

ICEHOGS GAMEDAY

BMO HARRIS BANK CENTER • ICEHOGS VS GRIFFINS • REGULAR SEASON GAME 2 (HOME GAME 1)
OCTOBER 12, 2019 • TIME: 6 PM • RADIO: FACEBOOK, SPORTSFAN1330.COM

GAME NOTES

- **HOME IS WHERE THE HOG IS:** Rockford went 13-6-0-0 over its last 19 home games in 2018-19 en route to finishing with an overall home record of 21-14-1-2. The Hogs have notched 20+ home wins in back-to-back seasons and nine of 12 total seasons since joining the AHL in 2007-08. The team missed the 20-win mark only in 2016-17 (16 home wins), 2011-12 (18 home wins) and 2010-11 (19 home wins).
- **OPEN HOUSE:** The Hogs host the Griffins on Saturday boasting an overall record of 7-4-0-1 in their annual home opener during AHL affiliation, including 2-0-0-0 against Grand Rapids. Rockford currently owns a three-game winning streak in the home opener with victories over Texas (5-3, 2018-19), Iowa (7-4, 2017-18) and Milwaukee (3-2, SOW, 2016-17). Rockford has outscored opponents 51-27 in its home opener during AHL affiliation.
- **NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET:** The IceHogs have won 10 of the last 11 home games against the Grand Rapids Griffins dating back to the final meeting of the 2016-17 series. That stretch includes an eight-game winning streak (April 1, 2017 - Jan. 18, 2019). Further, the IceHogs have posted .500-or-better record at home in 11 of 12 seasons against the Griffins and enter tonight's matchup with an overall home record of 31-12-1-1 (.711) in the series.
- **DIALED IN DYLAN:** Dylan Sikura scored a goal against the Wild and has now tallied five goals over his last seven AHL games with the IceHogs dating to April 2. Including Friday's marker, Sikura also has points in 11 of his last 15 AHL contests and 14 total points (5g, 9a) over that 15-game span dating Jan. 21.

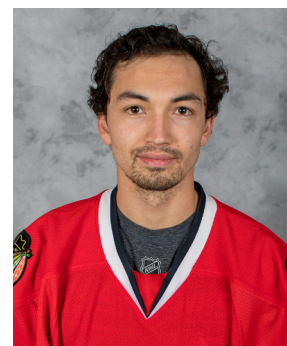
MATCHUP SNAPSHOT



RECORD	0-1-0-0	1-1-0-0
GOALS/GAME	2.00	4.50
SHOTS/GAME	26.00	32.50
GOALS AGAINST/GAME	3.00	4.50
POWER PLAY PCT.	0.0%	40.0%
PENALTY KILL PCT.	80.0%	50.0%
STREAK	0-1-0-0	0-1-0-0
LEADING SCORER	Several Tied (1)	Ford, Terry (4)

The Grand Rapids Griffins return to the BMO Harris Bank Center after eking out the final playoff berth from the Central Division during the 2018-19 season. The Griffins currently boast the best power-play unit in the AHL with four goals in 10 PP opportunities, but also rank last in the league in penalty killing after allowing a PPG in half of their first eight times shorthanded this season.

PLAYERS TO WATCH



**DYLAN
SIKURA
#15**

AGE	POS	GP	G	A	PIM	+/-
24	F	1	1	0	0	1

Second year forward, Dylan Sikura, opened the 2019-20 season by scoring one goal, firing three shots and going +1 in a 3-2 loss at the Iowa Wild.



**CHAD
KRYZ
#4**

AGE	POS	GP	G	A	PIM	+/-
21	D	1	0	1	0	2

Chad Kryz led all IceHogs with a +2 rating in the season opener at Iowa and chipped in an assist on Matthew Highmore's shorthanded tally. He now has five assists in 10 career AHL contests.



**MATTHEW
FORD
#55**

AGE	POS	GP	G	A	PIM	+/-
35	F	2	2	2	2	+2

Grand Rapids Griffins captain, Matthew Ford, kicked off the season with a four-point effort against the Chicago Wolves. His four points enter Saturday are tied for fourth in the AHL in total scoring.

NEXT HOME GAME



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