



LAVAL ROCKET
GAME NOTES
 ROCHESTER AMERICANS



Rochester Americans @ Laval Rocket

Wednesday, April 4, 2018 @ Place Bell | AHL Regular Season Game No. 1035

TONIGHT'S GAME

- The playoff-bound Rochester Americans (33-20-11-6) open the final month of the 2017-18 regular season tonight at 7:30 p.m. when they travel to Place Bell to close out their season series with the Laval Rocket (24-38-7-2). All the action can be heard live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

LAST TIME OUT

- The Amerks scored four straight unanswered third-period goals to come away with a 5-3 victory over the Binghamton Devils Saturday during the team's final trip to the southern tier this season. Rochester finished with a 5-2-2-1 record in the season series against Binghamton, picking up points in eight of 10 meetings while outscoring the Devils 33-27.
- The win also kept Rochester one point ahead of the Utica Comets going into the final two weeks of the regular season.
- Eric Cornel** recorded his first-career multi-goal outing as he scored a pair of goals from **Garret Ross**. **Colin Blackwell** and **Hudson Fasching** each chipped in a goal and assist for Rochester, which stretched its point streak to four games. Rookie forward **Sean Malone** rounded out the scoring with his 10th goal of the season while first-year goaltender **Jonas Johansson** picked up his second victory in as many nights to even his record to 2-2-0 on the slate.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks return home to The Blue Cross Arena to kick-off their final four-game homestand, beginning on Friday, Apr. 6 against the Belleville Senators before hosting the league-leading Toronto Marlies on Saturday night. Both games will start at 7:05 p.m. and can be heard live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

AMERKS PUNCH PLAYOFF TICKET

- The Amerks officially punched their ticket to the postseason with a 4-2 win over the Springfield Thunderbirds on Mar. 24, marking the team's first playoff berth since 2014 and the fifth time in the last nine years that Rochester will advance to the postseason. The Utica Comets clinched the following day, becoming the fourth and final team from the North Division to lock up a playoff spot.
- The race to the finish will determine the seeding for the Calder Cup Playoffs among North Division teams, who are separated by a total of 20 points. Toronto remains atop the AHL standings with a league-best 50 wins and 102 points while Syracuse maintains a 10-point lead over Rochester. Utica, meanwhile, sits just one point back of the Amerks coming into the week. The top team in the North Division will take on the fourth-place seed while the second and third-place teams will square off in the best-of-five opening round.

2017-18 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS
 196-214



24-38-7-2 (57 points)

33-20-11-6 (83 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Redmond	62	15	30	45	38	10
C.J. Smith	54	17	26	43	16	7
Kevin Porter	64	16	24	40	20	-12

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA	
Linus Ullmark	42	20-11-10	2,461	1,199	.923	2.44
Adam Wilcox	28	11-7-7	1,595	695	.903	2.82
Jonas Johansson	4	2-2-0	193:52	73	.859	3.71

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Apr. 6	vs. Belleville	7:05 p.m.
Apr. 7	vs. Toronto	7:05 p.m.
Apr. 11	vs Syracuse	7:05 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Mar. 31	Binghamton W	5-3	27-26	0-1	1-3
Mar. 30	Charlotte OTW	4-3	29-21	1-3	1-2
Mar. 28	Utica	OTL 3-2	33-22	2-4	4-6

YEARLY RECORD

	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	16-12-3-3	105	94	38
AWAY	17-8-8-3	109	108	45
TOTALS	33-20-11-6	214	202	83

ROCKET OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Chris Terry	57	29	37	66	45	-27
Matt Taormina	58	4	45	49	16	-28
Adam Cracknell	64	27	19	46	43	-26

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA	
Michael McNiven	24	6-15-1	1,349	595	.885	3.42
Charlie Lindgren	34	8-17-8	1,978	866	.885	3.43



