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Laval Rocket vs. Rochester Americans

Saturday, October 27, 2018 @ The Blue Cross Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 125

TONIGHT'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (6-2-1-0) close out the first month of the 2018-19 campaign tonight against the Laval Rocket (3-4-1-0) at The Blue Cross Arena. The 7:05 p.m. contest will be the final game of a six-game stretch against North Division opponents for the Amerks and can be heard live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester. The matchup can also be viewed on AHLTV.

LAST TIME OUT

- With three more assists from **Lawrence Pilut** and a stellar 20-save shutout from goaltender **Scott Wedgewood**, the Amerks blanked the Utica Comets Friday night 4-0 at The Blue Cross Arena to extend their point streak to seven straight games.
- With the victory, the Amerks have collected at least one point in each of the last 10 games against Utica dating back to the start of the 2017-18 campaign as they carry a 5-0-2-3 record over that span. The Amerks have also collected 13 out of a possible 14 points over their last seven games overall.
- Additionally, Rochester increased its North Division lead over the Cleveland Monsters to three points as the team's 13 points are tied for third-most in the AHL.
- Pilut, who missed the last two games with an upper-body injury, returned to the lineup and posted his second straight three-point performance against the Comets in consecutive games. His first came just over a week ago in Rochester's 6-1 win at Utica on Oct. 17. **Zach Redmond** and **Danny O'Regan** each tallied their team-leading fifth goals of the season for Rochester with O'Regan scoring his fourth in as many games, moving him into fifth on the team in points. **Kevin Porter** and **Alexander Nylander** rounded out the scoring. Wedgewood stopped all 20 shots he faced to book the ninth shutout of his career and first as an Amerk while improving to 4-2-0 on the season in what was his fourth straight win in the blue paint.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The oldest rivalry in the American Hockey League will be renewed on Friday, Nov. 2 in Rochester as the Amerks welcome the Hershey Bears back to The Blue Cross Arena for the only time this season. The 7:05 p.m. matchup will be the first of a home-and-home series and the 457th all-time meeting between the league's two cornerstone franchises. The contest can be heard live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester and viewed on AHLTV.

IRON MAN SIMPSON

- Rochester forward **Wayne Simpson** is the AHL's current leader in consecutive games played with 196. Prior to joining the Amerks, the Boxborough, Mass., native appeared in all 76 regular-season games with the Hershey Bears and Providence Bruins over each of the last two seasons.

2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



3-4-1-0 (7 points)

TOTAL GOALS
21-36



6-2-1-0 (13 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Victor Olofsson	9	5	10	15	0	-1
Zach Redmond	9	5	8	13	10	1
Lawrence Pilut	7	2	11	13	2	10

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Scott Wedgewood	6	4-2-0	360:44	18	.901 2.99
Adam Wilcox	3	2-0-1	181:22	10	.875 3.31

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 2	vs. Hershey	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 3	@ Hershey	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 7	vs. Cleveland	7:05 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 26	Utica	W 4-0	24-20	1-5	5-5
Oct. 20	Belleville	OTL 5-4	36-30	1-3	2-6
Oct. 19	Toronto	SOW 5-4	41-42	0-4	2-4

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS
HOME 3-2-0-0	19	17	6
AWAY 3-0-1-0	17	11	7
TOTALS 6-2-1-0	36	28	13

ROCKET OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Kenny Agostino	8	3	4	7	2	-1
Alex Belzile	8	1	5	6	10	0
Byron Froese	8	3	2	5	0	4

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Charlie Lindgren	6	3-2-1	359:26	107	.877 2.50
Michael McNiven	2	0-2-0	115:08	25	.833 2.61



