



# GAME NOTES

**WORCESTER SHARKS VS. HOUSTON AEROS**  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2007 • 7:35 PM • AHL GAME #179  
TOYOTA CENTER • HOUSTON, TEXAS



## WORCESTER SHARKS

**Team Game:** 11      **Road Game:** 6  
**Overall Record:** 6-3-1-0=13(T-3 Atlantic) **Total GF/GA:** 29/26  
**Road Record:** 3-1-1-0      **Road GF/GA:** 18/15  
**Current Streak:** 2-0-0-0  
**Power Play:** 11 of 41, 26.8% (1st)      **OT Record:** 1-2  
**Penalty Kill:** 32 of 40, 80.0% (T-21st) **SO Record:** 0-1

## HOUSTON AEROS

**Team Game:** 13      **Home Game:** 8  
**Overall Record:** 4-7-1-0=9 (T-7th West) **Total GF/GA:** 27/37  
**Home Record:** 3-4-0-0      **Home GF/GA:** 15/17  
**Current Streak:** 0-2-0-0  
**Power Play:** 5 of 81, 6.2% (29th)      **OT Record:** 0-1  
**Penalty Kill:** 68 of 83, 81.9% (T-17th) **SO Record:** 2-0

#	PLAYER	P	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2	Patrick Traverse	D	9	1	2	3	-1	2
5	Tom Walsh	D	10	0	3	3	5	10
6	Brad Staubitz	D	10	0	3	3	-1	32
7	Dan Spang	D	10	0	2	2	-3	2
9	Tom Cavanagh	C	10	5	6	11	3	4
10	Nate Raduns	F	10	5	5	10	5	12
13	T.J. Fox	F	9	1	0	1	0	2
14	Craig Valette	C	10	0	3	3	-2	18
17	Ashton Rome	RW	10	1	2	3	0	18
19	Mike Morris	F	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Riley Armstrong	RW	10	3	0	3	-4	10
21	Graham Mink	RW	10	4	7	11	-1	12
22	Lukas Kaspar	LW	8	1	3	4	-1	0
23	Josh Prudden	C	5	0	1	1	-3	4
25	Derek Joslin	D	10	0	4	4	3	4
26	Dennis Packard	LW	9	1	3	4	-1	2
28	Marc Busenburg	D	1	0	0	0	-1	0
34	Jonathan Tremblay	RW	3	0	1	1	1	2
37	Mike Iggulden	C	10	7	8	15	4	4
44	Brennan Evans	D	10	0	0	0	-1	30

#	PLAYER	P	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
3	Paul Albers	D	7	0	1	1	-1	2
4	Shawn Belle	D	10	1	0	1	-5	12
5	Erik Reitz	D	12	4	8	12	2	20
7	Clayton Stoner	D	12	1	4	5	2	12
8	Cal Clutterbuck	RW	7	2	2	4	2	6
11	Steve Kelly	C	8	1	0	1	-3	22
12	Ryan Hamilton	LW	12	2	2	4	2	12
14	Adrian Foster	C	11	2	4	6	1	6
15	Petr Kalus	RW	12	3	1	4	-1	8
16	Peter Olvecky	LW	8	1	2	3	0	6
19	Danny Irmen	RW	12	1	4	5	1	10
20	John Scott	D	8	0	0	0	1	10
21	Marco Rosa	C	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	Joel Ward	RW	12	1	3	4	-2	6
24	Troy Riddle	C	6	0	0	0	-3	4
27	Benoit Pouliot	LW	8	0	2	2	-2	14
28	Brandon Rogers	D	11	0	3	3	0	14
29	Morten Madsen	C	12	0	3	3	-2	6
32	Andre Lakos	D	10	0	0	0	-2	8
34	Aaron Voros	LW	12	4	4	8	0	46
43	Serge Payer	C	6	2	2	4	-1	2
49	Moises Gutierrez	RW	0	0	0	0	0	0

#	Goalie	GP	W	L	SOL	GAA	SV%	SO
29	Thomas Greiss	3	1	2	0	2.01	.926	0
39	Taylor Dakers	7	5	2	0	2.82	.916	0

#	Goalie	GP	W	L	SOL	GAA	SV%	SO
31	Nolan Schaefer	6	2	4	0	2.93	.902	0
33	Barry Brust	6	2	4	0	2.83	.901	0

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## Eight things you need to know

