



//// BELLEVILLE SENATORS ////  
**GAME NOTES**  
 //// ROCHESTER AMERICANS ////



# Belleville Senators vs. Rochester Americans

Friday, April 13, 2018 @ The Blue Cross Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 1090

## TONIGHT'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (35-22-11-6) play their final home game of the 2017-18 regular season tonight as they welcome the Belleville Senators (28-40-2-3) back to The Blue Cross Arena for a North Division matchup on Fan Appreciation Night. The 7:05 p.m. contest will be the second meeting in the last seven days between the two teams and will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

## LAST TIME OUT

- In a potential first-round playoff preview between the Amerks and Syracuse Crunch on Wednesday, the two clubs combined for 14 penalties but Rochester came up empty-handed in a 1-0 loss at The Blue Cross Arena.
- Justin Bailey** had a game-high five shots while **Colin Blackwell** saw his career-long point streak come to an end at seven games. During his point streak, the second-year pro tallied 15 points (9+6) while adding 21 points (10+11) along with seven multi-point efforts dating back to March 11. In his first game back in Rochester after missing the last 12 while on recall with the parent Buffalo Sabres, goaltender **Linus Ullmark** made 17 saves but was tagged with the loss. The Swedish netminder boasts a 20-12-10 record in 43 appearances this season.

## ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- Rochester closes out the regular season on Saturday, April 14 as they travel to the War Memorial Arena for one final get-together with the Syracuse Crunch. Game time is slated for a 7:00 p.m. start and can be heard live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester. The full first-round playoff schedule and opponent will be announced following the conclusion of the regular season Sunday.

## 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 weekend of the regular season. Toronto sits atop the AHL standings with a league-best 51 wins and 106 points while Syracuse maintains a 11-point lead over Rochester. Utica, meanwhile, holds the fourth spot as they trail the Amerks by just two points with only two games remaining.

## 2017-18 REGULAR SEASON



**TOTAL GOALS**  
184-224



**28-40-2-3 (61 points)**

**35-22-11-6 (87 points)**

## AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Redmond	66	15	32	47	38	7
Colin Blackwell	59	16	28	44	21	17
C.J. Smith	55	17	26	43	16	7

## GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA	
Linus Ullmark	43	20-12-10	2,519	1,216	.923	2.41
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. 14	@ Syracuse	7:00 p.m.

## LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Apr. 11	Syracuse	L 1-0	38-18	0-6	0-4
Apr. 7	Toronto	OTW 6-5	45-35	0-0	1-1
Apr. 6	Belleville	L 5-1	25-19	1-5	1-2

## YEARLY RECORD

	GF	GA	POINTS	
<b>HOME</b>	17-14-3-3	112	105	40
<b>AWAY</b>	18-8-8-3	112	110	47
<b>TOTALS</b>	35-22-11-6	224	215	87

## SENATORS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Ville Pokka	66	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	5	2-2-0	260:46	139	.933	2.30
Marcus Hogberg	17	5-12-0	895:11	425	.893	3.42



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### TEAM AND PLAYER NOTES

- Last 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 just two 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 nine of his last 13 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 66 games so far this season, the veteran blueliner has recorded career-highs in all offensive categories with 15 goals, 32 assists and 47 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 fourth among all defensemen in assists. Additionally, Redmond has the second-most shots among any other defenseman this season with 180.
- **Sahir Gill** enters the final week of the campaign with a team-high 18 goals following a two-goal outing against Toronto last 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 13 games for the Amerks. The second-year pro totaled 15 points (9+6) during his career-long seven-game point streak that ended Wednesday night. Dating back to March 11, Blackwell has recorded seven multi-point outings to move into second on the team in scoring. Since Jan. 1, Blackwell has been scoreless only nine times.

### SCOUTING THE SENATORS

- Belleville comes into the matchup with a record of 5-5-0-0 in its last 10 contests, including back-to-back wins coming into tonight.
- Following a career-best four-point outing against Laval to close out the month of March, 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 66 games this season. Three of his four goals this season came back on March 25 in an 8-2 win over Laval.
- 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 22 games.

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

#### ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Sahir Gill	7	4	1	5	0	1
Colin Blackwell	5	2	3	5	6	2
Hudson Fasching	7	2	2	4	0	3

#### 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
Jonas Johansson	1	0-1-0	39:53	4	.789	6.02

#### BELLEVILLE

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Jordan Murray	5	4	3	7	4	1
Max Reinhart	6	3	1	4	4	0
Francis Perron	5	1	3	4	2	2

#### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Marcus Hogberg	2	2-0-0	120:00	1	.985	0.50
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
<b>Dec. 20</b>	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
<b>Feb. 7</b>	L	2-0	33-26	0-1	3-3
<b>Apr. 6</b>	L	5-1	33-29	1-5	4-6
<b>Apr. 13</b>					

**AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. BELLEVILLE: 3-4-0**

### SERIES NOTABLES

- The Amerks have claimed at least one point in five of the first seven 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 eighth all-time meeting between the North Division rivals. The Amerks have lost the last two games against the B-Sens in Rochester and have been outscored 7-1 over that stretch.
- With the exception of last week, 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.