



//// BELLEVILLE SENATORS ////
GAME NOTES
 //// ROCHESTER AMERIKS ////



Belleville Senators vs. Rochester Americans

Friday, April 6, 2018 @ The Blue Cross Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 1048

TONIGHT'S GAME

- The playoff-bound Rochester Americans (33-20-11-6) are back on home ice tonight as they begin a four-game homestand against the North Division rival Belleville Senators at The Blue Cross Arena. The 7:05 p.m. matchup will be seventh of eight meetings between the two teams before concluding their season series a week from tonight with one final go-around in Rochester. All the action can be heard live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

LAST TIME OUT

- Rochester opened the final month of the 2017-18 regular season the same way they concluded the last two games of March; with a victory. With a 3-2 win Wednesday night at Place Bell against the Laval Rocket, the Amerks finished the eight-game season series with a 6-2-0-0 record.
- Colin Blackwell** scored a pair of goals, including the game-winning tally for the third time in the last four games, while **Danny O'Regan** chipped in a two assists. First-year forward **Sean Malone** scored his 11th of the season to round out the scoring while rookie goaltender **Jonas Johansson** picked up his third straight victory in as many games to improve his record to 3-2-0 on the campaign.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks remain at home on Saturday, Apr. 7 when they take on the league-leading Toronto Marlies on Pink the Rink Night at The Blue Cross Arena. For the fourth straight year, the Amerks will wear special-edition pink jerseys and matching socks in support of breast cancer awareness. All proceeds will benefit Gilda's Club Rochester. Game time is slated for a 7:05 p.m. start 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 move on 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 21 points. Toronto sits atop the AHL standings with a league-best 51 wins and 104 points while Syracuse maintains an eight-point lead over Rochester. Utica, meanwhile, remains two points back of the Amerks coming into the weekend. 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
176-217



26-40-2-3 (57 points)

34-20-11-6 (85 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Redmond	63	15	31	46	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	5	3-2-0	253:38	98	.875 3.31

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Apr. 7	vs. Toronto	7:05 p.m.
Apr. 11	vs Syracuse	7:05 p.m.
Apr. 13	vs. Belleville	7:05 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Apr. 4	Laval	W 3-2	33-27	0-4	3-4
Mar. 31	Binghamton	W 5-3	27-26	0-1	1-3
Mar. 30	Charlotte OTW	4-3	29-21	1-3	1-2

YEARLY RECORD

	GF	GA	POINTS
HOME	16-12-3-3	105 94	38
AWAY	18-8-8-3	112 110	47
TOTALS	34-20-11-6	217 204	85

SENATORS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Ville Pokka	65	7	24	31	24	2
Filip Chlapik	50	10	20	30	43	-18
Jim O'Brien	60	13	16	29	44	3

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Filip Gustavsson	4	1-2-0	196:10	96	.923 2.45
Marcus Hogberg	16	4-12-0	835:11	393	.887 3.59



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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.
- Named to the 2017-18 AHL Second All-Star Team on Thursday, **Zach Redmond** comes into the weekend with points in eight of his last 10 games after scoring his 15th goal of the season on last 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 63 games so far this season, the veteran blueliner has recorded career-highs in all offensive categories with 15 goals, 31 assists and 46 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 fifth among all defensemen in assists. Additionally, Redmond has the second-most shots among any other defenseman this season with 172.
- Despite missing the last five 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 tied for seventh in scoring among all AHL rookies while his 26 assists are 10th-most between all first-year skaters.
- **Colin Blackwell**, who had a career-best four-point (2+2) effort last Friday against Charlotte capped by an overtime-winning goal just 12 seconds into the extra frame, shows 17 points (8+9) over his last 10 games. Blackwell has totaled 11 points (7+4) during his career-long five-game point streak and has recorded six multi-point games dating back to Mar. 11, including a two-goal outing Wednesday at Laval.

SCOUTING THE SENATORS

- With just two wins in its last six games, Belleville comes into the matchup with a record of 4-5-1-0 in its last 10 contests, which includes a three-game winless skid.
- Following a career-best four-point outing March 25, defenseman Ville Pokka, who was acquired at the NHL Trade Deadline from the Chicago Blackhawks, has taken over the team's lead in points (31). The fourth-year blueliner also paces the team in assists (24) through 65 games this season.
- Gabriel Gagne, Belleville's lone 2018 AHL-Star selection, paces the Senators with a team-high 19 goals, but has only accounted for seven points (5+2) over his last 20 games.

AMERKS-SENATORS 2017-18 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Sahir Gill	6	4	1	5	0	3
Hudson Fasching	6	2	2	4	0	3
Colin Blackwell	4	1	3	4	6	2

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Linus Ullmark	2	2-0-0	119:15	3	.958	1.51
Adam Wilcox	4	1-1-2	246:50	12	.903	2.92

BELLEVILLE

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Jordan Murray	4	4	1	5	4	0
Max Reinhart	5	3	1	4	4	0
Francis Perron	5	1	3	4	2	2

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Marcus Hogberg	1	1-0-0	60:00	0	1.000	0.00
Andrew Hammond	2	2-0-0	127:04	6	.870	2.83
Danny Taylor	3	0-2-1	175:51	11	.883	3.75

2017-18 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Nov. 10	W	4-2	30-40	0-5	4-6
Nov. 11	OTL	5-4	23-40	1-3	3-3
Dec. 20	W	3-1	24-32	0-6	5-5
Jan. 10	OTL	3-2	23-35	0-2	3-4
Jan. 27	OTW	4-3	40-24	2-7	3-5
Feb. 7	L	2-0	33-26	0-1	3-3
Apr. 6					
Apr. 13					

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. BELLEVILLE: 3-3-0

SERIES NOTABLES

- The Amerks have claimed at least one point in five of the first six meetings with the Senators this season and finished with a 3-0-1-0 record in the road portion of the season series at Yardmen Arena.
- Tonight is just the seventh all-time meeting between the North Division rivals. The Amerks have only one loss in regulation, which came in the last get-together back on Feb. 7 in Rochester.
- In the six previous meetings, the team who has scored the first goal of the contest has gone on to come away with the victory in each of the games.