



GAME NOTES



LAKE ERIE MONSTERS VS. HOUSTON AEROS
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2007 • 7:35 PM • AHL GAME #132
TOYOTA CENTER • HOUSTON, TEXAS

LAKE ERIE MONSTERS

Team Game: 9
Overall Record: 2-6-0-0=4 (7th North)
Road Record: 2-1-0-0
Current Streak: 2-0-0-0
Power Play: 8 of 51, 15.4% (19th)
Penalty Kill: 42 of 55, 76.4% (26th)

Road Game: 4
Total GF/GA: 17/35
Road GF/GA: 8/10
OT Record: 0-0
SO Record: 0-0

HOUSTON AEROS

Team Game: 9
Overall Record: 2-5-1-0=5 (8th West)
Home Record: 1-4-0-0
Current Streak: 0-1-0-0
Power Play: 4 of 59, 6.8% (29th)
Penalty Kill: 48 of 59, 81.4% (20th)

Home Game: 5
Total GF/GA: 20/27
Home GF/GA: 10/14
OT Record: 0-1
SO Record: 1-0

#	PLAYER	P	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2	Ray Macias	D	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	John Boychuck	D	1	0	0	0	-1	0
4	Mitch Love	D	7	0	0	0	0	39
5	Dale Purinton	D	5	0	1	1	0	26
6	Mike Vernace	D	8	0	5	5	-4	6
7	Vladimir Denisov	D	7	0	0	0	-2	13
8	Cody McLeod	LW	8	4	1	5	-1	20
9	Brent Kelly	C	5	0	1	1	-3	0
11	Cody McCormick	C	6	1	1	2	-3	12
14	Mark McCutcheon	C	6	0	0	0	0	4
15	Eric Healey	LW	8	3	2	5	-9	4
17	T.J. Hensick	C	8	2	1	3	-5	8
21	Mark Rycroft	RW	8	0	3	3	2	2
22	Steve Margeson	D	1	0	0	0	-1	0
23	David Jones	RW	8	2	3	5	-7	6
25	Chris Stewart	RW	7	0	1	1	-3	2
26	Dan DaSilva	RW	6	0	3	3	-4	8
27	Ken Roche	C	4	1	1	2	0	4
28	Matt Hussey	C	8	2	2	4	-5	8
29	Wes O'Neill	D	5	0	0	0	-3	2
32	Codey Burki	C	6	1	3	4	0	2
34	Brandon Straub	D	2	0	0	0	-1	2

#	PLAYER	P	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
3	Paul Albers	D	4	0	1	1	-1	0
4	Shawn Belle	D	6	1	0	1	-4	6
5	Erik Reitz	D	8	4	6	10	4	14
7	Clayton Stoner	D	8	1	3	4	1	10
8	Cal Clutterbuck	RW	5	2	1	3	1	0
11	Steve Kelly	C	4	0	0	0	-2	2
12	Ryan Hamilton	LW	8	2	2	4	2	6
14	Adrian Foster	C	7	2	2	4	2	6
15	Petr Kalus	RW	8	1	0	1	-3	8
16	Peter Olvecky	LW	5	0	0	0	1	6
19	Danny Irmen	RW	8	1	3	4	1	8
20	John Scott	D	6	0	0	0	1	10
22	Joel Ward	RW	8	0	2	2	-2	6
24	Troy Riddle	C	2	0	0	0	0	2
26	Maxim Noreau	D	3	0	0	0	0	5
28	Brandon Rogers	D	7	0	2	2	0	10
29	Morten Madsen	C	8	0	3	3	-2	4
32	Andre Lakos	D	6	0	0	0	-3	6
34	Aaron Voros	LW	8	3	3	6	2	35
42	Matt Kassian	LW	4	0	0	0	-1	16
43	Serge Payer	C	6	2	2	4	-1	2

