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Cleveland Monsters vs Rochester Americans

Wednesday, November 7, 2018 @ KeyBank Center | AHL Regular Season Game No. 175

TONIGHT'S GAME

- For the seventh straight year, the Rochester Americans (8-3-1-0) make the annual trek down the New York State Thruway to play in the home of the Buffalo Sabres tonight as they host the Cleveland Monsters (7-4-1-0) in a North Division showdown at the KeyBank Center in Buffalo. The 7:05 p.m. contest will be the first of eight scheduled meetings between the two teams this season and can be heard live on The Sports Leader AM 950/ 95.7 FM ESPN Rochester as well as AHLTV.

LAST TIME OUT

- Four straight unanswered goals, including two from veteran defenseman **Zach Redmond**, helped the Amerks flip the script in the second-leg of a home-and-home series with the Hershey Bears at Giant Center. Saturday night's 4-1 victory for the Amerks was the 458th all-time meeting with the Bears and second in as many nights between the AHL's two oldest teams.
- Redmond tallied his seventh and eighth goals of the season for the Amerks, who have collected 17 of a possible 20 points in their last 10 contests. The veteran blueliner shows 16 points (8+8) in his last 11 games while **Kevin Porter** and **Dalton Smith** rounded out the scoring. Goaltender **Adam Wilcox**, who came into the contest carrying a 5-0-2 record in his last seven appearances dating back to last season, made 27 saves in a winning effort.
- Rochester's victory, coupled by an 8-4 Cleveland Monsters loss on Sunday, kept the Amerks in sole possession of first place in the AHL's North Division standings ahead of tonight's matchup between the two teams at KeyBank Center in downtown Buffalo.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks are back at The Blue Cross Arena for their lone contest of the weekend on Friday, Nov. 9 when they take on the intrastate rival Syracuse Crunch on Military Appreciation Night. As in years past, the team will again wear special Military-themed jerseys along with matching socks as a tribute to the U.S. Armed Forces. Game time is slated for a 7:05 p.m. start. All of the action can be heard live on The Sports Leader AM 950/ 95.7 FM ESPN Rochester as well as AHLTV.

IRON MAN SIMPSON

- Rochester forward **Wayne Simpson** is the AHL's current leader in consecutive games played with 199. 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, in addition to 35 straight appearances with Portland dating back to 2015-16. Through 12 games with the Amerks this season, Simpson has tallied five points on two goals and three assists.

2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS
40-45



7-4-1-0 (15 points)

8-3-1-0 (17 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

| SKATER | GP | G | A | PTS | PIM | +/- |
|-----------------|----|---|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Zach Redmond | 12 | 8 | 8 | 16 | 12 | 2 |
| Victor Olofsson | 12 | 6 | 10 | 16 | 0 | 1 |
| Lawrence Pilut | 10 | 2 | 13 | 15 | 6 | 11 |

GOALTENDER

| GP | REC | MIN | SVS | SV% | GAA | |
|-----------------|-----|-------|--------|-----|------|------|
| Adam Wilcox | 5 | 3-0-1 | 278:47 | 110 | .909 | 2.37 |
| Scott Wedgewood | 8 | 5-3-0 | 439:44 | 206 | .900 | 3.14 |

NEXT THREE GAMES

| Date | Opponent | Time |
|---------|---------------|-----------|
| Nov. 9 | vs. Syracuse | 7:05 p.m. |
| Nov. 16 | @ Springfield | 7:05 p.m. |
| Nov. 17 | @ Providence | 7:05 p.m. |

LAST THREE GAMES

| Date | Opponent | Score | SF-SA | PP | PK |
|---------|----------|-------|-------|-----|-------|
| Nov. 3 | Hershey | W 4-1 | 34-27 | 0-4 | 4-4 |
| Nov. 2 | Hershey | L 4-2 | 36-24 | 0-5 | 1-2 |
| Oct. 27 | Laval | W 3-2 | 25-39 | 0-6 | 10-12 |

YEARLY RECORD

| | GF | GA | POINTS |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| HOME 4-3-0-0 | 24 | 23 | 8 |
| AWAY 4-0-1-0 | 21 | 12 | 9 |
| TOTALS 8-3-1-0 | 45 | 35 | 17 |

MONSTERS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

| SKATER | GP | G | A | PTS | PIM | +/- |
|---------------|----|----|---|-----|-----|-----|
| Zac Dalpe | 12 | 12 | 7 | 19 | 15 | 2 |
| Eric Robinson | 12 | 5 | 7 | 12 | 2 | 5 |
| Paul Bittner | 10 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 9 | 7 |

GOALTENDER

| GP | REC | MIN | SVS | SV% | GAA | |
|----------------------|-----|-------|--------|-----|------|------|
| Brad Thiessen | 2 | 2-0-0 | 90:19 | 43 | .935 | 1.99 |
| Matiss Kivlenieks | 3 | 2-0-0 | 154:24 | 67 | .918 | 2.33 |
| Jean-Francois Berube | 8 | 3-4-1 | 477:25 | 222 | .892 | 3.39 |



