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Toronto Marlies vs. Rochester Americans

Saturday, April 7, 2018 @ The Blue Cross Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 1059

TONIGHT'S GAME

- The playoff-bound Rochester Americans (34-21-11-6) remain at home tonight when they take on the league-leading Toronto Marlies (51-18-1-2) 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. Game time is slated for a 7:05 p.m. start and will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

LAST TIME OUT

- Rochester saw its five-game point streak come to an end as they fell 5-1 to the Belleville Senators last night at The Blue Cross Arena. The matchup between the two North Division rivals was the first of Rochester's final four-game homestand of the campaign.
- Second-year forward **Colin Blackwell** continued to pile on the points for Rochester, extending his career-long point streak to six straight games as he picked up his 12th point and eighth goal dating back to March 24. Rookie goaltender **Jonas Johansson** saw his personal-best three-game win streak end as he was tagged with the loss before being replaced by **Jason Kasdorf** to begin the third period. Despite the loss, Rochester has earned at least one point in five of its last six games, going 4-1-1-0 over that span.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks return to action for the final week of the 2017-18 regular season on Wednesday, Apr. 11 when they battle the North Division rival Syracuse Crunch at The Blue Cross Arena. The 7:05 p.m. matchup will be the first of two meetings in four days between the two teams, who will close out the regular season with one final get-together in Syracuse on Saturday, Apr. 14. All the action 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 March 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 20 points. Toronto sits atop the AHL standings with a league-best 51 wins and 105 points while Syracuse maintains a nine-point lead over Rochester. Utica, meanwhile, has taken over third place by way of a 3-2 shootout win over the Marlies last night. The Comets also hold the tiebreaker with three more wins than the Amerks.

2017-18 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS
235-218



51-18-1-2 (105 points)

34-21-11-6 (85 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

| SKATER | GP | G | A | PTS | PIM | +/- |
|-----------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Zach Redmond | 64 | 15 | 31 | 46 | 38 | 8 |
| C.J. Smith | 54 | 17 | 26 | 43 | 16 | 7 |
| Colin Blackwell | 57 | 15 | 26 | 41 | 21 | 15 |

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 | 6 | 3-3-0 | 293:31 | 113 | .863 | 3.68 |

NEXT THREE GAMES

| Date | Opponent | Time |
|---------|----------------|-----------|
| Apr. 11 | vs Syracuse | 7:05 p.m. |
| Apr. 13 | vs. Belleville | 7:05 p.m. |
| Apr. 14 | @ Syracuse | 7:00 p.m. |

LAST THREE GAMES

| Date | Opponent | Score | SF-SA | PP | PK |
|---------|------------|-------|-------|-----|-----|
| Apr. 5 | Belleville | L 5-1 | 25-19 | 1-5 | 1-2 |
| Apr. 4 | Laval | W 3-2 | 33-27 | 0-4 | 3-4 |
| Mar. 31 | Binghamton | W 5-3 | 27-26 | 0-1 | 1-3 |

YEARLY RECORD

| | GF | GA | POINTS | |
|---------------|------------|-----|--------|----|
| HOME | 16-13-3-3 | 106 | 99 | 38 |
| AWAY | 18-8-8-3 | 112 | 110 | 47 |
| TOTALS | 34-21-11-6 | 218 | 209 | 85 |

MARLIES OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

| SKATER | GP | G | A | PTS | PIM | +/- |
|-----------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Ben Smith | 72 | 27 | 30 | 57 | 10 | 27 |
| Andreas Johnson | 54 | 26 | 28 | 54 | 53 | 16 |
| Chris Mueller | 71 | 15 | 31 | 46 | 30 | -6 |

GOALTENDER

| GP | REC | MIN | SVS | SV% | GAA | |
|----------------|-----|--------|-------|-------|------|------|
| Garret Sparks | 42 | 30-9-2 | 2,447 | 1,082 | .936 | 1.89 |
| Calvin Pickard | 31 | 20-9-1 | 1,801 | 762 | .923 | 2.13 |



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TEAM AND PLAYER NOTES

- 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. The AHL record for the most overtime games in a season stands at 29, set by the 2006-07 Milwaukee Admirals.
- 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 11 games after scoring his 15th goal of the season last Friday to take over the team lead in scoring. He's also 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 64 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 176.
- Despite missing the last six 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 eighth 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 18 points (9+9) over his last 11 games. Blackwell has totaled 12 points (8+4) during his career-long six-game point streak and has recorded six multi-point games dating back to March 11, including a two-goal outing Wednesday at Laval.

