



# HOUSTON AEROS (6-1-0-0) vs. MANCHESTER MONARCHS (1-2-0-1)

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2003 CALDER CUP CHAMPS

#### Aeros Quick Stats

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Game #7               | HH#3    |
| Home                  | 2-0-0-0 |
| Road                  | 4-1-0-0 |
| Streak                | 5-0-0-0 |
| Home Streak           | 2-0-0-0 |
| Last 5                | 5-0-0-0 |
| Last 10               | 6-1-0-0 |
| This Month            | 6-1-0-0 |
| Scoring 3 or >        | 6-0-0-0 |
| Scoring 2 or <        | 0-1-0-0 |
| One-goal games        | 4-1-0-0 |
| Two-goal games        | 1-0-0-0 |
| Scoring first         | 5-1-0-0 |
| Opponent scores first | 1-0-0-0 |
| Outshooting opponent  | 2-0-0-0 |
| Opponent outshoots    | 4-1-0-0 |
| Shots tied            | 0-0-0-0 |
| Leading after 1st     | 4-1-0-0 |
| Trailing after 1st    | 1-0-0-0 |
| Tied after 1st        | 1-0-0-0 |
| Leading after 2nd     | 4-1-0-0 |
| Trailing after 2nd    | 1-0-0-0 |
| Tied after 2nd        | 1-0-0-0 |
| Overtime              | 0-0     |
| Shootout              | 2-0     |
| Scoring PPG           | 6-1-0-0 |
| Not scoring PPG       | 0-0-0-0 |
| Allowing PPG          | 6-1-0-0 |
| Not allowing PPG      | 0-0-0-0 |
| More PIM              | 4-1-0-0 |
| Fewer PIM             | 2-0-0-0 |
| Same PIM              | 0-0-0-0 |
| First of two/three    | 3-0-0-0 |
| Second of two/three   | 2-1-0-0 |
| Third of three        | 0-0-0-0 |

#### Five things you need to know

- Much has been written about the Houston Aeros' veteran players leading the way during their streaking 6-1-0-0 start. But last night, it was all about the kids in the 7-3 home win over Grand Rapids and three-time NHL All-Star goalie **Chris Osgood**. For starters, 19-year-old Russia native **Roman Voloshenko** became just the second player in team history with four goals - and the first at home. In two games at Toyota Center, Voloshenko has seven goals. He joins four other players - the last being **Hnat Domenichelli** in 2002-03 - as Aeros with two hat tricks in a season. Twenty-year-old **Peter Olvecky** scored twice, and 22-year-old **Petr Taticek**, the "old man" of the group, added the GWG in only his third game with the Aeros. Meanwhile, 20-year-old defenseman **Clayton Stoner**, who stands 6-foot-3, 225 pounds, chipped in three assists. Goalie **Josh Harding**, 21, made 29 saves to win his fourth straight game and improve to 5-1-0 this season.
- The veterans, however, also kept rolling, mostly setting up the youngsters. Houston C **Erik Westrum** had two assists and now leads the AHL in points with 15 (4-11=15), and his seven-game point streak is both an AHL-high and career-high. RW **Kirby Law's** 11 points (5-6=11) rank him fourth in the AHL. D **Kurtis Foster** (3-6=9) and D **Curtis Murphy** (0-9=9) are tied for first in the league in scoring among defensemen with Wilkes-Barre/Scranton's **Ryan Whitney** (2-7=9). The Aeros' blueline duo is tied for seventh in the AHL in scoring with the aforementioned rookie, LW **Roman Voloshenko** (7-2=9). All told, the Aeros have five of the league's top 15 scorers. Voloshenko also leads the AHL's rookie scoring race by two points. The all-time record for goals by an Aeros rookie is 32, set by **Cory Larose** in 2001-02. Westrum has a hand in 15 goals - 14 of the other 26 AHL teams haven't even reached the 15-goal mark yet, including Manchester. The Minneapolis native's start is the best in team history.
- The Aeros have won six of their first seven games for just the second time in their 12 years. The Aeros began their 2002-03 Calder Cup-winning season with eight straight victories. Houston has won five straight overall, its longest streak since a six-game run from 12/5-12/17/03.
- Just how much is Aeros D **Curtis Murphy** enjoying his return to Houston? Entering this season, Murphy had one career three-assist game, but he's had two in the last week. His three-helper night Friday moved him into the top 10 on the Aeros' all-time list with 75. He's tied for eighth with **Stephane Veilleux**, just two behind **Mark Cullen** in seventh. Murphy is tied for 16th with **Rickard Wallin** in team history in points with 110. **Kyle Wanvig** is 15th at 113.
- Houston ranks second in the league on the power play at 26.8 percent, after a 4-for-10 showing last night. The Aeros have put up two or more PPG in four of seven games, and three or more three times. In two home games, Houston is 7-for-21 (33.3 percent). RW **Kirby Law** is tied for second in the league with four PPG (he had five last season), while LW **Roman Voloshenko** is tied for sixth with three PPG. Law, Voloshenko and linemate C **Erik Westrum** have combined for 23 points (7-16=23) on the power play. D **Curtis Murphy** has accumulated seven of his nine assists with the man advantage. Manchester is 22nd in the AHL on the penalty kill at just 76.9 percent.