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ROC-STAR STATUS

- **Victor Olofsson**, who last week was named the CCM/AHL Player of the Month for October after leading the AHL in scoring through the first month of the season, is currently tied with Redmond for second overall in the league with 16 points (6+10) in 12 games. Olofsson has recorded points in eight of his last 10 games, including a seven-game point streak (5+9) to close out the month of October, and has been held scoreless just three times all season. Olofsson, who was also named the AHL's Player of the Week for period ending Oct. 14, is tied for fourth among league leaders with 10 assists, including an AHL-best eight of on the power-play.
- Redmond shows 16 points (8+8) through his first 12 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) as five of his eight goals this season have come on the man-advantage. Redmond, who had an AHL-best nine-game point streak to end the month of October, is on pace to become the first Amerks defenseman to reach the 10-goal mark in the fewest amount of games to start the season since T.J. Brennan during the 2012-13 campaign. Brennan, a two-time Eddie Shore Award winner and a five-time AHL All-Star, had nine goals by his 16th game that year and scored his 10th in just his 25th appearance of the season. Additionally, Redmond is also on pace to surpass his own career-mark of 15 he scored last season, having already scored more than in 2018-19.
- Amerks defenseman **Lawrence Pilut** ranks second behind only Redmond in points by a defenseman with 15 points (2+13) in 10 games. Pilut, last year's SHL Defenseman of the Year, has recorded all but seven of his 15 points on the power-play this season, including his two goals, which are tied for fourth-most among all AHL blueliners. He enters the week with points in seven of his last eight games, including three three-point efforts over that span.

- **Scott Wedgewood** has got the nod between the pipes in six of the last eight games. After dropping his first two games of the season, the sixth-year netminder won five straight to close out the month of October, matching the career-best mark he set while backstopping the Albany Devils during the 2015-16 campaign. He enters the week tied for fourth in wins (5) and 11th in minutes played (440).

SCOUTING THE MONSTERS

- Following an 8-4 home loss to the Grand Rapids Griffins on Sunday, the Monsters enter tonight's game at 7-4-1-0 on the season. With a .625 points percentage, Cleveland currently ranks second in the AHL's North Division standings behind the Amerks.
- Zac Dalpe currently leads the AHL with 19 points and is tied for the league-lead with 12 goals in 12 games this season. Following an impressive eight-point performance (5+3), including a hat trick, over the past two games for Cleveland, Dalpe was named the CCM/AHL Player of the Week on Tuesday. The former Amerk and Buffalo Sabre is also in the midst of a three-game goal-scoring streak.

AMERKS-MONSTERS 2015-16 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

| SKATER | GP | G | A | PTS | PIM | +/- |
|---------------|----|---|---|-----|-----|-----|
| Nick Baptiste | 4 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| Jean Dupuy | 3 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| Matt Ellis | 4 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |

GOALTENDER

| GOALTENDER | GP | REC | MIN | GA | SV% | GAA |
|----------------|----|-------|--------|----|-------|------|
| Adam Makarov | 1 | 1-0-0 | 60:00 | 0 | 1.000 | 0.00 |
| Nathan Lieuwen | 2 | 1-0-1 | 121:59 | 7 | .901 | 3.44 |
| Linus Ullmark | 1 | 0-1-0 | 59:41 | 4 | .862 | 4.04 |

Cleveland

| SKATER | GP | G | A | PTS | PIM | +/- |
|-----------------|----|---|---|-----|-----|-----|
| Alex Broadhurst | 4 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 0 | -2 |
| Daniel Zaar | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 |
| John Ramage | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 |

GOALTENDER

| GOALTENDER | GP | REC | MIN | GA | SV% | GAA |
|------------------|----|-------|--------|----|------|------|
| Joonas Korpisalo | 1 | 0-1-0 | 57:48 | 2 | .867 | 2.08 |
| Anton Forsberg | 3 | 2-1-0 | 179:54 | 10 | .877 | 2.08 |

2015-16 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

| Date | Result | Score | SF-SA | PP | PK |
|---------|--------|-------|-------|-----|-----|
| Oct. 9 | W | 6-3 | 24-38 | 1-4 | 2-4 |
| Feb. 25 | L | 5-2 | 27-30 | 0-3 | 0-2 |
| Apr. 9 | OTL | 4-3 | 31-33 | 1-3 | 3-4 |
| Apr. 10 | W | 2-0 | 15-30 | 1-2 | 2-2 |

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. CLEVELAND: 30-21-6

SERIES NOTABLES

- Amerks assistant coach **Toby Petersen** spent the 2015-16 and 2016-17 seasons behind the bench with the Monsters. Petersen helped the team earn its first Calder Cup in 2016.
- Tonight is the first game between the Amerks and Monsters since the 2015-16 season. Rochester holds a record of 20-5-2-3 over Cleveland since the start of the 2011-12 campaign.
- The Amerks have outscored the opposition 41-25 over their last 10 games entering tonight and have a share of the league-lead in goals with 45, including 13 on the power-play.
- Monsters captain Nathan Gerbe spent five seasons in the Buffalo Sabres organization from 2008-12 and was named the AHL's Rookie of the Year in 2008-09 after leading all first-year players with 56 points (30+26) in 57 games for the Portland Pirates.