



SYRACUSE CRUNCH
GAME NOTES
 ROCHESTER AMERICANS



Syracuse Crunch vs. Rochester Americans

Wednesday, October 10, 2018 @ The Blue Cross Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 30

TONIGHT'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (0-2-0-0) look for their first win of the young season tonight as they host the North Division rival Syracuse Crunch (1-0-0-0) in the final game of a three-game homestand at The Blue Cross Arena. The 7:05 p.m. matchup will be the first of 12 scheduled meetings between the two teams this season and can be heard live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

LAST TIME OUT

- For the second night in a row, the Amerks dropped a contest to the high-powered Charlotte Checkers, falling 4-2 Saturday night at The Blue Cross Arena in the second game of the weekend between the two teams.
- Eric Cornel** and newcomer **Wayne Simpson** each tallied their first goals of the campaign while goaltender **Scott Wedgewood** made 28 saves in his second straight defeat.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks travel to Webster Bank Arena for a pair of afternoon tilts Saturday and Sunday against the Bridgeport Sound Tigers. Both of the 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. contests can be heard live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

AMERKS AND CRUNCH REACQUAINTED

- Tonight's matchup marks the first meeting between the longtime rivals since the Crunch completed the first-round sweep over the Amerks with a 6-3 victory in Game 3 of the North Division Semifinals in Rochester. Nine of the last 14 regular-season games between the Amerks and Crunch dating back to the 2016-17 campaign have been one-goal games, including six of the last nine. Rochester will face Syracuse more than any other team during its 63rd AHL season as the Amerks and Crunch are set to meet 12 times in 2018-19.

SW EDES LEAD THE GROUP

- Amerks rookie defenseman **Lawrence Pilut** shares the team lead with two points (1+1) through the first two games of the campaign. Pilut earned his first AHL point on **C.J. Smith's** second-period goal in Friday's season-opening loss before scoring his first goal as an Amerk later in the middle frame while Rochester was on the power-play. Entering the week, the 22-year old Sweden native is tied for the league-lead among all first-year blueliners with two points.
- While Pilut enters the week with a pair of points, third-year pro, **Alexander Nylander** also begins the second week of the 2018-19 slate with two points as he tallied two assists last Saturday night. Last season, Nylander, Buffalo's first-round selection in the 2016 NHL Draft, posted a career-best 19 helpers in 54 contests.

2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS
3-4



1-0-0-0 (2 points)

0-2-0-0 (0 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Lawrence Pilut	2	1	1	2	0	1
Alex Nylander	2	0	2	2	0	0
Eric Cornel	2	1	0	1	0	0

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Scott Wedgewood	2	0-2-0	116:26	10	.859 5.15

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Oct. 13	@ Bridgeport	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 14	@ Bridgeport	3:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	@ Utica	7:00 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 5	Charlotte	L 6-2	24-39	1-3	1-3
Oct. 6	Charlotte	L 4-2	36-32	0-5	2-4

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	0-2-0-0	4	10	0
AWAY	0-0-0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	0-2-0-0	4	10	0

CRUNCH OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Alex Barre-Boulet	1	1	1	2	0	0
Taylor Raddysh	1	1	0	1	0	1
Carter Verhaeghe	1	1	0	1	4	0

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Eddie Pasquale	1	1-0-0	60:00	2	.938 2.00



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IRON MAN SIMPSON

- Rochester forward **Wayne Simpson**, who notched his first goal as an Amerk just nine seconds into the second period last Saturday, is the AHL's current leader in consecutive games played with 189. The Boxborough, Mass., native appeared in all 76 games with the Hershey Bears and Providence Bruins over each of the last two seasons prior to joining the Amerks this summer.