- Tonight's game marks the first time this season the Aeros will face an opponent from the Eastern Conference. The Aeros are slated to play eight games against the Eastern Conference this season. Two games against Hartford, Providence, Springfield and Worcester.
- Last night's game against the Quad City Flames marked only the third time this season that the Aeros have outshot their opponent. They hold a 1-2-0-0 record this season when outshooting their opponent.
- LW **Peter Olvecky** had zero points through his first five games this season, but has picked up the pace in the last four games. Minnesota's 2004 third round pick has three points (1-2=3) in his last four games including a two-game scoring streak in which he had Houston's lone goal on Thursday vs. Milwaukee and added an assist last night against Quad City.
- RW **Petr Kalus** has scored in three of the last four games for Houston. Kalus had a goal in each of the games against Lake Erie last weekend and added an assist last night against Quad City. Kalus had eight points in nine games against the Sharks last season while with the Providence Bruins.
- Houston's worst period this season has been the third. The team has been outscored 16-9 through 12 games and they have been outshot 118-98.
- The Aeros magic number this season seems to be three. When Houston scores three or more goals, the team is 3-0-1-0, but when scoring two or fewer, Houston is just 1-7-0-0. Houston added two players from their ECHL affiliate, the Texas Wildcatters, today. RW **Moises Gutierrez** and C **Marco Rosa** have been added to the Aeros roster. Both players attended the Aeros training camp before starting the season with Texas. Through eight games in Texas, Rosa has 13 points (5-8=13) and is tied for second in the league in scoring. Gutierrez has played three games and recorded one assist. Rosa will wear sweater 21 and Gutierrez will be 49.
- Houston has only scored five power play goals this season in 81 chances (.062), but three of the power play goals have come in the last five games. They face a Worcester team that only been on the penalty kill a league-low 40 times this season. Worcester has killed 32 of 40 power plays (.800) and is ranked 21st in the league. The Aeros' penalty kill has allowed a power play goal in every game this season, however after allowing three multiple-power play goal games in the team's first five, Houston has only allowed one power play goal in each of the last seven contests.
- Sharks D **Patrick Traverse** played with the Aeros for the 2004-05 season. He played in 72 games with Houston scoring 15 points (6-9=15). Traverse has competed in 14 plus seasons of professional hockey and played in 279 games in the NHL with five different teams.

## Aeros vs. Worcester (0-2-0-0 vs. Worcester all-time, 0-1-0-0 at home)

- This is the first of two meetings this season.
- The Aeros met Worcester twice last season losing both games by a combined scored of 10-5.
- Worcester is the primary affiliate of the San Jose Sharks.

## Scouting the Aeros

D **Erik Reitz** leads the Aeros in scoring with twelve points (4-8=12)...Reitz is tied for first in league defensemen in points...LW **Aaron Voros** (4-4=8) ranks tied for first in goals on the team and second in scoring...C **Adrian Foster** ranks third on the team with six points...RW **Peter Olvecky** has points in each of the last two games...LW **Petr Kalus** has points in three of the last four games including two goals...Two current Aeros had 30+ point seasons last year, RW **Danny Irmen** (17-20=37) and Reitz (9-25=34)...C **Troy Riddle** has played in six games with the Aeros after joined the Aeros from the ECHL affiliate, the Texas Wildcatters...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 C **Serge Payer** who played 43 games with Binghamton last year and finished with 18 points (6-12=18).

## Scouting the Sharks

C **Mike Iggulden** leads the Sharks with 15 points (7-8=15) averaging 1.5 points per game...C **Tom Cavanagh** has five power play goals this season which is tied with five other players for the lead in the AHL...Four players on the team have 10 or more points; Iggulden, Cavanagh, RW **Graham Mink**, and F **Nate Raduns**, the next highest total in points for a player is four...G **Thomas Greiss** has carried the load for the Sharks this season starting in 7 of the teams 10 games...Greiss has a 2.01 gaa and .926 save pct. to go along with a 5-2-0 record...

