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Marlies Hit the Road For Two Games Before Christmas Break *Toronto Hosts the Hamilton Bulldogs on Boxing Day to Start Three-Game Homestand*

Last Week:

The Marlies lost back-to-back games to their division rivals, the Rochester Americans last weekend. On Friday night in Rochester, the Marlies were blanked for the first time this season, 2-0. A.J. Jenks and Jordan Knackstedt scored the two Amerks goals; while Jacob Markstrom made 27 saves for his first shutout of the season. Jussi Rynnäs suffered the loss, making 25 saves on 27 shots.

On Saturday back at Ricoh Coliseum, the Marlies dropped a 6-5 shootout decision to the Americans. Toronto carried a 4-3 lead into the final frame, but the Amerks fought back and won 6-5 in a shootout. Juraj Mikus was the game's first star, recording a goal and an assist. Michael Duco scored twice for Rochester and A.J. Jenks was the lone player to score in the shootout. Joey Crabb chipped in with two assists in the loss.

Reading Report:

The Reading Royals currently rank first in the Atlantic division with a record of 18-9-0. The Royals have won 15 of their past 19 games. Their 18 wins this season rank second in the entire ECHL. The Royals return to action on December 26 when they travel to Trenton to take on the Devils.

Practice Schedule:

Tuesday: Game at Peoria 7pm
Wednesday: Game at GRA 7pm
Thursday: OFF
Friday: OFF
Saturday: OFF
Sunday: Game vs. HAM 3pm



Joey Crabb and the Toronto Marlies travel to Peoria to take on the Rivermen tonight at 8:05 p.m. (EST). Crabb potted two assists on Saturday against the Americans and sits second on the club in points with 17. Toronto returns home to face Hamilton on Boxing Day for a 3:00 p.m. tilt. Photo: Micheline Veluvolu

What You Need To Know About The Toronto Marlies...

- James Reimer made his NHL debut last night with the Maple Leafs in a relief effort. He made four saves on four shots in the third period in the Leafs' 6-3 loss to Atlanta. In 11 games this season with the Marlies, Reimer has posted a 7-3-1 record with a 2.73 goals against average and 0.920 save percentage.
- Forward Jeff Cowan made his Marlies debut on Friday night in Rochester and on Saturday recorded his first point (assist). The veteran forward has skated in 413 career NHL games.
- Joey Crabb notched two assists on Saturday versus the Americans for his third multi-point game of the season. Crabb ranks second on the Marlies this season in points and paces the club in goals with 11.
- Jay Rosehill was reassigned to the Marlies on Monday afternoon. In 20 games with the Marlies he's posted seven points (four goals, three assists).
- Goaltender Ben Scrivens has picked up at least a point in each of his three starts with the Marlies this season (2-0-1). He made 17 saves on Saturday in Toronto's 6-5 shootout loss. Scrivens ranks first in the ECHL in save percentage (0.936) and third in goals against average (2.18).
- After their home game on December 30 versus Rochester, the Marlies will embark on a nine-game, 21-day road trip. The trip begins on New Years Eve at 6 p.m. in Grand Rapids and ends on January 19 in Manitoba.
- The Marlies penalty killing unit ranks 10th in the AHL with an 84.4% success rate.
- Toronto holds a record of 13-0-0-2 when leading after 40 minutes.

North Division Standings

TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	PTS
Hamilton	31	18	9	1	3	40
Abbotsford	34	16	14	1	3	36
Manitoba	29	15	10	0	4	34
Toronto	31	15	12	0	4	34
Lake Erie	33	13	13	3	4	33
Rochester	32	14	15	2	1	31
Grand Rapids	32	13	14	1	4	31

MARLIES LEADERS

PLAYER	GP	G	A	PTS
Justin Hodgman	27	7	12	19
Joey Crabb	31	11	6	17
Mike Zigomanis	23	4	11	15
Matt Lashoff	31	3	12	15
Christian Hanson	24	6	8	14
x Nazem Kadri	14	5	9	14

UPCOMING OPPONENTS



The Marlies kick off their three game week on Tuesday night with a game against the Rivermen. It will be the lone time the Marlies travel to Peoria and the first of two matchups. The Rivermen currently rank second in the West Division with a record of 20-7-2-1. They haven't lost in regulation time in their past 10 games.



Toronto plays their final game before the Christmas break on Wednesday night at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids. The Griffins have dropped their past two games and rank seventh in the North Division with 31 points. The Marlies will head back to Grand Rapids on December 31.



The Marlies return to action on Boxing Day for a tilt against the Bulldogs at 3 p.m. at Ricoh Coliseum. The game will be the start of a three game homestand before the team hits the road for a nine-game, 21 day road trip.