

### **RACONTEUR ROYALE**



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The Weekly Update for Reading Royals Hockey

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## Week Twenty-Three (March 20, 2017) LAST WEEK'S GAMES

Tuesday	March 14, 2017	V	Norfolk Ad	dmirals	Postponed – We	ather*
Friday	March 17, 2017	(	Norfolk A	dmirals	Loss	1-6
Saturday	March 18, 2017	(	Norfolk A	dmirals	Loss	2-4

<sup>\*</sup>Rescheduled for Wednesday, April 5 at Santander Arena in Reading, PA

#### **TEAM RECORD**

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	PTS	WIN %	GF	GA	STREAK	Place in Standings
Overall	63	36	23	2	2	76	.603	227	188	0-2-0-0	t-2nd North Division
Home	30	18	12	0	0	36	.600	110	82	2-0-0-0	
Road	33	18	11	2	2	40	.606	117	106	0-2-0-0	

# THIS WEEK'S GAMES WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017 v Manchester Monarchs

Santander Arena – Reading, PA (7:00 pm) Magnetic White Board – Rentokil Ehrlich (1000 18+)

### FRIDAY, March 24, 2017 v Adirondack Thunder

Santander Arena – Reading, PA (7:00 pm) Flyers Friday with Philly Legend Brad Marsh Reading Health System

### SATURDAY, March 25, 2017 v Adirondack Thunder

Santander Arena – Reading, PA (7:00 pm)

Scout Night
Players Trading Card Set - Rieck's Printing (First 2000)
Post-Game Autograph Session



#### **Broadcast:**

Broadcast Begins 30 Minutes Prior to Opening Face-Off With Pre-Game Warm-Up Show

Digital Stream on iHeartRadio Rumba 1340 – Reading Deibler Dental In-Arena Broadcast – 99.3 fm Inside Santander Arena

Road Games Only: BCTV Telecast in Berks County, PA (Comcast Reading Cable Channel 15, Service Electric Cable Channel 19, Comcast Southern Berks Channel 965)

Pay-Per-View Streaming Video at ECHL.TV

### **Weekly Notes**

- The Royals were scheduled to play three games against the Norfolk Admirals last week, but the first of those games—scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, at Santander Arena in Reading—was postponed (and rescheduled for Wednesday, April 5) due to Winter Storm Stella. As the snow cleared, the Royals traveled to Norfolk, where the team was swept by the Admirals in a two game set, 6-1 on Friday and 4-2 on Saturday.
- Friday's 6-1 loss in Norfolk snapped a five game unbeaten streak for the Royals (4-0-1-0) dating to a 2-1 overtime win over the Manchester Monarchs on March 4, as well as Reading's four game road unbeaten streak (3-0-1-0), dating to a 4-3 win in Elmira on February 28.
- Saturday's 4-2 loss pushed the Royals record back to thirteen games over .500 (36-23-2-2=76), and when combined with Brampton's win over Elmira that same night, served to drop the Royals into second place in the North Division.
  - With nine games remaining in the regular season, the Royals are currently tied for second in the North with the Adirondack Thunder—three points behind the first place Beast.
- With this past weekend's two losses to Norfolk, the Royals record against the Admirals dropped to 3-4-0-0; and Reading has gone just 1-4-0-0 in the last five games played against Norfolk. The Royals and Admirals still have four games to go in the season series against one another, including the final three games of the regular season for Reading.
  - ➤ The Royals' record against teams from the South Division has dropped to 5-11-0-0.
- The Royals have now returned to Reading for a five game home stand, which includes the three games to be played this week—all against teams in the North Division: Manchester (Wednesday) and Adirondack (Friday and Saturday).

Reading has so far compiled a record of 22-11-2-2 against teams in the North. The twenty-two wins compiled by the Royals

within the Division, leads the teams in the North.

