	1-6	4-4
Dec. 22	OTW	3-2	28-36	0-4	4-4
Dec. 23	W	3-1	29-34	0-1	3-3
Dec. 27	L	3-1	32-26	0-5	3-3
Dec. 30	L	4-2	38-27	1-5	2-2
Mar. 4					
Apr. 4					

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. LAVAL: 4-2-0

SERIES NOTABLES

- Rochester enters today's game with an 86.6% success rate while shorthanded, which is second-best in the American Hockey League. Laval, meanwhile, owns the fifth-best power-play in the Eastern Conference, scoring on 46 of 252 man-advantage situations for an 18.3% success rate.
- Rocket forward Daniel Audette is the son of former Amerks forward Donald Audette.
- Linus Ullmark is 3-1-0 with a 2.22 goals-against average in four starts against Laval this season.