



PROVIDENCE BRUINS  
**GAME NOTES**  
ROCHESTER AMERICANS



# Providence Bruins vs. Rochester Americans

Friday, March 9, 2018 @ The Blue Cross Arena | AHL Regular Season Game #871

## TONIGHT'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (29-15-9-6) embark on another busy stretch of three games in three nights tonight as they host the Providence Bruins (35-19-3-2) 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.

## LAST TIME OUT

- The Amerks closed out the first weekend of March with a 4-2 win over the Laval Rocket at The Blue Cross Arena Sunday afternoon. The victory gave the Amerks back-to-back wins since the first weekend in January. Rochester has also won three of its last four.
- Rookie **Justin Danforth** recorded his first-career AHL multi-point effort with a goal and assist while **Daniel Muzito-Bagenda** registered his first two-point outing of the campaign. **Zach Redmond** and **Kevin Porter** rounded out scoring for Rochester, which has taken five out of a possible six points over its last three games. Goaltender **Adam Wilcox** made 21 saves to record back-to-back wins in his last two outings while improving to 10-4-6 in 22 appearances on the season.

## ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks continue the weekend with a home-and-home series with the Syracuse Crunch that begins Saturday, Mar. 10 at the War Memorial Arena. Following the 7:00 p.m. clash, the series shifts back to Rochester for a 3:05 p.m. rematch. Both of the matchups 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 of 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 three-point lead on Rochester, which needs just one more win for its third straight 30-win season. Utica has closed its gap, too, and coming off an AHL-best 16-game point streak, is now five points behind Rochester coming into the weekend. The Amerks, who have collected at least one point in 18 of their last 25 games dating back to Jan. 1, have slid into third and maintain a 21-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, 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.

## 2017-18 REGULAR SEASON



**TOTAL GOALS**  
174-178



**35-19-3-2 (75 points)**

**29-15-9-6 (73 points)**

## AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
C.J. Smith	50	14	25	39	14	6
Kevin Porter	53	15	20	35	20	-7
Zach Redmond	51	12	23	35	30	2

## GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	40	19-11-9	2,332	1,144	.924 2.42
Adam Wilcox	22	10-4-6	1,252	544	.908 2.63

## NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Mar. 10	@ Syracuse	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 11	vs. Syracuse	3:05 p.m.
Mar. 15	@ Bridgeport	7:00 p.m.

## LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Mar. 4	Laval	W 4-2	29-23	1-4	2-3
Mar. 3	Toronto	W 4-1	31-27	1-1	5-5
Feb. 28	Bridgeport	OTL 2-1	26-27	0-2	5-5

## YEARLY RECORD

	GF	GA	POINTS
<b>HOME</b> 13-11-1-3	87	76	30
<b>AWAY</b> 16-4-8-3	91	84	43
<b>TOTALS</b> 29-15-9-6	178	160	73

## BRUINS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Austin Czarnik	48	17	36	53	18	20
Jordan Szwarz	41	18	25	43	27	29
Kenny Agostino	52	14	27	41	33	6

## GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Jordan Binnington	21	13-6-1	1,186	505	.927 2.02
Zane McIntyre	38	20-12-4	2,197	943	.914 2.43



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- Despite being held out of the lineup since Feb. 16 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 sixth in scoring among all AHL rookies while his 25 assists rank fifth-most between all first-year skaters.

- With five points (2+3) over his last four games, forward **Kevin Porter** has jumped into a second-place tie on the team in scoring with 35 points (15+20) in 53 contests this season. Rochester's team captain scored his 15<sup>th</sup> goal of the year in Sunday's 4-2 win over the Laval Rocket to grab a share of the team-lead with **Kyle Criscuolo**, who was recalled to the Buffalo Sabres along with **Brendan Guhle** this past Sunday. Porter, meanwhile, recorded his 20<sup>th</sup> assist of the season Saturday in Toronto, giving him 20 or more helpers in each of his seven AHL seasons with 40-plus games

- 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 six wins shy of tying for the league-lead in wins (19). The former Swedish Goaltender of the Year and reigning team MVP also ranks sixth and 11<sup>th</sup> 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 35 points (12+23) through 51 games, ranking tied for third on the team and sixth among all AHL defensemen in scoring. The veteran blueliner is also tied for second in goals by a defenseman with 12, including seven that have come on the power-play. His seven power-play tallies lead the team and are tied for third among league defensemen. 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, is in the midst of his best statistical season having already established career-highs in all offensive categories. He enters play tonight tied for 13<sup>th</sup> in scoring among all AHL rearguards.

#### SCOUTING THE BRUINS

- The Bruins come into the matchup winners in four of their last five games and carry a 7-3-0-0 record in their last 10 outings overall.
- Providence is fueled by third-year pro Austin Czarnik, who paces team in both assists (36) and points (53). His 53 points are tied for second-most in the AHL while his 36 helpers are tied for fourth-most in the league. Following a season-long three-game scoring drought, Czarnik has tallied 21 points (8+13) over his last 17 games dating back to Jan. 14, which includes a pair of three-point performances.
- Jordan Binnington and Zane McIntyre have carried the load in the crease for Providence as the duo has allowed 141 goals this season, which are tied for second-fewest in the AHL. McIntyre shows a record of 20-12-4 in 38 appearances while Binnington is 13-6-1 in 21 games.

#### AMERKS-BRUIINS 2016-17 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

##### ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Justin Bailey	2	3	1	4	2	0
Nick Baptiste	2	2	1	3	0	0
Erik Burgdoerfer	2	1	1	2	4	-2

##### GOALTENDER

GP	REC.	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	2	0-1-0	89:33	5	.894 3.35
Adam Wilcox	1	0-1-0	26:54	5	.750 11.15

##### PROVIDENCE

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Matt Bartkowski	2	1	2	3	0	3
Wayne Simpson	2	0	3	3	0	2
Peter Cehlarik	2	2	0	2	0	2

##### GOALTENDER

GP	REC.	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Anton Khudobin	2	2-0-0	119:43	7	.863 3.51

#### 2017-18 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Mar. 9					
Mar. 16					

#### AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. PROVIDENCE: 13-18-1

#### SERIES NOTABLES

- Alexander Nylander** carries a career-best five-game point streak (1+4) into the week and shows nine points (3+6) over his last nine games, a stretch which began with four points (2+2) in a 12-3 win over Wilkes-Barre/Scranton on Feb. 16.
- Tonight is just the fifth meeting between the Amerks and the Bruins over the last five seasons. Rochester has gone 0-4-0-0 during that span. The last time the Amerks defeated the Bruins was Jan. 18, 2009.
- During the two-game set last season, **Justin Bailey** led all scorers with three goals and four points. Two of his markers came 51 seconds apart and both were scored as Rochester had a six-on-five man-advantage.
- The Amerks recalled forwards **Alex Kile** and **Vaclav Karabacek** from the Cincinnati Cyclones (ECHL) yesterday afternoon.