



SYRACUSE CRUNCH
GAME NOTES
 ROCHESTER AMERIKS



Rochester Americans @ Syracuse Crunch
 Saturday, April 14, 2018 @ War Memorial Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 1107

TONIGHT'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (36-22-11-6) close out the regular season tonight as they travel to the War Memorial Arena for one final get-together with the Syracuse Crunch (46-21-3-5). 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.

LAST TIME OUT

- Rochester fell behind the Belleville Senators 3-0 midway through first period of Friday night's regular season home finale at The Blue Cross Arena. However, the Amerks managed to turn things around and outscored the Senators 6-1 over the last 50 minutes of play for a 6-4 come-from-behind victory.
- With the win, the Amerks show a record of 6-2-1-0 in their last nine contests and hold a three-point lead on the Utica Comets for the third spot in the AHL's North Division standings going into their final matchup of the campaign.
- Danny O'Regan** recorded his first three-point (1+2) outing as an Amerk and third of the campaign to lead Rochester to the win while **Justin Bailey** (2+0), **Kevin Porter** (1+1) and **Nathan Paetsch** (0+2) all turned in multi-point nights. **Hudson Fasching** and **Colin Blackwell** capped off the scoring on the night with their 12th and 17th goals of the season, respectively. Goaltender **Linus Ullmark** made 26 saves to improve his record to 21-12-10 in 44 appearances this season.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The full first-round playoff schedule and opponent will be announced following the conclusion of the 2017-18 regular season on Sunday. The Amerks will host Game 3 of the best-of-five series on Wednesday, Apr. 25, and if necessary, Game 4 on Friday, Apr. 27. Both contests will start at 7:05 p.m. at The Blue Cross Arena.

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 22 points coming into the final weekend of the regular season. Toronto sits atop the AHL standings with a league-best 52 wins and 108 points while Syracuse maintains an 11-point lead over Rochester. Utica, meanwhile, holds the fourth spot as they trail the Amerks by just three points with only one game remaining.

2017-18 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS
 235-224



46-21-3-5 (100 points)

36-22-11-6 (89 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Redmond	66	15	32	47	38	7
Colin Blackwell	60	17	28	45	21	16
C.J. Smith	56	17	26	43	16	5

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA	
Linus Ullmark	44	21-12-10	2,579	1,242	.922	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

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Apr. 13	Belleville	W 6-4	38-30	0-2	4-4
Apr. 11	Syracuse	L 1-0	38-18	0-6	4-4
Apr. 7	Toronto	OTW 6-5	45-35	0-0	1-1

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	18-14-3-3	118	109	42
AWAY	18-8-8-3	112	110	47
TOTALS	36-22-11-6	230	219	89

CRUNCH OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Mathieu Joseph	70	15	38	53	41	10
Carter Verhaeghe	57	17	30	47	30	18
Matthew Peca	63	13	33	46	18	-1

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA	
Eddie Pasquale	31	16-6-7	1,782	777	.923	2.19
Conor Ingram	35	20-11-2	1,983	814	.914	2.33



TEAM AND PLAYER NOTES

- Last Saturday's 6-5 overtime win over the first-place Marlies was the 29th game this season – and 16th 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 one more game to go, 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 15th 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 fifth 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 game 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 22 points (11+11) and a plus-14 on-ice rating over his last 14 games. 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 CRUNCH

- The Crunch, who hold a 7-2-0-1 record in their last 10 contests, have recorded at least one point in 13 of their last 15 games to clinch second place. Syracuse also carries a 6-1-1-1 record through the first nine games of the head-to-head series with the Amerks.
- Syracuse has scored 232 goals this season, which is second among North Division teams. Of those 232, 74 have come in the opening 20 minutes of play, which is tied for second-most in the AHL and second in the Eastern Conference.
- The Crunch are led by rookie forward Mathieu Joseph as he paces the Crunch in both assists (38) and points (53) through 70 games this season. The first-year forward is currently 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	8	2	4	6	6	-1
Colin Blackwell	7	1	4	5	0	0
Eric Cornel	7	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	7	2-4-1	373:02	19	.903	3.06

SYRACUSE

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Matthew Peca	9	3	5	8	0	4
Mitchell Stephens	9	3	5	8	2	7
Mathieu Joseph	8	4	2	6	6	6

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Connor Ingram	3	2-0-1	179:37	4	.947	1.34
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
Oct. 6	W	3-1	20-29	1-5	6-6
Oct. 7	OTW	3-2	18-26	1-6	4-4
Oct. 28	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
Feb. 21	L	2-1	20-31	0-5	4-4
Mar. 10	L	4-2	23-31	2-4	2-2
Mar. 11	SOW	5-4	36-32	0-1	3-3
Mar. 11	L	1-0	38-18	0-6	4-4
Apr. 14					

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. CRUNCH: 129-111-17

SERIES NOTABLES

- Nine of the last 13 games between the Amerks and Crunch dating back to last season have been one-goal games, including the last six of the last eight.
- The Amerks have scored a power-play goal in eight of the last 12 games against Syracuse, going 10-for-42 (23.8%) with the man-advantage.
- Rochester shows a record of 4-5-1-0 this season against the Crunch while Syracuse has earned at least one point in each of the last eight games (6-0-1-1) in the head-to-head series.