



Rochester Americans @ Utica Comets

Wednesday, October 17, 2018 @ Adirondack Bank Center | AHL Regular Season Game No. 67

TONIGHT'S GAME

• The Rochester Americans (3-2-0-0) close out their three-game road swing in search of their fourth straight win tonight when they visit the North Division rival Utica Comets (3-2-0-0) at the Adirondack Bank Center. The 7:00 p.m. contest will be the first of 10 meetings between the two teams this season and will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester as well as AHLTV.

LAST TIME OUT

• After setting up the game-tying goal in the third period to force overtime during Sunday afternoon's game between the Amerks and Bridgeport Sound Tigers, rookie forward **Victor Olofsson** promptly delivered the game-winning goal just 1:46 into the extra stanza to give Rochester a 3-2 victory at Webster Bank Arena.

• For the third consecutive contest, Olofsson (1+1) tallied a multi-point game to help lead Rochester to its third straight win while second-year defenseman **Brendan Guhle** added a pair of assists for his first two-point outing of the season. **Zach Redmond** recorded his second goal of the slate while **Eric Cornel** also bagged his second of the campaign. Goaltender **Adam Wilcox**, who made his second start in the last three contests, finished the game with 15 saves to earn his second win of the season. Dating back to the end of the 2017-18 season, Wilcox shows a record of 4-0-1 in his last five appearances.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

• The Amerks return home to face the defending Calder Cup champion Toronto Marlies for the first of six matchups between the two clubs on Friday, Oct. 19 at The Blue Cross Arena. The 7:05 p.m. contest will be the preceed a 7:00 p.m. road tilt with the Belleville Senators on Saturday, Oct. 20. Both games can be heard live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester and on AHLTV.

OWNING THE ROAD

• The Amerks continue the road portion of their 2018-19 schedule in the final game of a three-game road swing against the Comets. 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.

IRON MAN SIMPSON

• Rochester forward **Wayne Simpson** is the AHL's current leader consecutive games played with 192. 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.

2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS
21-17



3-2-0-0 (6 points)

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AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Victor Olofsson	5	3	5	8	0	-3
Lawrence Pilut	5	2	5	7	2	5
Zach Redmond	5	2	5	7	4	-3

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Adam Wilcox	2	2-0-0	121:08	5	.900 2.48
Scott Wedgewood	3	1-2-0	176:26	13	.862 4.42

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Oct. 19	vs. Toronto	7:05 p.m.
Oct. 20	@ Belleville	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 26	vs. Utica	7:05 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 14	Bridgeport OTW	4-2	32-17	1-2	1-2
Oct. 13	Bridgeport W	4-3	28-23	2-8	5-5
Oct. 10	Syracuse W	6-3	33-33	3-4	7-8

YEARLY RECORD

	GF	GA	POINTS
HOME 1-2-0-0	10	13	2
AWAY 2-0-0-0	7	5	4
TOTALS 3-2-0-0	17	18	6

COMETS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Reid Boucher	5	8	1	9	4	-2
Zack MacEwen	5	2	4	6	4	-4
Tanner MacMaster	5	1	4	5	2	-1

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Ivan Kulbakov	2	2-0-0	120:00	7	.907 3.50
Richard Bachman	3	1-2-0	177:49	11	.891 3.71



UTICA COMETS GAME NOTES ROCHESTER AMERKS



TEAM AND LEAGUE LEADERS

- Amerks rookie forward **Victor Olofsson**, who was named CCM/AHL Player of the Week on Monday, finds himself atop the Amerks scoring leaders after posting back-to-back multi-point efforts over the weekend, including the game-winning goal in both games. Olofsson paces all rookies and is tied for third overall in the AHL with a team-high eight points (3+5) through his first five games of the season. His 14 shots are also tied for second-most among league rookies entering play this week. Olofsson is one of eight AHL rookies to lead his respective team in scoring.
- After enjoying a career-setting year in 2017-18, defenseman **Zach Redmond** has picked up where he left off this season as he shows seven points (2+5) through his first five games to lead all AHL defensemen in scoring. Redmond also currently leads the league in power-play scoring with six points (2+4) and ranks second among AHL defensemen with 16 shots on goal, seven of which came in Sunday's overtime win at Bridgeport.
- Rookie **Lawrence Pilut** is off to a hot start in his North American debut, as he paces all first-year defensemen in overall scoring with seven points (2+5). Pilut, last year's SHL Defenseman of the Year, has recorded all but two of his seven points on the power-play this season, including his two goals, which are tied for the most among all AHL defensemen. He also enters the week riding a three-game point streak (1+4), which began with a three-point effort (1+2) last Wednesday at home against the Syracuse Crunch.

A POTENT POWER-PLAY

- With six combined power-play goals over its last three games, Rochester currently has the fourth-best power-play in the AHL with a 31.8% conversion rate. Entering this week, the Amerks are also one of only two teams to record seven goals with the man-advantage so far this season, joining the Springfield Thunderbirds.

SCOUTING THE COMETS

- As winners in three of their last four games, including a weekend-sweep against Toronwith to, Utica enters tonight with a 3-2-0-0 record, putting the Comets in a four-way tie with Binghamton, Cleveland and Rochester for first place in the AHL's North Division standings.
- Utica returns a total of 17 players from last year's squad, including top point-getter Reid Boucher, who paces the AHL in goals (8) while sharing the league scoring lead with nine points (8+1) in five games. Boucher, who last season led the Comets with a career-high 25 goals and 46 points, is the first American Hockey League player with eight goals in his team's first five games since former Amerk T.J. Brennan completed the feat as a member of the Marlies during the 2013-14 campaign. The sixth-year pro has scored at least one goal in each of his first five games to begin the season and has produced three two-goal games while leading the league with four power-play markers as well. He also owns the AHL's longest active point streak.

AMERKS-COMETS 2017-18 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
C.J. Smith	9	4	6	10	6	4
Brendan Guhle	7	1	5	6	2	3
Kyle Criscuolo	9	1	4	5	4	1

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Linus Ullmark	7	2-1-3	415:11	13	.946	1.88
Adam Wilcox	4	1-1-2	208:39	10	.898	2.88

UTICA

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Reid Boucher	9	3	4	7	6	-1
Darren Archibald	5	3	3	6	4	2
Michael Chaput	5	3	2	5	4	-1

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Thatcher Demko	8	6-1-1	496:01	13	.951	1.57
Richard Bachman	2	1-0-1	125:17	5	.907	2.39

2017-18 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 13	L	2-0	33-30	0-4	6-6
Oct. 21	L	5-1	41-30	0-6	4-8
Nov. 1	SOW	4-3	33-48	2-6	5-6
Nov. 4	SOL	3-2	24-38	1-7	8-9
Nov. 29	OTL	2-1	30-33	0-4	0-0
Dec. 13	W	3-1	34-30	1-1	1-1
Dec. 16	OTW	3-2	30-33	1-6	3-3
Jan. 15	SOL	2-1	28-41	1-4	4-5
Jan. 17	SOL	3-2	35-38	1-4	3-3
Mar. 28	OTL	3-2	33-20	2-4	4-6

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. UTICA: 19-22-5

SERIES NOTABLES

- Rochester went 3-2-2-3 during the 10-game season series with the Comets last season after going 5-3-0-0 in 2016-17.
- In 10 games last season between the Amerks and Comets, seven were decided after regulation, including each of the last four contests.
- **C.J. Smith** recorded 10 points on four goals and six assists, in addition to a plus-four on-ice rating in nine games opposite the Comets last season. Conversely, Utica's Reid Boucher had seven points (3+4) in nine games against the Amerks.