



PROVIDENCE BRUINS
GAME NOTES
ROCHESTER AMERICANS



Rochester Americans @ Providence Bruins

Friday, March 16, 2018 @ Dunkin' Donuts Center, AHL Regular Season Game #915

TODAY'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (31-17-10-6) continue their push for a playoff spot tonight when they close out their season series against the Providence Bruins (36-20-3-2) at the Dunkin' Donuts Center. The 7:05 p.m. matchup can be heard live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

LAST TIME OUT

- After jumping out to a seemingly safe 4-0 lead early in the second period of Thursday night's season finale with the Bridgeport Sound Tigers, the Amerks were unable to hold the lead and allowed six straight unanswered goals to come out on the wrong side of a 6-4 score at Webster Bank Arena.

- Amerks forwards **Hudson Fasching** and **Sean Malone** each recorded a two-point (1+1) outing while **Alexander Nylander** also turned in a two-point performance as he added two helpers. Malone shows eight points (4+4) over his last 10 games while Nylander has tallied 11 points (3+8) over his last 13 contests, including a pair of two-assist games. **Stuart Percy** scored his career-best sixth goal of the campaign to reach the 30-point mark for the first time in his pro career while **Danny O'Regan** netted his 10th overall and third with Rochester, which has taken seven of a possible 12 points through its first six games of March. Goaltender **Adam Wilcox** suffered his second straight loss as he finished the contest with 21 saves.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks conclude their three-game, four-day trek through the Atlantic Division on Sunday, Mar. 18 at 5:00 p.m. when they close out their season series against the Hartford Wolf Pack at XL Center. All of the action 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 Wednesday night. The Crunch are now 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 season 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 two games 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
179-190



36-20-3-2 (77 points)

30-17-10-6 (76 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
C.J. Smith	51	14	25	39	14	5
Zach Redmond	55	13	26	39	30	4
Kevin Porter	57	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	24	10-6-6	1,371	592	.904	2.76

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Mar. 18	@ Hartford	5:00 p.m.
Mar. 23	vs. Binghamton	7:05 p.m.
Mar. 24	vs. Springfield	7:05 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Mar. 15	Bridgeport	L 6-4	36-27	1-7	3-5
Mar. 10	Syracuse SOW	5-4	36-32	0-1	3-3
Mar. 11	Syracuse	L 4-2	23-31	2-4	2-2

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS
HOME 14-11-2-3	93	82	33
AWAY 16-6-8-3	97	94	43
TOTALS 30-17-10-6	190	176	76

BRUINS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Austin Czarnik	50	17	38	55	18	20
Jordan Szwarz	43	18	25	43	29	30
Kenny Agostino	54	15	27	42	33	6

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA	
Jordan Binnington	22	14-6-1	1,249	528	.928	1.97
Zane McIntyre	39	20-13-4	2,256	977	.913	2.47



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- Last 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.

- After returning to the lineup for the first time since Feb. 16 due to injury, rookie forward **C.J. Smith** shares the team-lead with 39 points (14+25) in 51 games this season. The Des, Moines, Iowa native is currently tied for eighth in scoring among all AHL rookies while his 25 assists are tied for fifth-most between all first-year skaters.

- With his assist last night, **Zach Redmond** moves into a tie for the team-lead in scoring with 39 points (13+26) and puts him within one point of reaching the 40-point mark for the first time in his pro career. The veteran blueliner leads the club with 26 assists and ranks fifth among all AHL defensemen in overall scoring. In addition, he 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 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 eight games, forward **Kevin Porter** ranks third on the team in scoring with 37 points (16+21) in 57 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.

SCOUTING THE BRUINS

- Winners in five of its last seven, Providence currently owns the third playoff spot in the Atlantic Division, leading the fourth-place Charlotte Checkers by only two points entering play tonight.

- Providence is fueled by third-year pro Austin Czarnik, who paces team in both assists (38) and points (55). His 55 points rank third-most in the AHL while his 38 helpers are tied for fourth-most in the league. Following a season-long three-game scoring drought, Czarnik has tallied 23 points (8+15) over his last 19 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 146 goals this season, which are tied for second-fewest in the AHL. McIntyre shows a record of 20-13-4 in 39 appearances while Binnington is 14-6-1 in 22 games.

AMERKS-BRUIINS 2017-18 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Sahir Gill	1	1	0	1	2	0
Eric Cornel	1	0	1	1	2	1
Colin Blackwell	1	0	0	0	0	0

GOALTENDER

GP	REC.	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	1	0-1-0	63:13	2	.931 1.90

PROVIDENCE

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Ryan Fitzgerald	1	2	0	2	0	1
Paul Postma	1	0	2	2	0	1
Austin Czarnik	1	0	1	1	0	0

GOALTENDER

GP	REC.	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Jordan Binnington	1	1-0-0	63:13	1	.958 0.95

2017-18 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Mar. 9	OTL	2-1	29-24	0-3	2-2
Mar. 16					

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. PROVIDENCE: 13-19-1

SERIES NOTABLES

- The Amerks enter tonight with an 86.3% success rate on the penalty kill, which is second-best in the AHL. The Bruins, meanwhile, rank 12th in the league in that category with an 83.5% efficiency rate.
- Tonight is just the sixth meeting between the Amerks and the Bruins over the last five seasons. Rochester has gone 0-4-1-0 during that span, which includes a 2-1 overtime loss to Providence in the only other meeting between the two teams a week ago in Rochester. The last time the Amerks defeated the Bruins was Jan. 18, 2009.
- 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 with the Cyclones prior to his latest recall and is coming off a season-long five-game win streak.