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Syracuse Crunch vs. Rochester Americans

Sunday, March 11, 2018 @ The Blue Cross Arena, AHL Regular Season Game #896

TODAY'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (29-16-10-6) and Syracuse Crunch (36-19-3-3) meet for the second time in less than 24 hours today as the intrastate rivals square off in the back-end of a home-and-home series at The Blue Cross Arena. The 3:05 p.m. matchup will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester and will also be televised on MSG.

LAST TIME OUT

- The Syracuse Crunch scored three times in the second period and came away victorious with a 4-2 win over the Amerks in the first half of their weekend home-and-home series Saturday night at the War Memorial Arena.
- Kevin Porter** and **Taylor Fedun** each finished with a goal and an assist while **Eric Cornel** and **Stuart Percy** each tallied assists for the Amerks, who saw their five-game point streak halted. **Adam Wilcox** made his 23rd appearance of the season between the pipes, stopping 27 shots against his former team.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks make their way to New England for a three-game trek through the Atlantic Division beginning on Thursday, Mar. 15 when they meet up with the Bridgeport Sound Tigers for a 7:00 p.m. matchup at Webster Bank Arena. Rochester will conclude the four-day trip with stops in Providence and Hartford to bring the weekend to a close. All three games can be heard 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 an eight-point margin is all that separates the Amerks from some of their closest rivals, including Syracuse, which thanks to an 7-2-1-0 run in its last 10 games, has taken over sole possession of second place in the Division standings. The Crunch currently have a four-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 four points behind Rochester coming into the weekend. The Amerks, who have collected at least one point in 19 of their last 27 games dating back to Jan. 1, have slid into third and maintain a 20-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 12 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 25, showing a 7-10 mark in overtime while going 2-6 in shootouts.

2017-18 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS
189-181



36-19-3-3 (78 points)

29-16-10-6 (74 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
C.J. Smith	50	14	25	39	14	6
Kevin Porter	55	16	21	37	20	-8
Zach Redmond	53	12	23	35	30	1

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	41	19-11-10	2,396	1,171	.924 2.40
Adam Wilcox	23	10-5-6	1,312	571	.908 2.65

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Mar. 15	@ Bridgeport	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 16	@ Providence	7:05 p.m.
Mar. 18	@ Hartford	5:00 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Mar. 10	Syracuse	L 4-2	23-31	2-4	2-2
Mar. 9	Providence	OTL 2-1	24-29	0-2	3-3
Mar. 4	Laval	W 4-2	29-23	1-4	2-3

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS
HOME 13-11-2-3	88	78	31
AWAY 16-5-8-3	93	88	43
TOTALS 29-16-10-6	181	166	74

CRUNCH OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Mathieu Joseph	57	13	28	41	35	8
Anthony Cirelli	51	14	23	37	14	2
Mitchell Stephens	59	18	17	35	16	15

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Eddie Pasquale	26	12-6-6	1,473	639	.915 2.40
Conor Ingram	29	16-9-2	1,627	656	.907 2.47



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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 eighth in scoring among all AHL rookies while his 25 assists rank fifth-most between all first-year skaters.

- With seven points (3+4) over his last six games, veteran forward **Kevin Porter** has jumped up to second on the team in scoring with 37 points (16+21) in 55 contests this season. Rochester's team captain scored his team-leading 16th goal of the season in last night's 4-2 loss against the Crunch and is on pace to record the first 20-goal season of his pro career. He scored 19 during the 2013-14 campaign in his previous stint with Rochester. Porter also recorded his 21st assist of the season last night in Syracuse, 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 19-11-10 record with two shutouts in 41 games this season. He currently ranks second in the AHL in both saves (1,171) and in minutes played (2,396) while being eight wins shy of tying for the league-lead in wins (19). The former Swedish Goaltender of the Year and reigning team MVP also ranks tied for sixth and 11th amongst all AHL goaltenders with a .924 save percentage and a 2.40 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 53 games, ranking 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 despite being on a recall to the Buffalo Sabres. Percy is in the midst of his best season having already established career-highs in all offensive categories. He currently ranks 12th in scoring among all AHL rearguards.

SCOUTING THE CRUNCH

- The Crunch, who hold a 7-2-1-0 record in their last 10 contests, have recorded at least one point in 12 of their last 14 games.
- Syracuse has scored 189 goals this season, which is second among North Division teams. Of those 185, 60 have come in the opening 20 minutes of play, which is tied for most in the AHL.
- The Crunch are led by the rookie duo of Mathieu Joseph (13+28) and Anthony Cirelli (14+23) and as they rank first and second on the team in scoring, respectively. Joseph paces Syracuse with 28 assists and 143 shots, while fellow first-year forward Mitchell Stephens shows a team-best 18 goals in 60 games this season. Stephens, the Crunch's lone AHL All-Star representative, ranks tied for sixth among all rookies with 18 goals, including four power-play tallies.

AMERKS-CRUNCH 2017-18 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Taylor Fedun	6	1	4	5	0	-5
C.J. Smith	5	1	4	5	0	-1
Kevin Porter	7	3	1	4	10	-4

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Adam Wilcox	3	1-1-0	169:04	7	.900 2.48
Linus Ullmark	5	1-3-1	249:52	14	.904 3.36

SYRACUSE

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Matthew Peca	7	2	5	7	0	3
Mitchell Stephens	6	3	3	6	0	6
Kevin Lynch	6	3	2	5	6	5

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Connor Ingram	2	1-0-1	119:37	4	.895 2.01
Louis Domingue	2	2-0-0	121:39	5	.919 2.47
Eddie Pasquale	1	1-0-0	60:00	2	.913 2.00

2017-18 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 6	W	3-1	20-29	1-5	6-6
Oct. 7	OTW	3-2	18-26	1-6	4-4
Oct. 28	L	3-2	27-19	1-4	4-5
Nov. 22	OTL	6-5	35-49	2-6	2-2
Jan. 13	L	4-0	27-32	0-6	2-3
Feb. 21	L	2-1	20-31	0-5	4-4
Mar. 10	L	4-2	23-31	2-4	2-2
Mar. 11					
Apr. 11					
Apr. 14					

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. CRUNCH: 128-110-17

SERIES NOTABLES

- Seven of the last 11 games between the Amerks and Crunch dating back to last season have been one-goal games, including the last four of the last six.
- The Amerks have scored a power-play goal in eight of the last 10 games against Syracuse, going 10-for-40 (25.0%) with the man-advantage.
- Friday afternoon, the Amerks signed forward **Myles Powell** from Rochester Institute of Technology and defenseman **Jake Linhart** from the University of Wisconsin to Amateur Tryouts (ATO).