



BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS GAME NOTES ROCHESTER AMERICANS



Rochester Americans @ Bridgeport Sound Tigers Thursday, March 15, 2018 @ Webster Bank Arena, AHL Regular Season Game #923

TODAY'S GAME

• The Rochester Americans (30-16-10-6) set out on a three-game, four-day trek through the AHL's Atlantic Division tonight when they meet up with the Bridgeport Sound Tigers (30-23-5-3) at Webster Bank Arena for the the final time this season. The 7:00 p.m. matchup will be the fourth and final meeting of the season between the two teams and will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

LAST TIME OUT

• The Amerks snapped a five-game winless streak to the Syracuse Crunch all the while capturing their 30th win of the season with a 5-4 shootout victory in the second meeting between the two clubs in less than 24 hours this past Sunday at The Blue Cross Arena.
• Amerks forward **Eric Cornel** recorded a career-high three-point (1+2) night while **Colin Blackwell** (1+2) and **Zach Redmond** (1+2) also turned in three-point outings with a goal and two assists apiece. Rookie center **Justin Danforth** rounded out the scoring as goaltender **Linus Ullmark** made 28 saves for Rochester, which has taken seven out of a possible 10 points through its first five games of March. The Swedish netminder, who also stopped all three Crunch shooters in the shootout, carries a 20-11-10 record in 42 appearances on the campaign, his second straight with 20 or more wins as an Amerk.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

• The Amerks continue their push for a playoff spot on Friday, Mar. 16 at 7:05 p.m. when they close out their season series against the Providence Bruins at Dunkin' Donuts Center. Rochester will conclude the four-day trip with a 5:00 p.m. stop in Hartford on Sunday evening to bring the weekend to a close. Both 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 standings, where now only two playoff spots remain following the second-place Syracuse Crunch securing a spot in the postseason by virtue of a 6-2 thumping over the Binghamton Devils last night. The Crunch are now just one of just two teams to clinch a playoff berth, joining the league-leading Toronto Marlies, who have now advanced to the postseason in seven straight years and 10 of the last 13 since their inaugural campaign in 2005-06. The Amerks currently sit in the third place, just five points back of the Crunch, and hold a six-point lead over the fourth-place Utica Comets, who also have a game in hand on Rochester. The Amerks also maintain a 22-point lead on fifth-place Laval. The top four teams in the North Division are guaranteed a playoff spot.

2017-18 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS
164-186



30-23-5-3 (68 points)

30-16-10-6 (76 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
C.J. Smith	50	14	25	39	14	6
Zach Redmond	54	13	25	38	30	4
Kevin Porter	56	16	21	37	20	-9

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA	
Linus Ullmark	42	20-11-10	2,461	1,199	.923	2.44
Adam Wilcox	23	10-5-6	1,312	571	.908	2.65

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Mar. 16	@ Providence	7:05 p.m.
Mar. 18	@ Hartford	5:00 p.m.
Mar. 23	vs. Binghamton	7:05 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Mar. 10	Syracuse	SOW 5-4	36-32	0-1	3-3
Mar. 11	Syracuse	L 4-2	23-31	2-4	2-2
Mar. 9	Providence	OTL 2-1	24-29	0-2	3-3

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	14-11-2-3	93	82	33
AWAY	16-5-8-3	93	88	43
TOTALS	30-16-10-6	186	170	76

SOUND TIGERS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Tanner Fritz	33	10	27	37	24	6
Travis St. Denis	59	17	15	32	51	-7
Casey Bailey	61	13	17	30	19	-4

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA	
Christopher Gibson	33	18-11-3	1,893	733	.909	2.31
Kristers Gudlevskis	29	11-11-5	1,622	637	.901	2.59



• Sunday's 5-4 shootout win over Syracuse marked the 13th time since Jan. 1 that Rochester was forced to play beyond regulation time. Overall on the season, the Amerks lead the the AHL in games decided after the third period with 26, showing a 7-10 mark in overtime while going 3-6 in shootouts.

