



//// UTICA COMETS ////  
**GAME NOTES**  
 //// ROCHESTER AMERICANS ////



## Utica Comets vs. Rochester Americans

Friday, November 23, 2018 @ The Blue Cross Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 271

### TONIGHT'S GAME

- The first-place Rochester Americans (11-4-2-0) return to action tonight to take on the intrastate rival Utica Comets (7-10-1-1) in a post-Thanksgiving Day matchup at The Blue Cross Arena. Game time is slated for a 7:05 p.m. start and will be carried live on The Sports Leader AM 950/ 95.7 FM ESPN Rochester as well as AHLTV.

### LAST TIME OUT

- As the Amerks entered the final period of Sunday's matinee against the Hartford Wolf Pack, they faced a two-goal deficit in the final game of their first three-in-three of the season. However, when the final horn sounded, it was the Amerks who came away with a 4-3 come-from-behind win at the XL Center thanks to three third-period goals.
- With the victory, the Amerks have earned 24 out of a possible 28 points in the last 14 contests and have won six of their last nine games overall for a five-point cushion atop the AHL's North Division.
- Defensemen **Lawrence Pilut** and **Zach Redmond**, who scored his sixth game-winning goal of the season, each posted a two-point performance (1+1) while rookie forward **Rasmus Asplund** turned in his first-career multi-point outing with a goal and an assist. **Danny O'Regan** also found the back of the net to complete the scoring for Rochester while goaltender **Adam Wilcox** improved to 5-1-1 on the season as he stopped 35 of 38 shots he faced.

### ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks close out the road portion of the second month of the 2018-19 season on Saturday, Nov. 24 when they make their way to the southern tier for a North Division showdown against the Binghamton Devils at Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena. The 7:05 p.m. contest will be carried live on The Sports Leader AM 950/ 95.7 FM ESPN Rochester and can be viewed on AHLTV.

### REDMOND CHASING HISTORY

- By scoring the game-winner this past Sunday against Hartford, Redmond notched his team-leading 12<sup>th</sup> goal in just his 17<sup>th</sup> game of the season. The goal was also his sixth game-winner of the year, setting a new career-high. On Friday, Nov. 9, Redmond became the fastest Amerks defenseman to score 10 goals in the fewest amount of games to begin the season since Amerks Hall of Famer **Don McSween** reached the mark in his first 21 games during the 1989-90 campaign. McSween would later go on to become the top scoring defenseman in franchise history. Redmond, who last season was the first Rochester blueliner in seven years to lead the team in scoring, is three goals away from matching his career-high of 15 from last season and needs just six more goals to tie the single-season franchise record for the most goals by a defenseman of 18, set by Hall of Famer **Rick Pagnutti** during the 1972-73 campaign.

### 2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



**TOTAL GOALS**  
52-63



**7-10-1-1 (16 points)**

**11-4-2-0 (24 points)**

### AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Lawrence Pilut	15	3	19	22	10	16
Zach Redmond	17	12	9	21	16	4
Victor Olofsson	14	6	11	17	0	2

### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA	
Adam Wilcox	8	5-1-1	438:02	193	.902	2.88
Scott Wedgewood	11	6-3-1	583:54	265	.892	3.29

### NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 24	@ Binghamton	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 30	vs. W/B Scranton	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 1	@ Binghamton	7:05 p.m.

### LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Nov. 18	Hartford	W 4-3	28-38	0-2	5-5
Nov. 17	Providence	OTL 3-2	29-30	0-5	4-5
Nov. 16	Springfield	L 9-4	37-35	2-5	5-7

### YEARLY RECORD

	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	6-3-0-0	32	27	12
AWAY	5-1-2-0	31	27	12
TOTALS	11-4-2-0	63	54	24

### COMETS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Reid Boucher	12	10	6	16	4	-7
Tanner Kero	19	5	9	14	8	-8
Zack MacEwen	19	7	6	13	23	-8

### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA	
Ivan Kulbakov	12	5-5-2	635:43	307	.892	3.49
Richard Bachman	5	1-4-0	297:40	134	.865	4.23
Connor LaCouvee	3	0-1-0	146:24	50	.877	2.87
Thatcher Demko	1	1-0-0	60:00	19	.905	2.00



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## PILUT TAKES FLIGHT

- The Amerks will be without the services of the AHL's leading point-getter **Lawrence Pilut**, who earned the first Amerks recall of the season – and first of his career – on Wednesday. The former SHL Defenseman of the Year can potentially make his NHL debut later today when the Sabres host the Montreal Canadiens. Pilut has continued his torrid start to his North American debut, picking up another multi-point effort Sunday in Hartford to extend his current point streak to eight games while surpassing Redmond as the league's top scoring defenseman with 22 points (3+19) in 15 games. Pilut has recorded nearly half of his 22 points on the power-play this season, including two of his three goals, which are tied for sixth-most among all AHL blueliners. He enters the week with points in 12 of his last 13 games and has been held scoreless just twice all season. He currently leads the AHL with 19 assists while his team-best plus-16 on-ice rating is tied for second in the league in that category.

## RED HOT REDS

- After enjoying a career-setting year in 2017-18, Remdond has picked up where he left off this season as he shows 21 points (12+9) through his first 17 games to rank second in the league in scoring amongst defensemen behind only Pilut. Redmond is tied for fourth in the league in power-play scoring with 10 points (6+4) as six of his 12 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 tied for second in the league in goals and third overall in points, while his six game-winning goals are tops in the AHL.

## IRON MAN SIMPSON

- Rochester forward **Wayne Simpson** is the AHL's current leader in consecutive games played with 204. 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 has tallied seven points on four goals and three assists through 17 games.

## BUSY BETWEEN THE PIPES

- Scott Wedgewood** has got the nod between the pipes in nine of the last 11 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 slate. He enters tonight's game tied for fourth among goalies in wins (6) and fourth in shutouts (1).

## SCOUTING THE COMETS

- With its 3-2 win on Thanksgiving Eve, Utica snapped its season-long four-game winless streak, in which they went 0-3-0-1 while being outscored 22-11 during that stretch.
- Rookie defenseman Olli Juolevi currently leads all AHL first-year blueliners with 13 points and 12 assists in 19 games this season.

## AMERKS-COMETS 2018-19 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

### ROCHESTER

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

### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Scott Wedgewood	2	2-0-0	119:18	1	.978	0.50

### UTICA

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Olli Juolevi	2	1	0	1	0	-1
Reid Boucher	1	0	1	1	0	0
Tanner Kero	2	0	1	1	0	0

### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Richard Bachman	2	0-2-0	119:51	10	.815	5.01

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

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 17	W	6-1	32-17	4-5	2-3
Oct. 26	W	4-0	24-20	1-4	0-5
Nov. 23					
Dec. 5					
Dec. 29					
Jan. 25					
Feb. 9					
Feb. 22					
Feb. 27					
Mar. 13					

## AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. UTICA: 21-22-5

## SERIES NOTABLES

- Rochester has collected at least one point in each of the last 10 games against Utica dating back to the start of the 2017-18 campaign, going 5-0-2-3 over that span.
- Seven of the last 10 games between the two teams have been decided after regulation.
- In the previous two get-togethers with the Comets this season, the Amerks have gone 5-for-9 while on the man-advantage, which included 4-for-5 in the first meeting back on Oct. 17. The four power-play goals were the most while on the road since the Amerks went 4-for-6 at Syracuse on Mar. 12, 2016.