CAA ARENA • ICEHOGS VS SENATORS • REGULAR SEASON GAME 25 (ROAD GAME 11)
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GAME NOTES

- THE NORTH REMEMBERS: The IceHogs hit the halfway point of their 10 total games against opponents outside of the Central Division with tonight's matchup at Belleville (each of those 10 games are against the North Division). Following the current three-game trip against North Division teams, Rockford will play a North opponent in just three of its final 49 games (the remaining 46 games are against the Central).
- **KILLING THEM SOFTLY:** The IceHogs held Milwaukee's topranked power-play unit to 0-for-7 over the two-game series last Saturday and Tuesday. Rockford has now killed 18 of the last 19 opposing power plays (94.7%) dating to Nov. 30.
- **HOT HOGS:** The IceHogs extended their stretch of avoiding back-to-back losses to 17 games with a bounceback victory against the Ads Tuesday. The Hogs are now 12-4-0-1 with no sets of back-to-back losses over dating to Oct. 30. The last time Rockford dropped consecutive games was Oct. 25-26 (back-to-back losses at Cleveland).
- ON BRAND: Brandon Hagel has scored goals in four of the last six games and recorded points in 11 of his last 17 contests since Oct 30. Since Oct. 30, he leads the team in goals (8) and is tied with Tyler Sikura for the team lead in points (12) over that stretch.
- ROOKIE MOVE: Beginning Oct. 30, only two rookies in the AHL have avoided going pointless in two straight games (min. 10 games). Each of those two rookies are featured in tonight's game in Rockford's Brandon Hagel and Belleville's Josh Norris. Hagel has points in 11 of 17 games and 12 total points (8g, 4a) over that stretch, while Norris has points in 10 of 15 games and 14 total points (8g, 6a) in that time.

MATCHUP Snapshot

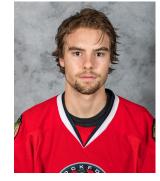




RECORD	14-9-0-1	14-9-1-0
GOALS/GAME	2.92	3.46
SHOTS/GAME	29.38	29.04
GOALS AGAINST/GAME	2.96	3.38
POWER PLAY PCT.	10.8%	19.4%
PENALTY KILL PCT.	78.0%	78.3%
STREAK	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0
LEADING SCORER	Two Tied (16)	Batherson (31)

Both the Senators and IceHogs enter Friday night's clash with 29 points through 24 games. Belleville has won six of its last seven contests, including a five-game win streak from 11/22-11/30, and is 11-3-1-0 over its last 15 tilts dating to Nov. 2. The team is led in scoring by forward Drake Batherson, who is currently tied for the league lead in overall scoring with 31 points and is second among all AHL skaters with his 21 assists on the year.

PLAYERS TO WATCH



BRANDON HAGEL #22

AGE POS GP G A PIM +/21 F 23 8 5 18 +3

Hagel has tallied points in 11 of this last 17 games and combined for eight goals and four assists over that stretch since Oct. 30. The rookie has also posted an even-or-better plus/minus rating in 15 of his last 16 games.



ANTON WEDIN #57

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Wedin scored the overtime winner against the league-leading Admirals on Tuesday in his return from a four-game stint with the Blackhawks. He has notched five points (2g, 3a) in his last five AHL outings.



DRAKE **BATHERSON**#19

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Batherson is in the midst of a season-best five-game points streak in which he's scored 10 points (3g, 7a). His 21 assists and 31 points lead the club, and he's posted a total of 10 multi-point games so far this season.

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