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TEAM AND PLAYER NOTES

- Last Friday against Charlotte was the 28th game this season that went beyond regulation for the Amerks. The AHL record for the most overtime games in a season stands at 29, set by the 2006-07 Milwaukee Admirals. Coming into tonight, Rochester leads the AHL in games decided after the third period with 28, showing an 8-11 mark in overtime while going 3-6 in shootouts.
- Zach Redmond**, who reached the 40-point mark for the first time in his professional career last month, comes into the week with points in seven of his last nine games after scoring his 15th goal of the season on Friday to take over the team lead in scoring. He's one of just three AHL defensemen to lead his respective team in points. Redmond is also just three goals away from tying the single-season franchise record for the most goals by a defenseman of 18, set by Amerks Hall of Famer **Rick Pagnutti** during the 1972-73 campaign. In 62 games so far this season, the veteran blueliner has recorded career-highs in all offensive categories with 15 goals, 30 assists and 45 points, placing him fourth in scoring among all AHL defensemen. He's also tied for second in goals by a defenseman with 15, including a team-best eight power-play tallies, and ranks tied for fourth among all defensemen in assists. Additionally, Redmond has the third-most shots among any other defenseman this season with 170.
- Despite missing the last four games due to injury, rookie forward **C.J. Smith** continues to pace the team with 17 goals while leading all Amerks forwards in points (43) in 54 games this season. The 2018 AHL All-Star scored his first hat trick last month in Hartford, becoming the first Amerks rookie to score three goals in the same game since Tim Schaller at Toronto on Apr. 5, 2014. Smith is currently seventh in scoring among all AHL rookies while his 26 assists rank ninth-most between all first-year skaters.
- Colin Blackwell**, who had a career-best four-point (2+2) effort Friday against Charlotte, including the overtime-winning goal just 12 seconds into the extra frame, shows 15 points (6+9) over his last nine games. Blackwell also has nine points (5+4) in his last four outings and has recorded five multi-point games dating back to Mar. 11.

SCOUTING THE ROCKET

- With just two wins in its last 14 games dating back to March 4, Laval comes into the matchup with a record of 1-8-1-0 in its last 10 contests, which includes a seven-game winless skid.
- With 66 points, his fourth-straight season with 60 or more, Chris Terry leads the Rocket and is second in the AHL in scoring. Of his 29 goals this season, 13 have come on the man-advantage. Earlier in the week, Terry, who tallied seven goals and 14 points in 16 games during the month of March, was named CCM/AHL Player of the Month.
- Three-time AHL All-Star and last year's Eddie Shore Award winner Matt Taormina paces the club with 45 assists, which ties a career-high, and ranks third in overall scoring amongst all AHL defenseman with 49 points while appearing in 58 games this season.

AMERKS-ROCKET 2017-18 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Nick Baptiste	6	4	4	8	0	8
Kevin Porter	7	3	3	6	2	-2
Zach Redmond	5	2	4	6	4	-1

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Adam Wilcox	3	2-1-0	177:26	6	.926 2.03
Linus Ullmark	4	3-1-0	243:22	9	.934 2.22

LAVAL

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Chris Terry	7	5	5	10	4	-1
Adam Cracknell	6	3	3	6	2	-2
Kerby Rychel	7	2	3	5	0	1

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Charlie Lingren	4	2-0-2	246:20	10	.932 2.44
Micheal McNiven	2	0-2-0	117:33	6	.895 3.06
Zachary Fucale	1	0-1-0	60:00	5	.815 5.00

2017-18 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 25	W	5-2	27-39	0-5	5-6
Oct. 27	OTW	4-3	48-36	1-6	4-4
Dec. 22	OTW	3-2	28-36	0-4	4-4
Dec. 23	W	3-1	29-34	0-1	3-3
Dec. 27	L	3-1	32-26	0-5	3-3
Dec. 30	L	4-2	38-27	1-5	2-2
Mar. 4	W	4-2	29-23	1-4	2-3
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AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. LAVAL: 5-2-0

SERIES NOTABLES

- Rochester enters the week with an 19.1% success rate while on the power-play, which is third-best in the Eastern Conference. Laval, meanwhile, owns the second-best power-play among all Eastern Conference teams, scoring on 58 of 302 man-advantage situations for an 19.2% success rate.
- Tonight's game features two of the top ranked defensive point-getters in the league. Laval's Matt Taormina shows 49 points (4+45) while Rochester's **Zach Redmond** has 45 (15+30). The veteran blueliners rank third and fourth in overall scoring at their position, respectively.