• 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 are tied for fifth-most between all first-year skaters.

• **Zach Redmond** has collected 38 points this season on 13 goals and 25 assists, all three of which are career-highs, moving him into second on the team in scoring and fifth among all AHL defensemen. On the heels of another three-point effort in Sunday' shootout win over Syracuse, the veteran blueliner also ranks second in goals by a defenseman with 13, including seven that have come on the power-play. His seven power-play tallies lead the team and are tied for third among league rearguards.

• Two-time AHL All-Star **Linus Ullmark** continues to shoulder the majority of the workload between the pipes, boasting a 20-11-10 record with two shutouts in 42 games this season. Despite earning a recall to the Buffalo Sabres earlier this week, he currently ranks second in the AHL in both saves (1,199) and third in minutes played (2,460) while tying for fourth in wins (20). The former Swedish Goaltender of the Year and reigning team MVP also ranks tied for sixth and 12th amongst all AHL goaltenders with a .923 save percentage and a 2.44 goals-against average, respectively.

• With seven points (3+4) over his last seven games, forward **Kevin Porter** ranks third on the team in scoring with 37 points (16+21) in 56 contests this season. Rochester's team captain scored his 16th goal of the year in last Saturday's 4-2 loss against the Syracuse Crunch to grab the team-lead in that category. He's also on pace to record the first 20-goal season of his pro career after scoring 19 during the 2013-14 campaign in his previous stint with Rochester.

• **Eric Cornel** carries a career-long four-game point streak (1+6) into the week and has 15 points (7+8) through 47 games this season.

SCOUTING THE SOUND TIGERS

• Winners in six of its last seven, Bridgeport remains in pursuit of the fourth and final playoff spot in the Atlantic Division, trailing the Charlotte Checkers by only seven points entering play tonight.

• With leading poing-getter Tanner Fritz on recall to the New York Islanders, the Sound Tigers begin the week fueled by second-year pro Travis St. Denis, who leads all active Bridgeport skaters with career-highs in assists (15) and points (32) while also pacing the team with 17 goals. St. Denis also has a team-best seven power-play tallies.

• The Sound Tigers have used the goaltending duo of Christopher Gibson and Kristers Gudlevskis through 32 games this season. Gibson is 18-11-3 in 33 games while Gudlevskis shows an 11-11-5 record.

AMERKS-SOUND TIGERS 2017-18 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Redmond	3	2	1	3	2	1
Colin Blackwell	3	1	1	2	2	0
Sahir Gill	3	1	1	2	0	0

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Adam Wilcox	1	1-0-0	59:53	1	.973	1.00
Linus Ullmark	2	1-0-1	122:11	4	.930	1.96

BRIDGEPORT

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Anthony Beauvillier	1	2	0	2	0	2
Michael Dal Colle	3	1	1	2	0	-2
Travis St. Denis	3	1	1	2	0	1

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Kristers Gudlevskis	3	1-1-1	118:14	8	.908	2.65

2017-18 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Dec. 10	W	4-1	33-37	2-3	5-6
Jan. 5	OTW	3-2	28-30	1-2	6-6
Feb. 28	OTL	2-1	26-27	0-2	5-5
Mar. 15					

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. BRIDGEPORT: 4-7-0

SERIES NOTABLES

- The Amerks enter tonight with an 86.8% success rate on the penalty kill, which is second in the AHL. The Sound Tigers rank fourth in the league in that category with an 85.5% efficiency rate.
- Tonight's contest is just the 12th all-time meeting between the two clubs. With Rochester's 4-1 and 3-2 overtime wins earlier this season, it gave the Amerks back-to-back wins over the Sound Tigers for the first time in their team history.
- Amerks defenseman **Jake Linhart** is looking to make his professional debut as the rookie blueliner was signed to an Amateur Tryout (ATO) on Feb. 9 from the University of Wisconsin.
- Goaltender **Jonas Johansson** was recalled Monday and will look to make his season debut after beginning the season with the Cincinnati Cyclones (ECHL). He went 14-11-1 in 27 games this season.