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ROC-STAR STATUS

- The Amerks come into the second game of the weekend owning all three of the AHL's top point-getters in forward **Victor Olofsson** and defensemen **Zach Redmond** and **Lawrence Pilut**.
- Olofsson leads the AHL in scoring and comes into tonight riding a seven-game point streak that includes four multi-point efforts. The 23-year-old forward has recorded 14 points (5+9) during his last seven outings and has been held scoreless just once through his first nine games of the campaign. Olofsson, who was named the AHL's Player of the Week for period ending Oct. 14, currently paces all AHL skaters with 15 points (5+10) and is tied for seventh with five goals. Additionally, he leads the AHL with eight power-play assists while his 29 shots are tied for eighth-most among league leaders. With points in seven straight games, he also owns the third-longest active point streak in the league.
- After enjoying a career-setting year in 2017-18, Redmond has picked up where he left off this season as he shows 13 points (5+8) through his first nine games to lead the league in scoring amongst defensemen. Redmond also currently sits atop the league in power-play scoring with nine points (5+4) with all five of his goals coming on the man-advantage. With points in eight straight games, he owns the longest active point streak in the league coming into tonight.
- Pilut is off to a hot start in his North American debut, currently tied with Redmond in points by a defenseman with 13 points (2+11) in seven games. Pilut, last year's SHL Defenseman of the Year, has recorded all but five of his 13 points on the power-play this season, including his two goals, which are tied for third-most among all AHL blueliners. He also leads all AHL skaters with a team-high 11 assists and has points in five straight games (1+10) for the Amerks.

SPECIAL TEAMS SHOW DOWN

- With an AHL-best 13 power-play goals through its first nine games, Rochester boasts the top ranked power-play unit in the Eastern Conference with a 34.2% conversion rate. Conversely, Laval enters tonight with a 91.2% penalty kill percentage, which is second-best in the Conference.

OFFENSIVE MINDED

- After outscoring the opposition 24-13 over their recent five-game win streak, the Amerks currently lead the AHL in goals scored with 36, including a league-best 13 on the power-play, and are one of only six AHL teams to surpass the 30-goal mark so far this season. Rochester's high-powered offense ranks sixth in the AHL, averaging averaging exactly 4.00 goals-per-game.

SCOUTING THE ROCKET

- Laval enters tonight's contest having dropped its last three games and four of its last five. The Rocket's five goals through their first three road games this season are the fewest in the Eastern Conference.
- Kenny Agostino has a team-high seven points in eight games.

AMERKS-ROCKET 2017-18 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Nick Baptiste	6	4	4	8	0	8
Zach Redmond	6	2	5	7	4	-1
Colin Blackwell	8	5	1	6	2	1

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Linus Ullmark	4	3-1-0	243:22	9	.934	2.22
Adam Wilcox	3	2-1-0	177:26	6	.926	2.03
Jonas Johansson	1	1-0-0	59:46	2	.926	2.01

LAVAL

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Chris Terry	8	5	6	11	4	-3
Adam Cracknell	7	4	3	7	2	-5
Kerby Rychel	7	2	3	5	0	1

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Charlie Lingren	5	2-1-2	304:29	13	.927	2.56
Micheal McNiven	2	0-2-0	117:33	6	.895	3.06
Zachary Fucale	1	0-1-0	60:00	5	.815	5.00

2017-18 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 25	W	5-2	27-39	0-5	5-6
Oct. 27	OTW	4-3	48-36	1-6	4-4
Dec. 22	OTW	3-2	28-36	0-4	4-4
Dec. 23	W	3-1	29-34	0-1	3-3
Dec. 27	L	3-1	32-26	0-5	3-3
Dec. 30	L	4-2	38-27	1-5	2-2
Mar. 4	W	4-2	29-23	1-4	2-3
Apr. 4	W	3-2	33-27	0-4	3-4

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. LAVAL: 6-2-0

SERIES NOTABLES

- Rochester enters tonight's matchup with an all-time record of 6-2-0 against Laval and hold a two-game win streak dating back to last season.
- In his first season with the Rocket, former AHL MVP Kenny Agostino leads the the Laval in points and is tied for first with three goals. In 269 career games between Laval, Providence, Chicago, Stockton and Adiondack, he's tallied 243 points (81+162).
- The Rocket return the goaltending tandem of Michael McNiven and Charlie Lindgren for the second straight season.