



# Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins vs. Rochester Americans

Friday, November 30, 2018 @ The Blue Cross Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 315

## TONIGHT'S GAME

- The first-place Rochester Americans (12-5-2-0) return home to bring the month of November to a close tonight when they host the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins (9-8-3-0) for the only time this season at The Blue Cross Arena. The 7:05 p.m. contest will be the first of just two meetings between the two teams this season and will be carried live on The Sports Leader AM 950/95.7 FM ESPN Rochester. The matchup can also be viewed on AHLTV.

## LAST TIME OUT

- The Amerks survived a late third-period comeback against the Binghamton Devils and picked up a 4-3 win Saturday night at Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena.
- With the victory, the Amerks have collected 26 out of a possible 34 points in their last 17 games and maintain a three-point lead over Syracuse for the top spot in the AHL's North Division standings.
- Alexander Nylander** pushed his point streak to three games as the Swedish forward tallied a multi-point game with a goal and an assist, while **Kevin Porter**, **Wayne Simpson** and **Zach Redmond** all found the net in the win. Goaltender **Scott Wedgewood**, who was a member of the Devils organization for parts of seven seasons, stopped 27 of 30 shots he faced to improve to 7-3-1 on the season.

## ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks return to Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena for the second time in as many weeks on Saturday, Dec. 1 as they meet-up with the Binghamton Devils for a North Division showdown in the southern tier. 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.

## REDMOND CHASING HISTORY

- By scoring Rochester's first goal of the game this past Saturday in Binghamton, **Zach Redmond** notched his team-leading 13<sup>th</sup> goal in just his 19<sup>th</sup> game of the season. Earlier this season, 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 two goals away from matching his career-high of 15 from last season and needs just five more to tie the single-season franchise record for the most goals by a defenseman of 18, set by **Rick Pagnutti** during the 1972-73 campaign. The AHL record for goals scored by a defenseman is currently held by John Slaney, who netted 30 for Wilkes-Barre/Scranton during the 1999-00 season.

## 2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



**TOTAL GOALS**  
67-71



**9-8-3-1 (22 points)**

**12-5-2-0 (26 points)**

## AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Redmond	19	13	9	22	16	5
Lawrence Pilut*	16	3	19	22	10	19
Victor Olofsson	16	6	12	18	0	2

\*Currently on NHL recall with Buffalo

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV% GAA
Adam Wilcox	9	5-2-1	495:32	211	.890 3.15
Scott Wedgewood	12	7-3-1	643:54	292	.893 3.26

## NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Dec. 1	@ Binghamton	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 5	vs. Utica	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 7	vs. Providence	7:05 p.m.

## LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Nov. 24	Binghamton	W 4-3	37-30	0-1	4-5
Nov. 23	Utica	L 5-4	47-22	1-6	3-5
Nov. 18	Hartford	W 4-3	28-38	0-2	5-5

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS
<b>HOME</b> 6-4-0-0	36	32	12
<b>AWAY</b> 6-1-2-0	35	30	14
<b>TOTALS</b> 12-5-2-0	71	62	26

## PENGUINS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Teddy Blueger	21	6	9	15	14	6
Sam Lafferty	21	4	11	15	22	0
Ethan Prow	21	5	8	13	4	15

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV% GAA
Tristan Jerry	11	4-5-2	644:25	308	.909 2.89
Anthony Peters	10	5-2-2	565:13	265	.904 2.97
John Muse	1	0-1-0	57:54	31	.912 3.11



# WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON PENGUINS GAME NOTES ROCHESTER AMERKS



## PILOT TAKES FLIGHT

- Prior to earning his second NHL recall in six days from the Buffalo Sabres on Tuesday, **Lawrence Pilut** saw his career-long seven-game point streak end on Saturday night. It was just the third time all season that the former SHL Defenseman of the Year had been held without a point. 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 ninth among all AHL blueliners. He enters the weekend with points in 12 of his last 14 games and currently leads the AHL in with 19 assists while his team-best plus-19 on-ice rating is also the best mark in the league in that category. His 22 points, meanwhile, lead all defensemen and are tied for fifth overall in the league.

## RED HOT 'REDS'

- Of Redmond's team-high 13 goals this season, six have held up as game-winning goals, a new career-high, while six have also been scored on the man-advantage, good enough for second in the league in that category. 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 (13) and is tied for fifth in points (22), 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 206. 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.

## BUSY BETWEEN THE PIPES

- **Scott Wedgewood** has got the nod between the pipes in 10 of the last 13 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 the weekend tied for fifth among goalies in wins (7) and fourth in shutouts (1).

## SCOUTING THE PENGUINS

- With Wednesday's 3-1 win in Hershey, the Penguins ended a season-long five-game winless streak. Wilkes-Barre/Scranton shows a 2-4-2-0 record in its previous eight contests to fall to sixth in the AHL's Atlantic Division.
- Rookie Sam Lafferty currently paces the Penguins with 11 assists in 21 games this season while his 15 overall points are tied for the club lead with forward Teddy Blueger. Lafferty's 11 helpers rank seventh-best in the AHL among first-year players while his 15 points are tied for ninth.
- Former Amerks goaltenders Anthony Peters and John Muse have appeared in a combined 11 games with Wilkes-Barre/Scranton this season, showing a 5-3-2 record between the two.

## AMERKS-PENGUINS 2017-18 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

### ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Seth Griffith	2	2	4	6	2	2
Kyle Criscuolo	1	2	2	4	2	2
Alexander Nylander	2	2	2	4	0	1

### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	2	2-0-0	120:00	5	.919 2.50

### WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Teddy Blueger	1	2	0	2	0	2
Cody Wydo	1	1	1	2	2	1
Jarrett Burton	1	1	0	1	0	0

### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Anthony Peters	2	0-1-0	96:11	12	.747 7.49
Casey DeSmith	1	0-1-0	22:53	3	.714 10.49

## 2017-18 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Dec. 2	W	5-2	37-24	1-7	1-1
Feb. 16	W	12-3	37-38	6-9	2-3

## AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. W-B/SCRANTON: 17-18-7

## SERIES NOTABLES

- Tonight is the 43<sup>rd</sup> all-time meeting between the two teams with the Amerks having won three of the last five get-togethers. Rochester's 5-2 win on Dec. 2 last season marked its first victory in Wilkes-Barre/Scranton since a 4-0 shutout on Feb. 1, 2014.
- Amerks head coach **Chris Taylor** along with team captain **Kevin Porter** spent the 2016-17 season with the Penguins while Amerks assistant coach **Toby Petersen** spent parts of three seasons as a player with the Penguins from 2000-2004.
- Amerks general manager **Randy Sexton** also spent seven seasons (2010-11 to 2016-17) with the Pittsburgh Penguins organization while playing a key role in leading the Penguins to back-to-back Stanley Cups in 2016 and 2017.
- Penguins defenseman Matt Abt played the last four seasons at R.I.T., where he was a teammate of **Myles Powell**, who's currently in Cincinnati. Abt set career-highs in all goals and points and finished third in scoring among Tiger blueliners in 2017-18.