SCOUTING THE MARLIES

- Winners in 12 four of its last 15 games, Toronto continues to lead the AHL in wins (51) and points (105), while allowing the fewest goals-against (156) in the league through 72 games this season. Last night, despite falling 3-2 in a shootout, the Marlies captured the Macgregor Kilpatrick Trophy as the American Hockey League's regular-season champions for the second time in the last three seasons. Additionally, Toronto has wrapped up its fifth North Division title in the last seven years, and its sixth Division crown overall.
- The Marlies come into the matchup fueled by captain Ben Smith, who paces the high-powered Toronto offense with 27 goals and 57 points. His 27 markers tie a career-high and rank 10th in the AHL. Over his last 19 games, he has posted 19 points, including 12 assists.

AMERKS-MARLIES 2017-18 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

| SKATER | GP | G | A | PTS | PIM | +/- |
|--------------------|----|---|---|-----|-----|-----|
| Seth Griffith | 6 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 0 | -3 |
| Alexander Nylander | 6 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 4 |
| Kevin Porter | 7 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 5 |

GOALTENDER

| GP | REC. | MIN | GA | SV% | GAA |
|---------------|------|-------|--------|-----|-----------|
| Linus Ullmark | 6 | 2-4-0 | 352:21 | 13 | .927 2.21 |
| Adam Wilcox | 1 | 1-0-0 | 60:00 | 4 | .857 4.00 |

TORONTO

| SKATER | GP | G | A | PTS | PIM | +/- |
|------------------|----|---|---|-----|-----|-----|
| Andreas Johnsson | 6 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 4 | -1 |
| Ben Smith | 7 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 4 |
| Miro Aaltonen | 6 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 4 |

GOALTENDER

| GP | REC. | MIN | GA | SV% | GAA |
|----------------|------|-------|--------|-----|-----------|
| Garret Sparks | 4 | 3-1-0 | 236:33 | 7 | .935 1.78 |
| Calvin Pickard | 3 | 1-2-0 | 178:16 | 11 | .884 3.69 |

2017-18 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

| Date | Result | Score | SF-SA | PP | PK |
|----------------|--------|-------|-------|-----|-----|
| Dec. 15 | L | 3-2 | 34-29 | 0-3 | 2-2 |
| Dec. 29 | W | 2-0 | 32-22 | 1-3 | 5-5 |
| Jan. 26 | L | 2-0 | 31-39 | 0-3 | 2-2 |
| Feb. 2 | L | 4-2 | 28-31 | 0-3 | 2-2 |
| Feb. 23 | L | 5-2 | 17-35 | 0-4 | 4-5 |
| Feb. 24 | W | 7-4 | 32-28 | 0-3 | 2-2 |
| Mar. 3 | W | 4-1 | 31-27 | 1-1 | 5-5 |
| Apr. 7 | | | | | |

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. TORONTO: 43-67-4

SERIES NOTABLES

- In eight of the last 11 meetings dating back to last season, the team that scored first has gone on to come away with the victory.
- The two teams have combined to go just 3-for-43 in the previous seven games while on the power-play in the head-to-head series. Conversely, the Amerks' penalty kill has successfully killed off 22 of the 23 penalties against the Marlies this season.
- Toronto owns one of the top goaltending tandems in the AHL in Garret Sparks and Calvin Pickard. The duo are first and third in the AHL with a 1.81 and 2.13 goals-against average, respectively. Sparks, who was recently named to the AHL First All-Star team, boasts a 10-1-1 record in his last 12 games.