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Marlies Look to Bounce Back with Pair of Games Against Rochester This Weekend

Toronto Hosts the Americans on Saturday for Last Home Game Before Christmas Break

Last Week:

The Marlies played three road games last week and went 1-2-0-0. They opened their week on Wednesday night with a 5-1 loss to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins. Eric Tangradi netted a hat-trick in the Penguins win. Justin Hodgman scored the lone Marlie goal in the loss.

On Saturday night in Cleveland, Marcel Mueller's hat-trick led the way for the Marlies as Toronto dropped Lake Erie 7-4. Seven different Marlie players registered multi-point games. James Reimer made 23 saves for his third straight win. The Marlies power play went 2-for-6.

Toronto lost a 5-1 decision to the Bulldogs in Hamilton on Sunday afternoon. Olivier Fortier notched three goals for the Bulldogs to help drop the Marlies. Joey Crabb's team leading 11th tally of the season was the only Marlie goal.

Reading Report:

The Reading Royals currently rank second in the Atlantic division with a record of 15-8-0. The Royals have won 12 of their past 15 games. Goaltender Ben Scrivens has won each of his past six starts. Scrivens ranks first in the ECHL in save percentage (0.934) and fifth in goals against average (2.32).

Practice Schedule:

Tuesday: Community Practice
Wednesday: Practice 11 (Ricoh)
Thursday: Practice 10 (Ricoh)
Friday: Game at RCH 7:35 pm
Saturday: Game vs. RCH 3pm
Sunday: OFF



James Reimer guided the Marlies to a 7-4 victory last Saturday night against the Lake Erie Monsters. Reimer has recorded wins in each of his past three starts. The Marlies play a home-and-home against the Rochester Americans this weekend, with the game on Saturday at Ricoh Coliseum. Photo: Lake Erie Monsters

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

- Marcel Mueller netted his first career AHL hat-trick on Saturday night in Cleveland. Mueller was named the game's first star and also recorded the game's winning goal.
- Korbinian Holzer scored his first career AHL goal on Saturday night.
- James Reimer has won his past three starts, allowing only seven goals during that stretch. Reimer has led the Marlies to record at least a point in his past six appearances.
- Simon Gysbers notched his first career three-point night on Saturday with a goal and two assists. Gysbers has tallied seven points (three goals, four assists) in his past five contests.
- The Marlies signed forward Jeff Cowan to a PTO contract on Tuesday morning. Cowan has skated in 413 career NHL games, recording 47 goals and 34 assists with four different clubs.
- Defenceman Mike Brennan ranks first on the team with a plus-10 rating.
- Josh Engel paces all AHL defencemen in game winning goals (3).
- The Marlies nine road wins rank third (tie) in the AHL. Toronto has posted a record of 9-4-0-3 away from Ricoh Coliseum this season.
- Toronto plays three home games after Christmas before embarking on a nine-game, 20 day road trip.
- The Marlies will travel to Whitby tonight for their second community practice of the season. They will hold their practice at the Iroquois Park Sports Centre.
- Saturday's game versus Rochester will be the Marlies annual Teddy Bear Toss game. Fans are encouraged to bring a stuffed animal to throw on the ice after the Marlies first goal of the game.

North Division Standings

TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	PTS
Hamilton	27	16	7	1	3	36
Toronto	29	15	11	0	3	33
Abbotsford	30	15	12	0	3	33
Lake Erie	30	13	11	2	4	33
Grand Rapids	29	12	12	1	4	29
Manitoba	26	12	10	0	4	28
Rochester	28	12	13	2	1	27

MARLIES LEADERS

PLAYER	GP	G	A	PTS
Justin Hodgman	25	7	11	18
Joey Crabb	29	11	4	15
Matt Lashoff	29	3	12	15
x Nazem Kadri	14	5	9	14
Christian Hanson	22	5	8	13
Darryl Boyce	29	4	9	13
Greg Scott	22	4	8	12

UPCOMING OPPONENTS

The Marlies kick-off their two game week on Friday night with a tilt in Rochester at 7:35 p.m. On Saturday the Marlies will host the Amerks for a 3 p.m. contest. The Americans currently rank seventh in the North Division with a record of 12-13-2-1 for 27 points. This will be the third and fourth meetings between the two clubs. Each team has posted a win, with the Marlies winning the most recent matchup on Nov. 26, 3-2 win. Joey Crabb notched the game-winning tally and Christian Hanson recorded a goal and a helper. Jussi Rynnäs made 26 saves in the most recent game. Michal Repik paces the Americans this season with 30 points (four goals, 26 assists). Former Toronto Marlie Bates Battaglia was signed to a PTO contract by Rochester last week. Battaglia ranks second on the Marlies all-time list in points (144) and assists (95).