



Syracuse Crunch vs. Rochester Americans

Friday, November 9, 2018 @ The Blue Cross Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 187

TONIGHT'S GAME

- The first-place Rochester Americans (9-3-1-0) are back at The Blue Cross Arena for their lone contest of the weekend tonight as they host the intrastate rival Syracuse Crunch (4-5-0-0) 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 and can be viewed on AHLTV.

LAST TIME OUT

- Forwards **Justin Bailey** and **Wayne Simpson** each scored twice as the Amerks came away with a 5-2 victory over the Cleveland Monsters Wednesday night at KeyBank Center in downtown Buffalo.
- The victory widened Rochester's hold atop the American Hockey League's North Division standings to four points over the Monsters while the Amerks have collected 19 out of a possible 22 points in their last 11 contests and have won four of their last five overall.
- In addition to Bailey and Simpson each scoring twice, **Sean Malone**, who made his season debut after missing the first 12 games due to a lower-body injury, and **Taylor Fedun** each recorded a pair of assists while veteran defenseman **Zach Redmond** scored his ninth marker of the season for the Amerks, who dating back to the start of the 2011-12 season, hold a 21-5-2-3 record in the season series. Goaltender **Scott Wedgewood** stopped 24 of 26 shots he faced to pick up his sixth win in the last seven starts.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- After a rare weekend off, the Amerks embark on their first three-in-three of the young season on Friday, Nov. 16 when they visit the Springfield Thunderbirds at MassMutual Center. Rochester's three-game swing through the Atlantic Division continues with a Saturday night matchup against the Providence before closing out the trip on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. in Hartford against the Wolf Pack. All of the action from each of the weekend's games 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 200. 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 for the Portland Pirates dating back to the 2015-16 campaign. Simpson, who registered his first two-goal outing Wednesday night since Mar. 20, 2016 as a member of the Pirates, has tallied seven points on four goals and three assists through 13 games with the Amerks this season.

2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS
29-50



4-5-0-0 (8 points)

9-3-1-0 (19 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Redmond	13	9	8	17	12	3
Victor Olofsson	13	6	10	16	0	1
Lawrence Pilut	11	2	14	16	6	13

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA	
Adam Wilcox	5	3-0-1	278:47	110	.909	2.37
Scott Wedgewood	9	6-3-0	499:44	230	.902	3.00

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 16	@ Springfield	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 17	@ Providence	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 18	@ Hartford	3:00 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Nov. 7	Cleveland	W 5-2	39-26	0-1	2-2
Nov. 3	Hershey	W 4-1	34-27	0-4	4-4
Nov. 2	Hershey	L 4-2	36-24	0-5	1-2

YEARLY RECORD

	GF	GA	POINTS
HOME 5-3-0-0	29	25	10
AWAY 4-0-1-0	21	12	9
TOTALS 9-3-1-0	50	37	19

CRUNCH OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Andy Andreoff	9	5	3	8	15	2
Cory Conacher	5	3	4	7	10	3
Carter Verhaeghe	9	3	4	7	8	-5

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA	
Eddie Pasquale	4	2-2-0	239:45	110	.894	3.25
Connor Ingram	5	2-3-0	296:17	137	.890	3.44



//// SYRACUSE CRUNCH ////
GAME NOTES
 //// ROCHESTER AMERKS ////



ROC-STAR STATUS

- Redmond shows 17 points (9+8) through his first 13 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 nine 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 half in 2018-19.
- **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 **Lawrence Pilut** for fifth overall in the league with 16 points (6+10) in 13 games. Oloffson has recorded points in eight of his last 11 games, including a seven-game point streak (5+9) to close out the month of October, and has been held scoreless just four times all season. Olofsson, who was also named the AHL's Player of the Week for period ending Oct. 14, is tied for fifth among league leaders with 10 assists, including an AHL-best eight on the power-play.
- Pilut, last year's Swedish Hockey League Defenseman of the Year, ranks second behind only Redmond in points by a defenseman with 16 points (2+14) in 11 games. He's recorded all but seven of his points on the power-play this season, including his two goals, which are tied for fourth-most among all AHL blueliners. The first-year AHL defenseman enters play tonight pacing all skaters with a league-leading 14 assists and has points in eight of his last nine games. Additionally, Pilut ranks fourth in the league with a plus-13 rating.
- **Scott Wedgewood** has got the nod between the pipes in seven of the last nine 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 season. He enters tonight tied for second in wins (6) and sixth in minutes played (500).

SCOUTING THE CRUNCH

- Syracuse comes into the matchup having collected back-to-back wins for the first time this season after completing a weekend-sweep over the Belleville Senators last weekend.
- Cory Conacher, who was loaned to the Crunch on Oct. 18 from Tampa Bay, has seven points in five games with Syracuse, which is tied for second on the team. Conacher exploded for four points (2+2) Saturday against Belleville. It was the 28-year-old's first four-point game since recording back-to-back four-point games in Game 3 and Game 4 of the 2017 Eastern Conference Finals vs. Providence.

AMERKS-CRUNCH 2018-19 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

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

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Adam Wilcox	1	1-0-0	60:00	3	.909	3.00

SYRACUSE

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Alex Barre-Boulet	1	1	0	1	0	0
Jonne Tammaia	1	1	0	1	0	1
Dennis Yan	1	1	0	1	0	2

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Eddie Pasquale	1	0-1-0	59:45	6	.818	6.03

2018-19 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 10	W	6-3	33-33	3-4	7-8
Nov. 9					
Dec. 8					
Jan. 26					
Feb. 6					
Feb. 15					
Feb. 16					
Mar. 2					
Mar. 3					
Apr. 5					
Apr. 6					
Apr. 13					

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. CRUNCH: 131-111-17

SERIES NOTABLES

- The Amerks have scored a power-play goal in 10 of the last 14 games against Syracuse, going 14-for-53 (26.4%) with the man-advantage over that span.
- In the only other get-together between the two teams this season, the Amerks tallied four of their six goals on special teams, which included three on the power-play.
- Rochester shows a record of 6-5-1-0 dating back to last season against the Crunch while Syracuse has recorded at least one point in eight of the last nine games (6-1-1-1) in the head-to-head series.