

# ICEHOGS GAMEDAY

BMO HARRIS BANK CENTER • **ICEHOGS VS ADMIRALS** • REGULAR SEASON GAME 45 (HOME GAME 23)  
 JANUARY 25, 2020 • **TIME:** 6 PM • **RADIO:** FACEBOOK, SPORTSFAN1330.COM

## GAME NOTES

- **ROUGH WATERS:** Friday's loss to Milwaukee was Rockford's fourth-straight defeat at the hands of the Admirals since Jan. 10. The IceHogs are now at risk of losing their fifth straight to Milwaukee since the club dropped five in a row from Jan. 7 - March 23, 2018.
- **DAVID & GOLIATH:** Wednesday's battle will see the league's second-worst power play faceoff against the league's best power play. Only the Bridgeport Sound Tigers (10.3%) trail Rockford's 11.5% success rate on the man-advantage. Meanwhile, Milwaukee's 25.5% on the power play is tops in the entire American Hockey League.
- **FOUR SCORE...:** The IceHogs netted four goals in a contest for the 11th time in the 2019-20 season on Friday. However, this was the club's first regulation loss when scoring more than three goals. They are now 9-1-0-1 when producing four tallies.
- **TOMMY BOY:** Matt Tomkins kicked away 30 of 31 shots in the IceHogs' loss Wednesday and then signed a two-year, two-way contract with the Blackhawks on Thursday that carries an AAV of \$700,000 and runs through the 2020-21 season. Tomkins is 5-4 with the IceHogs in the 2019-20 season and leads the team in both goals-against average (2.45) and save percentage (.916).
- **TODAY'S PROMOTION:** The IceHogs celebrate their 11th annual Autism Awareness Night on Saturday at 6:00 p.m. against Milwaukee. The Hogs will be wearing exclusive LEGO/Autism Awareness Night jerseys and hosting an auction to benefit Easterseals. The first 1,500 fans will receive a FREE collectible IceHogs block figure.

## MATCHUP SNAPSHOT



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|---------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| <b>RECORD</b>             | 20-22-1-1      | 30-8-4-2  |
| <b>GOALS/GAME</b>         | 2.50           | 3.32      |
| <b>SHOTS/GAME</b>         | 27.64          | 30.20     |
| <b>GOALS AGAINST/GAME</b> | 2.98           | 2.25      |
| <b>POWER PLAY PCT.</b>    | 11.5%          | 25.5%     |
| <b>PENALTY KILL PCT.</b>  | 77.5%          | 84.6%     |
| <b>STREAK</b>             | 0-3-0-0        | 2-0-0-0   |
| <b>LEADING SCORER</b>     | T. Sikura (25) | Carr (35) |

Milwaukee visits Rockford on Saturday to close out the home-and-home series. The Admirals defeated the IceHogs last night for their league-leading 30th victory of the season; they top the entire AHL with 66 points through 44 games. The club is led by perhaps the hottest goaltending tandem in the league, with Troy Grosenick boasting a 16-4-2 record, 2.22 GAA and .922 SV% while Connor Ingram holds a 14-4-4 record, 2.04 GAA and .929 SV%.

## PLAYERS TO WATCH



**DYLAN SIKURA**  
#15

| AGE | POS | GP | G  | A  | PIM | +/- |
|-----|-----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 24  | F   | 26 | 10 | 10 | 16  | +5  |

Sikura notched three points (1g, 2a) in last night's loss at Milwaukee. He leads all Hogs in points per game (.77) as well as shots on goal (112) and is third on the club in points (20) despite playing a fraction of the games.



**BRANDON HAGEL**  
#22

| AGE | POS | GP | G  | A | PIM | +/- |
|-----|-----|----|----|---|-----|-----|
| 21  | F   | 41 | 14 | 8 | 24  | -2  |

With his goal last night, Hagel co-leads Rockford in points against the Admirals this season with four (3g, 1a) through six games. His 14 goals leads the roster and is tied for fifth among rookies in the AHL.



**FREDERICK GAUDREAU**  
#89

| AGE | POS | GP | G | A | PIM | +/- |
|-----|-----|----|---|---|-----|-----|
| 26  | F   | 23 | 8 | 9 | 4   | +1  |

Gaudreau was named the first star in Friday's win over the Hogs after netting two goals and dishing an assist. He doubled his power play production with his effort, starting the evening with two PP goals and ending with four.

## NEXT HOME GAME



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