## Friday's Game

The Houston Aeros lost their first ever game against the Quad City Flames 4-1 in front of 3,216 fans at I Wireless Center. The Flames' (3-7-1-2) win ties the team with the Aeros (4-7-1-0) at nine points apiece. C **Steve Kelly** led the Aeros with the only Houston goal of the evening. RW **Petr Kalus** and LW **Peter Olvecky** marked the assists for the only points of the evening. RW **Derek Couture** marked two points (1-1=2) leading the Flames. Houston G **Nolan Schaefer** (2-4-0) stopped 17 of 20 shots on net in 57:40 of game time. Quad City G **Curtis McElhinney** (1-2-0) blocked 21 of 22 shots in the win.

## 2007-08 Meetings (1st of 2 meetings)

Tonight Worcester at Houston  
December 15 Houston at Worcester

## Aeros Quick Stats

Game #12	H#8
Home	3-4-0-0
Road	1-3-1-0
Streak	0-2-0-0
Road Streak	0-3-0-0
Last 5	3-2-0-0
Last 10	4-6-0-0
November	2-2-0-0
Scoring 3 or >	3-0-1-0
Scoring 2 or <	1-7-0-0
One-goal games	3-2-1-0
Two-goal games	1-3-0-0
Scoring first	3-3-0-0
Opponent scores first	1-4-1-0
Outshooting opponent	1-2-0-0
Opponent outshoots	3-4-1-0
Shots tied	0-1-0-0
Leading after 1st	1-3-0-0
Trailing after 1st	0-3-0-0
Tied after 1st	3-1-1-0
Leading after 2nd	2-1-0-0
Trailing after 2nd	1-3-1-0
Tied after 2nd	1-2-0-0
Overtime	0-1
Shootout	2-0
Scoring PPG	1-3-0-0
Not scoring PPG	3-4-1-0
Allowing PPG	4-7-1-0
Not allowing PPG	0-0-0-0
More PIM	3-2-0-0
Fewer PIM	1-5-1-0
Same PIM	0-0-0-0
First of two/three	1-2-1-0
Second of two/three	1-2-0-0
Third of three	1-0-0-0

## A look back...and ahead

### Last 5

11/9 4-1 L at QCY  
11/8 3-1 L at MIL  
11/4 2-1 SOW vs. LEM  
11/2 3-2 W vs. LEM  
10/30 3-2 L vs. SYR

### Next 5

11/16 at PEO  
11/17 at CHI  
11/20 vs. SAN  
11/23 vs. MIL  
11/25 vs. MIL



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## The Goalies

### Aeros Goalies

#### Schaefer vs. Worcester

2006-07: No Appearances  
 2007-08: First Appearance  
**Totals: No Appearances**

#### Brust vs. Worcester

2006-07: 2-1-0, 1.34 gaa, .955 pct.  
 2007-08: First Appearance  
**Totals: 2-1-0, 1.34 gaa, .955 pct**

#### Nolan Schaefer (2-3-0-0, 2.91, .908, 0 SO)

- 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
- Blocked 25 of 26 shots in 2-1 SOW vs. LEM (11/4) including 4 of 5 in the shootout

#### Barry Brust (2-4-0), 2.83, .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)
- 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)
- Stopped 19 of 21 shots in 3-2 win vs. LEM (11/2)

### Sharks Goalies

#### Greiss vs. Aeros

2006-07: 1-0-0, 3.00 gaa, .893 pct.  
 2007-08: First Appearance  
**Totals: 1-0-0, 3.00 gaa, .893 pct.**

#### Dakers vs. Aeros

2006-07: No Appearances  
 2007-08: First Appearance  
**Totals: No Appearances**

### Quick Hits

- Houston enters tonight's game having scored 3,231 regular season goals in 1066 games in franchise history. The Aeros have accumulated a 536-375-109-27 mark in over 13 seasons.
- This is the third game of three in three days. The Aeros lost last night in Quad City and close out the three-in-three tonight against the Sharks having flown home this morning.

### 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. Pouliot returned to the Aeros on 11/6 after he played in three games with the Wild averaging 6:25 TOI without recording a point.

### Average Novemberers

- Since joining the AHL, Houston has a record of 41-34-3-5 for a .542 points percentage in November. Only December (.597) and April (.655) have better percentages.
- Houston is 20-23-2-2 on the road in November since joining the AHL.