#### Aeros Record after Seven/Eight Games

|         |             |
|---------|-------------|
| 1994-95 | 3-2-2/3-3-2 |
| 1995-96 | 1-6-0/2-6-0 |
| 1996-97 | 1-5-1/2-5-1 |
| 1997-98 | 3-2-2/4-2-2 |
| 1998-99 | 5-2-0/6-2-0 |
| 1999-00 | 3-1-3/3-2-3 |
| 2000-01 | 2-4-1/3-4-1 |
| 2001-02 | 4-2-1/5-2-1 |
| 2002-03 | 7-0-0/8-0-0 |
| 2003-04 | 3-3-1/3-4-1 |
| 2004-05 | 3-3-1/4-3-1 |
| 2005-06 | 6-1-0/NA    |

#### Most assists, Aeros history

|    |                   |    |
|----|-------------------|----|
| 7  | Mark Cullen       | 77 |
| 8t | Curtis Murphy     | 75 |
| 8t | Stephane Veilleux | 75 |
| 9  | Al Conroy         | 74 |

#### Most points, Aeros history

|     |                  |     |
|-----|------------------|-----|
| 15  | Kyle Wanvig      | 113 |
| 16t | Curtis Murphy    | 110 |
| 16t | Rickard Wallin   | 110 |
| 18  | Graeme Townshend | 108 |

#### Most wins, Aeros history

|    |                 |    |
|----|-----------------|----|
| 6  | Johan Holmqvist | 28 |
| 7t | Josh Harding    | 26 |
| 7t | Ryan Bach       | 26 |
| 9  | Jamie McLennan  | 25 |

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#### Monarchs at Aeros (First-ever meeting)

- Tonight marks the first ever meeting between the Aeros and Monarch, leaving Albany, Binghamton, Hamilton, Hershey, Iowa, Lowell, Portland, Springfield and Toronto as the lone franchises that Houston has never faced in the regular season. The Aeros have played Hamilton and Hershey in the post-season, and have regular-season meetings upcoming this season with Hamilton, Iowa and Toronto.
- Houston makes the return trip to New Hampshire 2/10.

#### Scouting the Aeros

The Aeros are off to a 6-1-0-0 start, and their 12 points are the most in the AHL...Only Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (4-0-0-0) and Springfield (3-0-1-0) have better winning percentages...C **Erik Westrum** has 15 points (4-11=15) to lead the AHL in scoring...RW **Kirby Law** is fourth in the league with 11 points (5-6=11)...D **Kurtis Foster** has nine points (3-6=9), tied for the AHL defensemen lead with counterpart D **Curtis Murphy** (0-9=9)...C **Patrick O'Sullivan**, considered by many the Wild's top young prospect, had points in each of his first four pro games, including two goals, but was held off the scoresheet last night...G **Josh Harding** is 5-1-0 with a 3.13 gaa...He leads the league in wins (five) and saves (205) and is second in minutes (364)...G **Miroslav Kopriva** won his North American debut Thursday night, making 29 saves plus four-of-six in the shootout in a 4-3 win at Omaha.

#### Scouting the Monarchs

Manchester, AHL affiliate of the Los Angeles Kings, has opened up the season 1-2-0-1 after last night's 4-3 SO loss in San Antonio...The Monarchs are 0-2-0-1 away from Verizon Wireless Arena...Last night, RW **Konstantin Pushkarev** tallied a goal and an assist...He leads the team in scoring with four points (2-2=4)...LW **Noah Clarke** has a team-best three assists...G **Adam Hauser**, a former standout at the University of Minnesota, is 1-2-1 with a 3.20 gaa...Hauser has posted a sub 2.00 gaa in each of his first two full AHL seasons...G **Barry Brust**, a third-round pick of the Minnesota Wild in 2002, has yet to see any game action.

