



Rochester Americans @ Bridgeport Sound Tigers

Saturday, October 13, 2018 @ Webster Bank Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 44

TODAY'S GAME

- After playing their first three at home to kick-off the season, the Rochester Americans (1-2-0-0) now set out on a three-game road swing today as they travel to Webster Bank Arena for the first game of a weekend series with the Bridgeport Sound Tigers (1-1-0-0). Following today's 1:00 p.m. matinee with the Sound Tigers, the two clubs will face-off again on Sunday afternoon. Both contests can be heard live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester as well as on AHLTV.

LAST TIME OUT

- Aided by three power-play goals and a shorthanded marker, the Amerks earned their first win of the season with a 6-3 victory over the North Division rival Syracuse Crunch Wednesday night at The Blue Cross Arena.
- Zach Redmond** and rookie **Victor Olofsson** each recorded a game-high three points for the Amerks while **Kyle Criscuolo**, **Danny O'Regan**, **C.J. Smith** and rookie **Lawrence Pilut** all added a goal and an assist. Former Syracuse goaltender **Adam Wilcox**, who made his season debut in the blue paint for Rochester, turned aside 30 shots to pick up his first win of the year.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks and Sound Tigers get right back at it for the second of back-to-back meetings at Webster Bank Arena Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. The contest can be heard live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester and viewed on AHLTV.

OWNING THE ROAD

- The Amerks begin the road portion of their 2018-19 schedule for a pair contests with the Sound Tigers. During the 2017-18 campaign, Rochester held a 19-8-8-3 record away from The Blue Cross Arena. Their 49 points were tied for second-most in the Eastern Conference while their eight regulation losses were third-fewest in the AHL.
- Rochester began last season earning at least one road point in its first six games and earned points in 22 of its first 25 games while owning a 14-3-5-3 record over that span. Rochester did not suffer its first regulation loss until Nov. 18. Prior to suffering their first back-to-back regulation losses in mid-March, the Amerks posted a 16-4-8-3 record in 31 road contests.

IRON MAN SIMPSON

- Rochester forward **Wayne Simpson**, who notched his first goal as an Amerk just nine seconds into the second period last Saturday against Charlotte, is the AHL's current leader in consecutive games played with 190. 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.

2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS
5-10



1-1-0-0 (2 points)

1-2-0-0 (2 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Lawrence Pilut	3	2	2	4	0	4
Victor Olofsson	3	1	3	4	0	-2
Zach Redmond	3	1	3	4	2	-2

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Scott Wedgewood	2	0-2-0	116:26	10	.859	5.15
Adam Wilcox	1	1-0-0	60:00	6	.909	3.00

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Oct. 14	@ Bridgeport	3:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	@ Utica	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 19	vs. Toronto	7:05 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 10	Syracuse	W 6-3	33-33	3-4	7-8
Oct. 6	Charlotte	L 4-2	36-32	0-5	2-4
Oct. 5	Charlotte	L 6-2	24-39	1-3	1-3

YEARLY RECORD

	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	1-2-0-0	10	13	2
AWAY	0-0-0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	1-2-0-0	10	13	2

SOUND TIGERS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Michael Dal-Colle	2	1	3	4	0	-2
Mitchell Vande Sompel	2	1	2	3	0	-1
Chris Bourque	2	1	1	2	4	-1

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Jeremy Smith	1	1-0-0	60:00	1	.952	1.00
Christopher Gibson	1	0-1-0	57:39	5	.821	5.20



//// BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS ////
GAME NOTES
 //// ROCHESTER AMERKS ////



TEAM AND LEAGUE LEADERS

- Amerks rookie defenseman **Lawrence Pilut** shares the team lead along with fellow Swede **Victor Olofsson** and veteran **Zach Redmond** with four points through the first three games of the campaign, good enough for sixth among the AHL's top scorers.
- Pilut tallied his second AHL multi-point effort with a goal and an assist in Wednesday night's 6-3 win. Entering the weekend, Pilut, last year's SHL Defenseman of the Year, is tied with Redmond for the league-lead among all blueliners with four points and paces all first-year defenseman in overall scoring.
- Olofsson enters the weekend tied for second in the AHL among rookie forwards with his four points (1+3). On Wednesday night, the 23-year-old forward registered a career-best three points, which also featured his first American Hockey League goal.
- After enjoying a career-setting year in 2017-18, Redmond has picked up where he left off this season as he shows four points (1+3) through his first three games. The veteran blueliner notched his third three-point effort of his career since joining the Amerks last season as he tallied a goal and two assists Wednesday night against Syracuse.