#	Goalie	GP	W	L	SOL	GAA	SV%	SO
1	Mike Wall	2	0	2	0	6.00	.848	0
30	Tyler Weiman	5	2	3	0	3.82	.908	0

#	Goalie	GP	W	L	SOL	GAA	SV%	SO
31	Nolan Schaefer	3	1	2	0	3.90	.892	0
33	Barry Brust	5	1	4	0	2.99	.901	0

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Aeros Quick Stats

Game #1	HH#1
Home	1-4-0-0
Road	1-1-1-0
Streak	0-1-0-0
Road Streak	0-1-0-0
Last 5	2-3-0-0
Last 10	2-5-1-0
October	2-5-1-0
Scoring 3 or >	2-0-1-0
Scoring 2 or <	0-5-0-0
One-goal games	1-2-1-0
Two-goal games	1-2-0-0
Scoring first	2-2-0-0
Opponent scores first	0-3-1-0
Outshooting opponent	0-1-0-0
Opponent outshoots	2-3-1-0
Shots tied	0-1-0-0
Leading after 1st	1-2-0-0
Trailing after 1st	0-2-0-0
Tied after 1st	1-1-1-0
Leading after 2nd	2-1-0-0
Trailing after 2nd	0-2-1-0
Tied after 2nd	0-1-0-0
Overtime	0-1
Shootout	1-0
Scoring PPG	1-2-0-0
Not scoring PPG	1-3-1-0
Allowing PPG	2-5-1-0
Not allowing PPG	0-0-0-0
More PIM	1-2-0-0
Fewer PIM	1-3-1-0
Same PIM	0-0-0-0
First of two/three	1-0-0-0
Second of two/three	0-1-0-0
Third of three	1-0-0-0

Eight things you need to know

- Through the first four games of the season, the Aeros scored eight goals and had a 0-3-1-0 record. In their past four games Houston has tallied 12 goals with a 2-2-0-0 record.
- **Brust Bulking Up** -- Aeros' G **Barry Brust** stopped 66 of 70 shots he has faced in the last two games for a save percentage of .943. The netminder is 1-1-0-0 in those two games.
- Houston's LW **Benoit Pouliot** was called up yesterday to the Minnesota Wild, the third Aero to be called up this season. Pouliot has recorded two assists and 17 PIM in seven games with Houston this season.
- Aeros rookie RW **Cal Clutterbuck** was the first call-up of the season to the team's NHL affiliate the Minnesota Wild on October 23. He played in two games averaging 7:05 TOI, tallying no points. G **Nolan Schaefer** was the second player on the Aeros to be called up by their NHL affiliate. Schaefer backed up Josh Harding in two games (10/28 and 10/30) and is 5-1-0 with a 1.88 goals against average in seven career NHL games - all with San Jose.
- For the first time in the 2007-08 season, the Aeros power play unit scored two goals in a single game on Tuesday against the Syracuse Crunch. The Aeros PP was 2-9 in the game after going 2-50 in their previous seven games.
- Ten different Aeros have scored goals this season. D **Erik Reitz** leads the team with four goals and five other players have tallied at least two goals. RW **Aaron Voros** had the team's first two-goal effort, and Reitz had Houston's first shorthanded goal on Sunday against the Rampage in a 3-1 victory.
- Sunday's game was the first time this season the Aeros have given up less than three goals in a game. Last season when Houston held their opponent to under three goals, the team had a 21-2-0-1 record. The Aeros are 1-5-1-0 this season when allowing more than two goals.
- Ironically, the Aeros two wins have come in two of the three games in which they had the fewest shots on goal this season. They have scored eight goals on 38 shots in their two wins and 11 goals in 150 shots in their losses.
- Scoring first -- The Aeros have scored the first goal in three of their five games at home, but only have a 1-2-0-0 record to show for it. Houston has given up two one-goal leads in their last three games at Toyota Center.

Most assists by defenseman, Aeros history		
1.	Curtis Murphy	154
2.	Greg Hawgood	109
3.	Erik Reitz	98

Most AHL/IHL combined games played, Aeros History		
1.	Mark Feer	469
2.	Paul Dyck	328
3.	Erik Reitz	322
4.	Mike Yeo	317
5.	Curtis Murphy	315

Aeros vs. Monsters (This is the first ever meeting)

- Aeros' head coach Kevin Constantine coached current Monsters G Mike Wall while he was in the Western Hockey League (WHL) with the Everett Silvertips. Wall finished with a 35-35-8 mark in two seasons (2003-05) under Constantine's tutelage. Aeros' defensemen Shawn Belle and Clayton Stoner were teammates of Monsters' goaltender Tyler Weiman for two seasons (2002-04) while with the Tri-City Americans of the WHL.

Scouting the Aeros

D **Erik Reitz** leads the Aeros in scoring with ten points (4-6=10)...Reitz is second in league defensemen in points...LW **Aaron Voros** (3-3=6) ranks second on the team in scoring after a two-goal outing last Sunday...C **Serge Payer**, C **Adrian Foster**, LW **Ryan Hamilton**, RW **Danny Irmen** and D **Clayton Stoner** are all tied for third on the team four points each...Two current Aeros had 30+ point seasons last year, Irmen (17-20=37) and Reitz (9-25=34)... G **Barry Brust** stopped 37 of 38 shots last Sunday against the San Antonio Rampage in his first win of the season...C **Troy Riddle** has joined the Aeros from the ECHL affiliate, the Texas Wildcaters...The Aeros picked up two veterans, C **Steve Kelly** played his last three seasons over seas, but had a 70 point (21-49=70) year in his last AHL campaign with Manchester in 2003-04, and Payer who played 43 games with Binghamton last year and finished with 18 points (6-12=18).