#### 2005-06 meetings (1st of 2 meetings)

Tonight Manchester at Houston February 10 Houston at Manchester



#### A look back...and ahead

**Last 5**

|       |                  |
|-------|------------------|
| 10/21 | 7-3 W vs. GR     |
| 10/20 | 4-3 W (SO) @ OMA |
| 10/18 | 6-5 W (SO) @ OMA |
| 10/15 | 3-2 W @ GR       |
| 10/14 | 3-1 W @ PEO      |

**Next 5**

|       |         |
|-------|---------|
| 10/25 | vs. CHI |
| 10/28 | @ MIL   |
| 10/29 | @ GR    |
| 10/30 | @ PEO   |
| 11/3  | vs. IOW |



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## The Goalies

### Harding vs. Monarchs

2005-06: First appearance  
**Totals: First appearance**

### Kopriva vs. Monarchs

2005-06: First appearance  
**Totals: First appearance**

### Josh Harding (5-1-0, 3.13, .915, 0SHO)

- Has won four straight starts and is 11-1-1 in his last 13 regular-season decisions
- Made career-best 47 saves in 3-1 win at PEO 10/14
- Is 6-4-0 with a 2.94 gaa in his career in October, but 20-13-3 with a sparkling 1.93 gaa after that
- Went 21-16-3 in rookie season with Aeros with four shutouts and finished fifth in AHL in gaa (2.01), tops among Western Conference netminders and second among rookies (Lowell's **Cam Ward**, 1.99)

### Brust vs. Aeros

2005-06: First appearance  
**Totals: First appearance**

### Hauser vs. Aeros

2005-06: First appearance  
**Totals: First appearance**

### Miroslav Kopriva (1-0-0, 2.77, .906, 0SHO)

- Made 29 saves in North American debut, plus four-of-six in the shootout, in 4-3 win at OMA 10/20
- Was 0-0-0 with a 2.00 gaa in one pre-season game versus SAN

### Quick Hits

- The Aeros have scored in 13 consecutive regulation periods, and they have goals in 18 of 21 periods overall through seven games.
- Houston has gone shorthanded 68 times in seven games for an average of 9.7 chances per game. The Aeros have an AHL-high 78 minor penalties.
- Manchester and Houston rank 23rd and 25th, respectively, in the AHL in shots against.
- Wednesday in St. Paul, Minn., former Aeros LW **Derek Boogaard** scored his first NHL goal. Boogaard had one goal, eight assists and 466 PIM's for Houston from 2003-05, but he took only five games to pick up his first NHL goal.
- Three of the Monarchs' four games have been decided by one goal. Five of Houston's seven have been decided by a single goal.
- Manchester has led after one only period only once in four games - and it lost that contest.

### Four former Aeros selected for Olympic potential

- Wednesday, Canada and Sweden announced their lengthy, "potential" rosters for the 2006 Turin Olympics, and four former Aeros are on the list.
- **Pierre-Marc Bouchard** is one of a whopping 81 players on Team Canada's potential list.

- For Sweden, it's 2003 Calder Cup MVP **Johan Holmqvist**, his teammate on the championship team **Rickard Wallin**, and **Mika Hannula**.
- All nations must submit potential rosters by Monday. Final roster selection for next February's games is set for 12/22.

### Aeros vs. Monarchs

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| 2 Heid        | 0gp, 0-0=0   |
| 3 Stokes      | 0gp, 0-0=0   |
| 4 Foster      | 0gp, 0-0=0   |
| 5 Reitz       | 0gp, 0-0=0   |
| 6 Myrvold     | 0gp, 0-0=0   |
| 7 Westrum     | 18gp, 8-4=12 |
| 10 Law        | 4gp, 3-2=5   |
| 11 Murray     | 0gp, 0-0=0   |
| 12 Courchaine | 0gp, 0-0=0   |
| 14 Murphy     | 0gp, 0-0=0   |
| 15 Lundbohm   | 0gp, 0-0=0   |
| 16 Olvecky    | 0gp, 0-0=0   |
| 17 Kinkel     | 0gp, 0-0=0   |
| 18 Voloshenko | 0gp, 0-0=0   |
| 19 Rooneem    | 0gp, 0-0=0   |
| 20 Stoner     | 0gp, 0-0=0   |
| 22 Olson      | 0gp, 0-0=0   |
| 27 Taticek    | 0gp, 0-0=0   |
| 28 Ward       | 0gp, 0-0=0   |
| 29 O'Sullivan | 0gp, 0-0=0   |
| 32 Wood       | 12gp, 0-1=1  |
| 36 Tetarenko  | 9gp, 0-0=0   |