- Reading's offense was held to just three total goals in the two games played this past weekend, scoring just one on Friday and notching a pair in Saturday's loss.
  - The Royals have been held to just one goal nine times this season (o-9-o-o). When scoring two, Reading has gone 5-5-o-2.
  - ➤ The Royals average 3.60 goals per game, which is tenth in the ECHL.
- Reading's defense was touched up for a total of ten goals against in Norfolk this past weekend, which including getting blasted 6-1 on Friday, which was the largest margin of defeat suffered by the team all season long.
  - The Royals have allowed six or more six times this season (o-5-1-0). Reading has gone o-7-1-0 when getting touched up for four goals.
  - The Royals average 2.98 goals against per game, which is eighth in the ECHL.
- The Royals generated a total of 75 shots on goal in the two games played this past weekend—38 on Friday and 37 on Saturday—and currently stand fifth in the league with an average of 33.62 shots per game.
  - Reading currently has a 10.7% shooting average (227 goals on 2119 shots), which is tied eighth best (with the Fort Wayne Komets) in the league. (Toledo leads with a 12.8% shooting percentage.)
  - As of February 10 (through 46 games played), the Royals shooting percentage sat at 11.7% (174 goals on 1489 shots). In the last seventeen games (during which the team has gone 8-8-1-0), Reading has shot 8.4% (53 goals on 630 shots).
- Reading's current save percentage sits at .907 (186 goals against on 2003 shots), which is tied for third best in the league. (Allen leads the league with a .919 save percentage.)
- Reading's power play was held off the board in six total chances with the man advantage this past weekend and has been blanked in six of the last seven games played (1 for 28 = 3.6%).
  - The Royals' PP has scored just three goals in the team's last forty-six chances with the man advantage (6.5%) over the last twelve games—and has gone six for the last seventy-one (8.5%) over the last eighteen games.
- The Royals penalty kill got touched up for a power play goal against on Saturday 3:19 into the third period to give the Admirals a 4-1 lead, snapping a streak of sixteen consecutive kills. The PK has knocked off twenty-five of the last twenty-eight power play chances for the opposition over the last nine games (89.3%).



- Robbie Czarnik, who leads the Royals with fifty-three points (22g-31a) in fifty-seven games, is riding a five game point streak (3g-3a).
  - Czarnik, who has recorded ninety-nine points (45g-54a) in 108 career regular season games with the Royals, is set to become the fourteenth Royal in team history to reach the century mark with his next point with the team.
  - Czarnik, who has played plus-21 (+21) to this point in the season, leads the Royals with 198 shots on goal.
- Justin Crandall, who scored the lone goal for Reading on Friday and scored the team's second goal on Saturday, is riding a three-game goal scoring streak (3g).
  - > Crandall's nineteen goals exceeds the seventeen that he scored with the Royals in his rookie season last year. In 111 total career regular season games with the Royals, Crandall has recorded 105 points (36g-69a), which is tied tenth all time with Brock Hooton, who played 120 games with Reading.
  - > Crandall, who leads the Royals with a 17.3 % shooting percentage (19 goals on 110 shots), leads the Royals in plus-minus at plus-24.
- Evan Bloodoff recorded his first goal as a Royal 1:51 into the third period of Saturday's 4-2 loss to the Admirals. Bloodoff, who has three points (1g-2a) in three games with Reading, has recorded 151 points (92g-69a) in 246 career games in the ECHL.
- Adam Brace registered the primary assist on Bloodoff's goal on Saturday to notch his first point as a Royal in his second game with the team. In 218 career regular season pro games, Brace has 196 points (88g-108a).
- Mike Pereira, who assisted on Justin Crandall's goal on Saturday, has ten points (4g-6a) in his last nine games. Over the past two seasons, Pereira has registered seventy-four points (34g-40a) in eighty-eight career regular season games with the Royals.



- ❖ Goaltender Martin Ouellette had his two game win streak snapped in Friday's 6-1 loss to the Admirals, when he made 32 saves on 38 shots. In twenty-nine games with the Royals, Ouellette has compiled a record of 14-12-0-1 with a 2.81 goals against average (twelfth in the ECHL) and a .908 save percentage.
- Goaltender Mark Dekanitch had his six game unbeaten streak (5-0-1-0) snapped in Saturday's 4-2 loss to Norfolk, when he made 29 saves on 33 shots. In thirty-three games with Reading this season, Dekanitch has compiled a record of 17-11-2-1 with a 3.06 goals against average and a .908 save percentage.

#### LAST WEEK'S TRANSACTIONS

<u>03/13/17</u>		
Delete	Maxim Lamarche (d)	Returned to Lehigh Valley (AHL)
Delete	Jesper Pettersson (d)	Recalled by Philadelphia (NHL) – Reassigned to Lehigh Valley (AHL)
Delete	Justin Danforth (f)	Loaned to Bridgeport Sound Tigers (AHL)
03/14/17		
Add	Adam Brace (f)	Added to Active Roster
03/18/17		
Add	Sean Flanagan (d)	Signed to Amateur Tryout Agreement
Delete	Matt Salhany (f)	Placed on ECHL Reserve List
03/20/17		
Add	Michael Huntebrinker (f)	Signed to ECHL Standard Players Contract