Scouting the Monsters

LW **Cody McLeod** leads the team with four goals this season, two of which coming last Saturday night vs. Syracuse...Three players are tied for most points at five: McLeod (4-1=5), RW David Jones (2-3=5) and assist leader D Mike Vernace (0-5=5)...G Tyler Weiman leads the Monsters recording the team's only two wins plus three losses and a GAA of 3.82 and a .908 save percentage.

Tuesday's Game

The Aeros scored first but couldn't hold back the Syracuse Crunch the entire game, losing the contest 3-2 in front of 3,066 fans at Toyota Center. Houston's D **Erik Reitz** led the team with two points (1 goal, 1 assist) and the Aeros' other goal came from RW **Danny Irmen**, his first of the season. The Crunch's C **Derick Brassard** and C **Kris Beech** each tallied two assists to lead the team. D **Kyle Wharton** notched the game-winning-goal late in the final period for his first point of the season. The Aeros have been outscored 13-7 in the final period. Houston's G **Barry Brust** stopped 29 of 32 shots on net in the loss. The Crunch's G **Tomas Popperle** blocked 15 of 17 shots to earn his fourth victory of the season.

2007-08 Meetings (1st of 4 meetings)

Tonight	Lake Erie at Houston	February 22	Houston at Lake Erie
November 4	Lake Erie at Houston	April 2	Houston at Lake Erie



A look back...and ahead

Last 5	Next 5
10/30 3-2 L vs. SYR	11/4 vs. LEM
10/28 3-1 W vs. SAN	11/8 at MIL
10/27 4-1 L at SAN	11/9 at QCY
10/19 6-5 W SO at SAN	11/10 vs. WOR
10/17 3-2 L vs. RFD	11/16 at PEO



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The Goalies

Schaefer vs. Lake Erie

2006-07: No appearances
2007-08: First appearance
Totals: First Appearance

Brust vs. Lake Erie

2006-07: No appearances
2007-08: First Appearance
Totals: First Appearance

Nolan Schaefer (1-2-0-0, 3.90, .892, 0 SO)

- Stopped 32 of 36 shots in opening night loss against Chicago (10/6)
- Blocked 32 of 35 shots vs. PEO (10/13)
- Stopped 35 of 40 shots vs. SAN (10/19) and all five shootout attempts in team's first win of the season
- Called up to Minnesota Wild (10/27) backing up Josh Harding

Barry Brust (1-4-0), 2.99, .901, 0 SO

- Made his first career start for the Aeros at Iowa (10/12)
- Saved 26 of 30 shots in OTL at Iowa (10/12)
- Saved 25 of 28 shots in loss vs. Rockford (10/17)
- Stopped 19 of 23 shots in loss at San Antonio (10/27)
- Earned 3-1 win stopping 37 of 38 shots vs. SAN (10/28)
- Stopped 29 of 32 shots in 3-2 loss vs. SYR (10/30)

Wall vs. Aeros

2006-07: No appearances
2007-08: First Appearance
Totals: First Appearance

Weiman vs. Aeros

2006-07: No appearances
2007-08: First Appearance
Totals: First Appearance

Aeros vs. Monsters

3 Albers	0gp, 0-0=0
4 Belle	0gp, 0-0=0
5 Reitz	0gp, 0-0=0
7 Stoner	0gp, 0-0=0
8 Clutterbuck	0gp, 0-0=0
11 Kelly	0gp, 0-0=0
12 Hamilton	0gp, 0-0=0
14 Foster	0gp, 0-0=0
15 Kalus	0gp, 0-0=0
16 Olvecky	0gp, 0-0=0
19 Irmen	0gp, 0-0=0
20 Scott	0gp, 0-0=0
22 Ward	0gp, 0-0=0
26 Noreau	0gp, 0-0=0
28 Rogers	0gp, 0-0=0
29 Madsen	0gp, 0-0=0
32 Lakos	0gp, 0-0=0
34 Voros	0gp, 0-0=0
42 Kassian	0gp, 0-0=0
43 Payer	0gp, 0-0=0

