



# Rochester Americans @ Hartford Wolf Pack

## Sunday, March 18, 2018 @ XL Center | AHL Regular Season Game No. 937

### TONIGHT'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (31-18-10-6) put the finishing touches on their three-game trek through the Atlantic Division tonight at XL Center in the final meeting of the season against the Hartford Wolf Pack (28-29-5-3). A win tonight would earn Rochester a split in the season series and move the Amerks to within three points of locking up a playoff spot. Game time is slated for a 5:00 p.m. start and can be heard live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

### LAST TIME OUT

- The Amerks came up short against the Providence Bruins at the Dunkin' Donuts Center Friday night as the Bruins recorded their seventh straight victory over the Amerks with a 5-3 win.
- Forwards **Adam Krause**, **Alexander Nylander** and **Danny O'Regan** all scored for the Amerks, who suffered back-to-back regulation road losses for just the second time all season. Nylander recorded his 12<sup>th</sup> point (4+8) over his last 14 contests while O'Regan has found the back of the net four times in his first five games with the Amerks since being acquired at the NHL's Trade Deadline from the San Jose Sharks organization. Rookie goaltender **Jonas Johansson** made his first appearance of the campaign when he replaced **Adam Wilcox**, who left the game 4:45 into the third period, but was tagged with the loss as he stopped nine of 10 shots he faced.

### ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks return to The Blue Cross Arena on Friday, Mar. 23 when they host the intrastate rival Binghamton Devils in the first of four straight home matchups. Following Friday's contest with the Devils, the Amerks will take on Springfield on Saturday before hosting Utica and Charlotte the following week to close out the four-game homestand. All four contests will start at 7:05 p.m. and 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 Binghamton this week. 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 nine points back of the Crunch, and hold a six-point lead over the fourth-place Utica Comets. The Amerks also maintain a 20-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**  
177-193



**28-29-5-3 (64 points)**

**30-18-10-6 (76 points)**

### AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Redmond	56	13	27	40	34	5
C.J. Smith	52	14	25	39	16	5
Kevin Porter	58	16	22	38	20	-9

### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	42	20-11-10	2,461	1,199	.923 2.44
Adam Wilcox	25	10-6-6	1,371	627	.905 2.80

### NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Mar. 23	vs. Binghamton	7:05 p.m.
Mar. 24	vs. Springfield	7:05 p.m.
Mar. 28	vs. Utica	7:05 p.m.

### LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Mar. 16	Providence	L 5-3	31-49	0-3	2-4
Mar. 15	Bridgeport	L 6-4	36-27	1-7	3-5
Mar. 10	Syracuse	SOW 5-4	36-32	0-1	3-3

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS
HOME 14-11-2-3	93	82	33
AWAY 16-7-8-3	100	99	43
TOTALS 30-18-10-6	193	181	76

### WOLF PACK OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Cole Schneider	65	15	26	41	31	-7
Scott Kosmachuk	64	14	24	38	71	-14
Peter Holland	36	13	20	33	40	-9

### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Alexander Georgiev	31	12-11-6	1,780	866	.908 2.97
Chris Nell	18	8-8-0	953:08	412	.892 3.15



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- Last Sunday's 5-4 shootout win over Syracuse marked the 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

- With his assist Friday night, **Zach Redmond** moved into sole possession of the team-lead in scoring with 40 points (13+27) as reached the 40-point mark for the first time in his pro career. The veteran blueliner also leads the club with 27 assists and ranks fourth among all AHL defensemen in overall scoring. In addition, he is tied for 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.

- Rookie forward **C.J. Smith**, who returned to the lineup on Thursday following a 12-game injury absence, ranks second on the team with 39 points (14+25) in 52 games this season. The Des, Moines, Iowa native is currently tied for ninth in scoring among all AHL rookies while his 25 assists are tied for fifth-most.

- 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 in the week, he currently ranks second in the AHL in saves (1,199) and third in minutes played (2,461) while tying for fifth in wins (20). The former Swedish Goaltender of the Year and reigning team MVP also ranks seventh and 12<sup>th</sup> amongst all AHL goaltenders with a .923 save percentage and a 2.44 goals-against average, respectively.

- Forward **Kevin Porter** ranks third on the team in scoring with 38 points (16+22) in 58 contests this season. Rochester's team captain has a team-high 16 goals and is on the verge of his second consecutive 40-point season. 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 WOLF PACK

- Winners of two straight to begin its three-in-three, Hartford enters tonight contest with a 4-9-1-0 record dating back to Feb. 17. The Wolf Pack are searching their third straight win after snapping a season-long six-game skid with back-to-back wins over Lehigh Valley and Wilkes-Barre/Scranton to open the weekend.

- Despite their recent stretch of late, the Wolf Pack bring the third-ranked power-play unit in the Eastern Conference into tonight's contest with an 18.6% success rate. Hartford's 48 goals while on the man-advantage are tied fifth-most in the Eastern Conference.

- Former Amerk Cole Schneider paces the team with 41 points (15+26) while being the only skaters to appear in all 65 games this season. The Williamsville native and former AHL All-Star carries a six-game point streak into tonight's final meeting of the campaign with Rochester as he has tallied eight points (4+4) dating back to March 3.

## AMERKS-WOLF PACK 2017-18 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

### ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
C.J. Smith	3	3	3	6	0	4
Colin Blackwell	3	0	3	3	0	3
Stuart Percy	3	0	3	3	2	3

### GOALTENDER

GP	REC.	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Linus Ullmark	2	1-0-1	124:28	4	.938	1.93
Adam Wilcox	1	0-0-1	65:00	4	.857	3.69

### HARTFORD

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Cole Schneider	3	0	3	3	2	0
Scott Kosmachuk	3	1	1	2	4	0
Vince Pedrie	3	1	1	2	17	1

### GOALTENDER

GP	REC.	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Chris Nell	1	1-0-0	65:00	2	.933	1.85
Alexander Georgiev	2	1-1-0	122:08	7	.897	3.44

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

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Nov. 17	W	4-2	38-31	1-5	4-5
Dec. 1	SOL	5-4	38-29	1-6	5-5
Dec. 9	SOL	3-2	30-27	0-3	4-5
Mar. 18					

## AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. HARTFORD: 11-8-1

### SERIES NOTABLES

- The Amerks enter tonight with an 85.8% success rate on the penalty kill, which is second-best in the AHL. Hartford, meanwhile, ranks 14<sup>th</sup> in the league in that category with an 83.3% efficiency rate.
- Tonight is just the 21<sup>st</sup> all-time meeting between Rochester and Hartford with the Amerks owning an 11-8-1 record. The Amerks have won six of the last 11 meetings with the Wolf Pack.
- Amerks defenseman **Jake Linhart** is looking to make his professional debut as the rookie blueliner was signed to an Amateur Tryout (ATO) earlier in the week from the University of Wisconsin.
- At one points this season, the Wolf Pack's roster featured three former Amerks in forwards Cole Schneider, Dan Catenacci and Eric Selleck. Hartford assistant coach Joey Mormina is also a former Amerk defenseman, having ended a 12-year playing career with a 20-game stint in Rochester during the 2015-16 campaign.