



# Syracuse Crunch vs. Rochester Americans

Wednesday, April 11, 2018 @ The Blue Cross Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 1077

## TONIGHT'S GAME

• The Rochester Americans (35-21-11-6) open the final week of the regular season tonight as they host the North Division rival Syracuse Crunch (44-21-3-5) in a potential first-round playoff preview at The Blue Cross Arena. The 7:05 p.m. matchup will be the first of two meetings in the next four days between the two teams and will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

## LAST TIME OUT

• The Amerks and the league-leading Toronto Marlies combined for 11 goals Saturday night, but it was the Amerks who came away with a 6-5 overtime win at The Blue Cross Arena.  
• **Colin Blackwell** pushed his career-long point streak to seven straight games as he earned his seventh multi-point (1+2) effort in the last 12 games dating back to Mar. 11. Over his last 12 contests, Blackwell shows 21 points (10+11). **Hudson Fasching** and **Sahir Gill** each bagged a pair of goals for Rochester, which has earned at least one point in six of its last seven games, going 5-1-1-0 during that span. **Justin Bailey** rounded out the scoring as **Seth Griffith** chipped in two assists to reach the 40-point plateau for the third straight season. Rookie goaltender **Jonas Johansson** improved to 4-3-0 on the season as he turned aside 30 of 35 shots he faced in what was his fifth straight start between the pipes for the Amerks.

## ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

• Rochester concludes its home portion of the regular season on Friday, Apr. 13 when they welcome the Belleville Senators back to The Blue Cross Arena on Fan Appreciation Night. The 7:05 p.m. matchup will be the second meeting in the last seven days and the final contest of the season between the two teams. 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 21 points coming into the final week of the regular season. Toronto sits atop the AHL standings with a league-best 51 wins and 106 points while Syracuse maintains a nine-point lead over Rochester. Utica, meanwhile, holds the fourth spot as they trail the Amerks by just two points with only three games remaining.

## 2017-18 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS  
235-218



44-21-3-5 (96 points)

35-21-11-6 (87 points)

## AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Redmond	65	15	31	46	38	7
Colin Blackwell	58	16	28	43	21	17
C.J. Smith	54	17	26	43	16	7

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	7	4-3-0	355:06	143	.861	3.89

## NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
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. 7	Toronto	OTW 6-5	45-35	0-0	1-1
Apr. 6	Belleville	L 5-1	25-19	1-5	1-2
Apr. 4	Laval	W 3-2	33-27	0-4	3-4

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	17-13-3-3	112	104	40
AWAY	18-8-8-3	112	110	47
TOTALS	35-21-11-6	224	214	87

## CRUNCH OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Mathieu Joseph	69	15	38	53	41	10
Matthew Peca	62	12	33	45	18	-2
Carter Verhaeghe	55	16	28	44	30	16

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Eddie Pasquale	30	15-6-7	1,718	750	.921	2.24
Conor Ingram	34	19-11-2	1,923	776	.910	2.40



//// SYRACUSE CRUNCH ////  
**GAME NOTES**  
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### TEAM AND PLAYER NOTES

- Saturday's 6-5 overtime win over the first-place Marlies was the 29<sup>th</sup> game this season – and 16<sup>th</sup> since Jan. 1 – that went beyond regulation for the Amerks, the most by an AHL team since the Milwaukee Admirals did so in 2006-07. With three more games on tap this week, Rochester can potentially set the new AHL record for the most overtime games in a season. Coming into tonight, Rochester shows a 10-10 mark in overtime while going 3-6 in shootouts.
- Named to the 2017-18 AHL Second All-Star Team last week, **Zach Redmond** comes into the week with points in eight of his last 12 games after scoring his 15<sup>th</sup> goal of the season against Charlotte on March 30 to take over the team lead in points. He remains one of just three AHL defensemen to lead his respective team in scoring. 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 65 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 also ranks third in goals by a defenseman with 15, including a team-best eight power-play tallies, and is tied for fifth among all defensemen in assists. Additionally, Redmond has the third-most shots among any other defenseman this season with 177.
- **Sahir Gill** enters the final week of the campaign with a team-high 18 goals following a two-goal outing against Toronto on Saturday. Gill opened the scoring just 50 seconds into the contest and then capped a come-from-behind win for the Amerks by scoring 1:45 into overtime to give Rochester its third straight win over the Marlies.
- Red-hot **Colin Blackwell** has been Rochester's top point-getter for the last month, showing 21 points (10+11) and a plus-14 on-ice rating over his last 12 games for the Amerks. The second-year pro has totaled 15 points (9+6) during his career-long seven-game point streak and has recorded seven multi-point outings dating back to March 11, including another three-point performance in Saturday's win over Toronto to move into second on the team in scoring. Since Jan. 1, Blackwell has been scoreless only eight times.

### SCOUTING THE CRUNCH

- The Crunch, who hold a 7-2-0-1 record in their last 10 contests, have recorded at least one point in 11 of their last 13 games to clinch second place. Syracuse also carries a 5-1-1-1 record through the first eight games of the head-to-head series with the Amerks.
- Syracuse has scored 229 goals this season, which is second among North Division teams. Of those 229, 74 have come in the opening 20 minutes of play, which is most in the AHL.
- The Crunch are led by rookie forward Mathieu Joseph as he paces the Crunch in both assists (38) and points (53) through 69 games this season. The first-year forward is tied for third among all AHL among rookies in points while his 38 assists are second-most.

### AMERKS-CRUNCH 2017-18 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

#### ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Redmond	7	2	4	6	6	0
Colin Blackwell	6	1	4	5	0	0
Eric Cornel	6	1	4	5	0	0

#### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Adam Wilcox	3	1-1-0	169:04	7	.900	2.48
Linus Ullmark	6	2-3-1	314:52	18	.899	3.43

#### SYRACUSE

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Mitchell Stephens	8	3	5	8	2	7
Matthew Peca	8	2	5	7	0	3
Kevin Lynch	7	4	2	6	6	6

#### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Connor Ingram	2	1-0-1	119:37	4	.895	2.01
Louis Domingue	2	2-0-0	121:39	5	.919	2.47
Eddie Pasquale	1	1-0-0	60:00	2	.913	2.00

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

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
<b>Oct. 6</b>	W	3-1	20-29	1-5	6-6
Oct. 7	OTW	3-2	18-26	1-6	4-4
<b>Oct. 28</b>	L	3-2	27-19	1-4	4-5
Nov. 22	OTL	6-5	35-49	2-6	2-2
Jan. 13	L	4-0	27-32	0-6	2-3
<b>Feb. 21</b>	L	2-1	20-31	0-5	4-4
Mar. 10	L	4-2	23-31	2-4	2-2
<b>Mar. 11</b>	SOW	5-4	36-32	0-1	3-3
<b>Apr. 11</b>					
Apr. 14					

### AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. CRUNCH: 129-110-17

### SERIES NOTABLES

- Eight of the last 12 games between the Amerks and Crunch dating back to last season have been one-goal games, including the last five of the last seven.
- The Amerks have scored a power-play goal in eight of the last 11 games against Syracuse, going 10-for-41 (24.4%) with the man-advantage.
- Rochester shows a record of 4-4-1-0 this season against the Crunch while Syracuse has earned at least one point in each of the last seven games (5-0-1-1) in the head-to-head series.