Monsters vs. Aeros

2 Macias	0gp, 0-0=0
3 Boychuk	0gp, 0-0=0
4 Love	0gp, 0-0=0
5 Purinton	2gp, 2-1=3
6 Vernace	0gp, 0-0=0
7 Denisov	0gp, 0-0=0
8 McLeod	0gp, 0-0=0
9 Kelly	2gp, 0-1=1
11 McCormick	2gp, 0-1=1
14 McCutcheon	0gp, 0-0=0
15 Healey	10gp, 1-5=6
17 Hensick	0gp, 0-0=0
21 Rycroft	2gp, 0-2=2
22 Margeson	0gp, 0-0=0
23 Jones	0gp, 0-0=0
25 Stewart	0gp, 0-0=0
26 DaSilva	0gp, 0-0=0
27 Roche	0gp, 0-0=0
28 Hussey	6gp, 1-2=3
29 O'Neill	0gp, 0-0=0
32 Burki	0gp, 0-0=0
34 Straub	0gp, 0-0=0

Quick Hits

- Houston enters tonight's game having scored 3,224 regular season goals in 1062 games in franchise history. The Aeros have accumulated a 534-373-109-27 mark in over 13 seasons.
- This is the third game of a four-game homestand for Houston. The expansion Lake Erie Monsters stay in Houston this weekend for another game on Sunday.

From here to there

- Rookie RW **Cal Clutterbuck** was the first call-up this season to the Aeros NHL affiliate, the Minnesota Wild. He was returned on 11/1.
- G **Nolan Schaefer** was the second call-up to the Wild. He was called up Saturday, October 27 to take place of injured G **Niklas Backstrom**. He was returned on 11/1
- LW **Benoit Pouliot** was the third call-up to the Wild (11/1) the same day Clutterbuck and Schaefer were returned to Houston. Last night Pouliot recorded 6:10 TOI with the Wild and won four of eight faceoffs.

October struggles at home

- October is historically the Aeros' worst month at home. They are 28-30-8-1 for a .485 points percentage in October
- Since moving to Toyota Center in 2003, Houston is 8-11-2-0 at home in October

Draft Notes

- The Aeros feature 17 draft picks on their 24-man roster, including three first-rounders, three second-rounders and six third-rounders
- Houston's first-round picks are C **Adrian Foster** (No. 28 overall by New Jersey in 2001), C **Steve Kelly** (No. 6 overall by Edmonton in 1995) and D **Shawn Belle** (No. 30 overall by Dallas in 2003)

Not short on experience

- The Aeros have eight players who have a combined 302 games of NHL experience
- Those with NHL time range from C **Steve Kelly** with 147 games to RW **Cal Clutterbuck** with two
- Four of Houston's nine players with NHL experience have played with the Wild - D **Shawn Belle**, D **Erik Reitz**, RW **Cal Clutterbuck** and RW **Joel Ward**

Power play update

- Houston currently ranks 29th in the league scoring on 4 of 59 (6.8%) power-play chances. Only Lowell and Hartford have fewer PPG's but have had only 28 and 33 opportunities respectively.
- Lake Erie currently ranks tied for 18th in the league, scoring on 8 of 52 chances (15.4%)

Penalty kill update

- The Aeros rank 20th in the league, killing off 48 of 59 (81.4%) penalties. Houston has been forced to kill 25 power plays in the last two games, but the team has been up to the task only allowing two goals, including one five-on-three. The Aeros penalty kill had killed 25 of 34 chances in their first six games (.735), but they killed 23 of 25 in their last two (.920).
- The Monsters have given up 13 goals in 55 penalty kills this season, putting the team at 26th in the league at 76.4%

Minnesota Wild Update

- The Minnesota Wild lost last night 3-2 to St. Louis at home. The Wild will host the Calgary Flames tomorrow night.
- The Wild (7-4-2, 16pts) is tied in the Northwest division with the Colorado Avalanche.
- At 11 points, **Pierre-Marc Bouchard (3-8=11)** and RW **Brian Rolston (6-5=11)** lead the team in scoring.
- Former Aeros' G **Josh Harding** has taken the last three starts and being backed up by Houston's **Nolan Schaefer** as **Niklas Backstrom** was out for two games prior to last night.

TONIGHTS OFFICIALS

Referee:

David Banfield (44)

Linesmen:

Frank Prestigiovanni (57)

Paul Wilkinson (73)

Aeros by the Numbers

- 4 Power play goals this season, lowest rank in the AHL (6.8%).
- 17 Aeros shots on goal Tuesday, the fewest so far this season.
- 1-4-0-0 Record at the Toyota Center this season.
- 3.33 Average goals per game on the road this season.
- 2.00 Average goals per game at home this season.