### Monarchs vs. Aeros

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| 2 Petiot        | 0gp, 0-0=0  |
| 3 Wilford       | 15gp, 0-5=5 |
| 4 Seeley        | 0gp, 0-0=0  |
| 5 Mormina       | 0gp, 0-0=0  |
| 9 James         | 0gp, 0-0=0  |
| 10 Kanko        | 0gp, 0-0=0  |
| 11 Smyth        | 6gp, 2-3=5  |
| 15 Tambellini   | 0gp, 0-0=0  |
| 16 Giuliano     | 0gp, 0-0=0  |
| 18 Murphy       | 0gp, 0-0=0  |
| 21 Ryan         | 0gp, 0-0=0  |
| 24 Clarke       | 0gp, 0-0=0  |
| 27 Fast         | 0gp, 0-0=0  |
| 28 Tukonen      | 0gp, 0-0=0  |
| 32 Nolan        | 0gp, 0-0=0  |
| 37 Grebeshkov   | 0gp, 0-0=0  |
| 47 Ardelan      | 0gp, 0-0=0  |
| 49 Flinn        | 0gp, 0-0=0  |
| 70 Bernakevitch | 0gp, 0-0=0  |
| 75 Roussin      | 0gp, 0-0=0  |
| 81 Pushkarev    | 0gp, 0-0=0  |

### Last Game (Friday)

Nineteen-year-old rookie **Roman Voloshenko** notched Houston's second four-goal game in team history and 20-year-old **Peter Olvecky** scored twice, as the Aeros overwhelmed three-time NHL All-Star goalie **Chris Osgood** with four power play goals en route to a 7-3 victory at Toyota Center for their fifth straight win. **Clayton Stoner** and **Curtis Murphy** each added three assists, and **Erik Westrum**, **Erik Reitz** and **Rem Murray** each pitched in two helpers for Houston. **Petr Taticek** also scored and **Josh Harding** made 29 saves for the Aeros.

### Looking ahead

Houston finishes its three-game homestand Tuesday against arch-rival Chicago. Next weekend, the Aeros hit the road for a three-in-three, in Milwaukee, Grand Rapids and Peoria.

### Aeros looking for some finish

Houston has allowed a league-high 11 goals in the third. One of the reasons Houston has had trouble in the third period is the shot total. The Aeros have been outshot 102-61 in the third period.

### Deep in the Heart of Texas

There have been four players since the San Antonio Rampage came into the AHL in 2002-03 to play for both the Rampage and the Aeros. Three of those four are currently in Houston - **Joey Tetarenko**, **Josh Olson** and the newly acquired **Petr Taticek**. **Greg Crozier** also played for both teams, but he played for Houston before going to San Antonio for a brief stint in 2003-04.

### Wild roster has 11 former Aeros, including eight from 2004-05

- The Minnesota Wild opened up the season with 25 total players on the roster, counting injured reserve. Eleven of those played for the Aeros at one point in their careers, and eight in 2004-05 alone.
- Counting Dallas' **John Erskine** and Phoenix' **Zbynek Michalek**, 10 players off last season's team began the season in the NHL.
- Other notable Aeros opening up the season in the NHL are **Robert Lang** (Detroit) and **Jeff Hoggan** (St. Louis), a member of the Aeros' 2002-03 Calder Cup winning team.

### Aeros/Monarchs connections

- Manchester rookie **Mark Ardelan** played juniors with Houston's **Adam Courchaine** at Vancouver from 2001-03.
- Aeros goalie **Josh Harding** and Manchester's **Brendan Bernakevitch** each hail from Regina, Sask.
- Manchester rookie goalie **Barry Brust** was drafted in the third round by the Minnesota Wild in 2002. He played three seasons with Aeros defenseman **Chris Heid** at WHL Spokane.
- Monarchs defenseman **Marty Wilford** was an Aero in 1999-2000, totaling nine assists and 30 PIM's in 45 games.
- Manchester assistant coach **Derek Clancey** coached the Wild's ECHL prospects in Jackson, Miss., in 2001-02.

