



# Rochester Americans @ Bridgeport Sound Tigers

Sunday, October 14, 2018 @ Webster Bank Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 58

## TODAY'S GAME

• The Rochester Americans (2-2-0-0) and Bridgeport Sound Tigers (1-2-0-0) conclude their weekend series with the second of back-to-back meetings at Webster Bank Arena this 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.

## LAST TIME OUT

• Facing a 3-1 deficit midway through the second period of Saturday's matchup with the Sound Tigers, the Amerks answered with three straight unanswered goals, including one in the final minute from rookie forward **Victor Olofsson**, to earn a 4-3 come-from-behind win at Webster Bank Arena yesterday afternoon.

• For the second consecutive contest, Olofsson (1+1) and veteran defenseman **Zach Redmond** (0+2) each booked multi-point performances to help the Amerks to their second straight win. **Kevin Porter** and **Alexander Nylander** each scored their first goals of the campaign while second-year forward **C.J. Smith** added his team-leading third tally in Rochester's first four games. **Scott Wedgewood** stopped 20 of 23 to record his first official win between the pipes while wearing the red, white and blue.

## ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

• The Amerks close out their three-game road swing on Wednesday, Oct. 17 when they face the Utica Comets for the first time of the young season. The 7:00 p.m. contest will be the first of 10 meetings between the two North Division rivals and can be heard live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

## OWNING THE ROAD

• The Amerks continue with the road portion of their 2018-19 schedule in the second game against the Sound Tigers. Last season, 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 road 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** is the AHL's current leader in consecutive games played with 191. 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**  
8-14



**1-2-0-0 (2 points)**

**2-2-0-0 (4 points)**

## AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Victor Olofsson	4	2	5	6	0	-3
Zach Redmond	4	1	5	6	4	-2
Lawrence Pilut	4	2	3	5	0	4

## GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Scott Wedgewood	3	1-2-0	176:26	13	.862 4.42
Adam Wilcox	1	1-0-0	60:00	3	.909 3.00

## NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Oct. 17	@ Utica	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 19	vs. Toronto	7:05 p.m.
Oct. 20	@ Belleville	7:00 p.m.

## LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 13	Bridgeport	W 4-3	28-23	2-8	5-5
Oct. 10	Syracuse	W 6-3	33-33	3-4	7-8
Oct. 6	Charlotte	L 4-2	36-32	0-5	2-4

## YEARLY RECORD

	GF	GA	POINTS
HOME 1-2-0-0	10	13	2
AWAY 1-0-0-0	4	3	2
TOTALS 1-2-0-0	14	16	4

## SOUND TIGERS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Michael Dal-Colle	3	1	4	5	2	-1
Mitchell Vande Sompel	3	1	2	3	0	-1
Josh Ho-Shang	3	0	3	3	2	-3

## GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Jeremy Smith	1	1-0-0	60:00	1	.952 1.00
Christopher Gibson	2	0-2-0	115:54	9	.839 4.66



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



### TEAM AND LEAGUE LEADERS

- Amerks rookie forward **Victor Olofsson** and veteran defenseman **Zach Redmond** share the team lead with six points through the first four games of the campaign, good enough for fifth among the AHL's top scorers. The duo also top the entire league with four power-play assists and are tied for the team lead with one game-winning goal.
- Olofsson enters the second game of the weekend ranked second among all AHL rookie forwards with his six points (2+4). During yesterday's contest, the 23-year-old forward collected his second straight multi-point outing as he tallied a goal, which was scored with one minute left in regulation to give he Amerks the win, and assist. On Wednesday night, Olofsson 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 six points (1+5) through his first four games to lead all AHL defensemen in scoring. Redmond also currently leads all blueliners in power-play scoring with five points (1+4) and ranks fifth with nine shots on goal.
- Rookie **Lawrence Pilut** sits at a close second behind only Redmond as he paces all first-year defenseman in overall scoring with five points (2+3). Pilut, last year's SHL Defenseman of the Year, has recorded all but one of his five points on the power-play this season, including his two goals, which lead all AHL defensemen.

### A POTENT POWER-PLAY

- With five combined power-play goals over its last two games, Rochester currently has the sixth-best power-play in the AHL with a 30.0% conversion rate. Entering today's game, the Amerks are also one of only four teams to record six goals with the man-advantage so far this season, joining Charlotte, Springfield and Utica in that regard.

### SCOUTING THE SOUND TIGERS

- In his fourth season with the Sound Tigers, forward Michael Dal Colle enters the weekend leading the club in both points (five) and assists (four) through three games. The Woodbridge, Ontario, native 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 last Sunday, scoring his first goal as a Sound Tiger against his former team. It was his 237<sup>th</sup> career AHL goal (which ties him with Paul Gladu for 50<sup>th</sup> all-time) and his 694<sup>th</sup> career point (24<sup>th</sup> 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 725 career AHL games entering today.
- Bridgeport returns netminder Christopher Gibson to the blue paint for his fourth year with the club. In 145 career games between the Sound Tigers and Toronto Marlies, the 26-year old shows a record of 73-50-12 and eight shutouts.

### AMERKS-SOUND TIGERS 2018-19 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

#### ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Victor Olofsson	1	1	1	2	0	-1
Zach Redmond	1	0	2	2	2	0
Kevin Porter	1	1	0	1	0	-2

#### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Scott Wedgewood	1	1-0-0	60:00	3	.870 3.00

#### BRIDGEPORT

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Steve Bernier	1	1	0	1	0	1
Connor Jones	1	1	0	1	2	0
Travis St. Denis	1	1	0	1	4	0

#### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Christopher Gibson	1	0-1-0	58:18	4	.857 4.12

### 2018-19 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 13	W	4-3	28-23	2-8	5-5
Oct. 14					
Jan. 2					
Mar. 8					

### AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. BRIDGEPORT: 5-8-0

#### SERIES NOTABLES

- Today's contest is just the 14<sup>th</sup> all-time meeting between the two clubs. With the yesterday's win, the Amerks have improved to 3-1-1-0 in their last five meetings against the Sound Tigers after going just 1-3-0-0 in the four meetings during the 2016-17 season.
- During the final meeting between the Amerks and Sound Tigers last season on Mar. 15, Rochester carried a 4-0 lead 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, who has yet to make his 2018-19 debut, 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.