### Draft Notes

- The Aeros feature 18 draft picks on their 24-man roster, including four first-rounders, two second-rounders and six third-rounders
- Houston's first-round picks are LW **Benoit Pouliot** (No. 4 overall by Minnesota in 2005), 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 St. Louis in 2003)

### Not short on experience

- The Aeros have ten players who have a combined 332 games of NHL experience
- Those with NHL time range from C **Steve Kelly** with 147 games to RW **Cal Clutterbuck** with two
- Five of Houston's ten players with NHL experience have played with the Wild - D **Shawn Belle**, D **Erik Reitz**, LW **Benoit Pouliot**, RW **Cal Clutterbuck** and RW **Joel Ward**

### Power play update

- Houston currently ranks 29th in the league scoring on 5 of 81 (.062) power-play chances. The Aeros have the fewest power-play goals in the league.
- Worcester currently ranks 1st in the league, scoring on 11 of 41 chances (.268). They have had the fewest man-advantages in the league to this point.

### Penalty kill update

- The Aeros rank 18th in the league, killing off 68 of 83 (.819) penalties. The Aeros penalty kill had killed 25 of 34 chances in their first six games (.735), but they killed 43 of 49 in their last four (.878).
- The Sharks have given up eight goals in 40 penalty kills this season, putting the team 21st in the league at 80.0%

### Minnesota Wild Update

- The Minnesota Wild defeated Edmonton 5-2 at home Monday night. The Wild start a four-game road stretch beginning Sunday in Colorado.
- The Wild (9-4-2, 20pts) are one point behind the Avalanche for the lead in the Northwest Division. They hold a 3-2-2 record on the road this season.
- Marian Gaborik, Pierre-Marc Bouchard and Mikko Koivu are tied for the team-lead with 13 points each. Brian Rolston leads the team with seven goals. Former Aero Derek Boogaard leads the club with 33 PIM.
- G **Niklas Backstrom** leads the team with a record of 7-1-1, including two shutouts, and is ranked seventh in the league with a 1.88 GAA and has a .926 save percentage.

### Aeros by the Numbers

- 5** Power play goals this season, lowest rank in the AHL (.062).
- 3-0** Aeros record when their opponent scores two goals or fewer.
- 22** Games since Benoit Pouliot, last season's second leading goal-scorer for the Aeros, has netted the puck, dating back to last season (3/20/07)
- 3** Game scoreless streak for D Erik Reitz, longest such streak this season
- 3-1-0** Record at Toyota Center in last four games.

### Aeros vs. Sharks

3 Albers	0gp, 0-0=0
4 Belle	2gp, 0-0=0
5 Reitz	2gp, 1-0=1
7 Stoner	1gp, 0-0=0
8 Clutterbuck	0gp, 0-0=0
11 Kelly	0gp, 0-0=0
12 Hamilton	1gp, 0-0=0
14 Foster	7gp, 0-3=3
15 Kalus	9gp, 4-4=8
16 Olvecky	2gp, 0-1=1
19 Irmen	2gp, 0-0=0
20 Scott	2gp, 0-1=1
21 Rosa	5gp, 2-2=4
22 Ward	2gp, 1-0=1
24 Riddle	0gp, 0-0=0
27 Pouliot	2gp, 0-0=0
28 Rogers	4gp, 0-1=1
29 Madsen	0gp, 0-0=0
32 Lakos	0gp, 0-0=0
34 Voros	5gp, 3-0=3
43 Payer	1gp, 0-0=0
49 Gutierrez	

### Sharks vs. Aeros

2 Traverse	8gp, 1-2=3
5 Walsh	1gp, 0-1=1
6 Staubitz	6gp, 1-1=2
7 Spang	1gp, 1-0=1
9 Cavanagh	6gp, 0-4=4
10 Raduns	0gp, 0-0=0
13 Fox	0gp, 0-0=0
14 Valette	12gp, 1-2=3
17 Rome	1gp, 0-0=0
19 Morris	0gp, 0-0=0
20 Armstrong	9gp, 1-1=2
21 Mink	1gp, 1-0=2
22 Kaspar	6gp, 0-3=3
23 Prudden	10gp, 2-3=5
25 Joslin	0gp, 0-0=0
26 Packard	0gp, 0-0=0
28 Busenburg	0gp, 0-0=0
34 Tremblay	0gp, 0-0=0
37 Iggulden	6gp, 8-1=9
44 Evans	2gp, 1-1=2

## TONIGHTS OFFICIALS

### Referee:

Brian Pochmara (43)  
 Rob Shick (16)

### Linesmen:

Sean Finn (77)  
 Paul Wilkinson (73)