A POTENT POWER-PLAY

- Last season, the Amerks boasted the league's 12th-best power-play unit with a conversion rate of 18.3%. With Wednesday night's three power-play goals, Rochester has notched four markers through its first three contests of the 2018-19 campaign and is one of only five teams to record four goals with the man-advantage so far this season.

SCOUTING THE SOUND TIGERS

- After recording a 3-1 win and a 6-3 loss to open the 2018-19 campaign on the road last weekend, the Sound Tigers return home to begin a three-game homestand tonight.
- In his fourth stint with the Sound Tigers, forward Michael Dal Colle enters the weekend leading the club in both points (four) and assists (three) through two games. The Woodbridge, Ontario, native has began the slate with a pair of mutli-point performances after recording four in 60 contests with Bridgeport last season.
- Veteran forward Chris Bourque begins his first season with Bridgeport after spending nearly a decade in Hershey over multiple stints with the Bears. Bourque returned to Giant Center on Sunday, scoring his first goal as a Sound Tiger against his former team. It was his 237th career AHL goal (which ties him with Paul Gladu for 50th all-time) and his 694th career point (24th all-time). Bourque, a two-time AHL scoring champion and former MVP, is currently the League's active leading scorer. The six-time AHL All-Star has amassed 694 points (237+457) in 724 career AHL games entering this weekend.
- Bridgeport returns netminder Christopher Gibson to the blue paint for his fourth year with the club. In 144 career games between the Sound Tigers and Toronto Marlies, the 26-year old is 73-49-12 record along with eight shutouts. Bridgeport also added in veteran netminder Jeremy Smith, who made 20 saves in his season debut.

AMERKS-SOUND TIGERS 2017-18 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Redmond	4	2	2	4	2	1
Sean Malone	4	2	1	3	8	2
Hudson Fasching	3	1	2	3	2	1

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Adam Wilcox	2	1-1-0	119:01	6	.905	3.02
Linus Ullmark	2	1-0-1	122:11	4	.930	1.96

BRIDGEPORT

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Travis St. Denis	4	4	3	7	4	3
Ryan Hitchcock	1	0	3	3	0	1
Anthony Hitchcock	1	2	0	2	0	2

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Eamon McAdam	3	1-0-0	37:36	0	1.000	0.00
Kristers Gudlevskis	1	1-1-1	202:27	12	.885	3.56

2017-18 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Dec. 10	W	4-1	33-27	2-3	5-6
Jan. 5	OTW	3-2	28-30	1-2	6-6
Feb. 28	OTL	2-1	26-27	2-6	5-5
Mar. 15	L	6-4	36-27	1-7	3-5

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. BRIDGEPORT: 4-8-0

SERIES NOTABLES

- Today's contest is just the 13th all-time meeting between the two clubs. With Rochester's 4-1 and 3-2 overtime wins last season, it gave the Amerks back-to-back wins over the Sound Tigers for the first time in their team history.
- During the last meeting between the Amerks and Sound Tigers on Mar. 15, Rochester carried a 4-0 1:13 into the second period. However, Travis St. Denis netted a natural hat-trick on the way to a career-best five-point night to lead Bridgeport to a 6-4 come-from-behind win.
- Bridgeport's lineup features Chris and Ryan Bourque, both sons of Stanley Cup champion and Hockey Hall of Famer Ray Bourque.
- Ben Holmstrom sat out Bridgeport's game last Saturday as a healthy scratch, ending his streak of 228 consecutive games played, which was the AHL's longest active streak.