AMERKS RETURNEES

- Rochester returns three of its top five scorers from the 2017-18 season, which includes **Zach Redmond**, **Kevin Porter** and **C.J. Smith**.
- Redmond is coming off a career-year last season after leading the team with a career-high 32 assists and 47 points in 66 games for the Amerks. He was one of just three AHL blueliners to lead his respective team in scoring while also becoming the first Amerks defenseman in seven years to lead the team in points since Mike Kostka in 2010-11. He was also named to the AHL's Second All-Star Team.
- Porter, who returns for his fourth season in the Flower City and 11th overall, ranked fourth in points (42) and tied for second in goals (17) in 66 games last season.
- Smith led all Amerks rookies as he finished third on the team and 10th among all AHL rookies in scoring with 44 points (17+27) in 57 games. The Des Moines, Iowa native, who was tabbed the Amerks Rookie of the Year, was also named MVP of the 2018 AHL All-Star Challenge after scoring three goals with two assists, including the lone tally in the championship game that sealed a 1-0 win for Team North over Team Pacific.

EXPERIENCED ROOKIES

- Among the incoming wave of newcomers for the Amerks this season includes the Swedish trio of **Rasmus Asplund**, **Victor Olofsson** and **Lawrence Pilut**, all of whom made their North American debuts last night after playing professionally overseas last season.
- Pilut, who recorded a multi-point (1+1) effort in his AHL debut over the weekend, led all Swedish Hockey League defensemen last season with 38 points and was named the 2017-18 SHL Defenseman of the Year. Olofsson, who too added his first point as an Amerk with the primary assist on Pilut's first tally on Friday night, scored a team-high 27 goals for Frölunda HC, a year after leading the team to an SHL championship in 2016.

SCOUTING THE CRUNCH

- Syracuse rookie forward Alex Barre-Boulet was one of six first-year skaters who dressed during Syracuse's 3-2 win last Saturday over the Hershey Bears. The reigning CHL Player of the Year made his professional debut and struck for his first multi-point effort with a goal and an assist in the victory, with both coming on the power-play.
- Goaltender Eddie Pasquale, who was acquired on Feb. 1 by the Tampa Bay Lightning, stopped 28 of 30 shots for his first win of the season. During the 2017-18 campaign, he combined to go 16-6-7 in 31 appearances with the Crunch and Bakersfield Condors.

AMERKS-CRUNCH 2017-18 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Redmond	8	2	4	6	6	-1
C.J. Smith	7	1	5	6	0	2
Colin Blackwell	8	1	4	5	2	-1

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Adam Wilcox	4	2-1-0	228:57	9	.906	2.36
Linus Ullmark	7	2-4-1	373:02	19	.903	3.06

SYRACUSE

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Matthew Peca	9	3	5	8	0	4
Mitchell Stephens	9	3	5	8	2	7
Mathieu Joseph	8	4	2	6	6	6

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Connor Ingram	3	2-0-1	179:37	4	.947	1.34
Eddie Pasquale	1	1-0-0	60:00	2	.913	2.00

2017-18 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 6	W	3-1	20-29	1-5	6-6
Oct. 7	OTW	3-2	18-26	1-6	4-4
Oct. 28	L	3-2	27-19	1-4	4-5
Nov. 22	OTL	6-5	35-49	2-6	2-2
Jan. 13	L	4-0	27-32	0-6	2-3
Feb. 21	L	2-1	20-31	0-5	4-4
Mar. 10	L	4-2	23-31	2-4	2-2
Mar. 11	SOW	5-4	36-32	0-1	3-3
Apr. 11	L	1-0	38-18	0-6	4-4
Apr. 14	W	4-2	43-26	1-7	4-5

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. CRUNCH: 130-111-17

SERIES NOTABLES

- The Amerks have scored a power-play goal in nine of the last 13 games against Syracuse, going 11-for-49 (22.4%) with the man-advantage over that span.
- Rochester showed a record of 5-5-1-0 last season against the Crunch while Syracuse earned at least one point in each of the first eight games (6-0-1-1) in the head-to-head series.
- Syracuse Crunch head coach Benoit Groulx spent two seasons behind the bench in Rochester from 2008-10, leading the team to a playoff berth during the 2009-10 campaign.