



Rochester Americans @ Binghamton Devils

Saturday, December 1, 2018 @ Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 320

TONIGHT'S GAME

- The first-place Rochester Americans (13-5-2-0) return to Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena for the second time in as many weeks tonight as they meet-up with the Binghamton Devils (9-10-3-0) 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.

LAST TIME OUT

- Scott Wedgewood** stopped all 35 shots he faced to pick up his second shutout of the season and **Victor Olofsson's** second-period tally proved to be the difference as the Amerks topped the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins Friday night at The Blue Cross Arena.
- With the 1-0 victory, the Amerks, who have collected 28 out of a possible 36 points in the last 18 games, maintain their three-point lead atop the AHL's North Division standings.
- Wedgewood improved to 8-3-1 on the season by picking up his second shutout of the season. The sixth-year netminder is now tied for third amongst all AHL goalies with eight wins and a pair of shutouts. Olofsson tallied his seventh marker of the season for Rochester, which has won four of the last six get-togethers with Wilkes-Barre/Scranton dating back to the 2016-17 season.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks return home on Wednesday, Dec. 5 when they take on the intrastate rival Utica Comets at The Blue Cross Arena. Following the 7:05 p.m. contest, Rochester hosts the only visit of the season from the Providence Bruins on Friday, Dec. 7. Both contests 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 last Saturday in Binghamton, **Zach Redmond** notched his team-leading 13th goal in just his 19th 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
61-72



9-10-3-0 (21 points)

12-5-2-0 (28 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

| SKATER | GP | G | A | PTS | PIM | +/- |
|-----------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Zach Redmond | 20 | 13 | 9 | 22 | 16 | 5 |
| Lawrence Pilut* | 16 | 3 | 19 | 22 | 10 | 19 |
| Victor Olofsson | 17 | 7 | 12 | 19 | 0 | 3 |

*Currently on NHL recall with Buffalo

| GOALTENDER | GP | REC | MIN | SVS | SV% GAA |
|-----------------|----|-------|--------|-----|-----------|
| Scott Wedgewood | 13 | 8-3-1 | 703:33 | 327 | .903 2.98 |
| Adam Wilcox | 9 | 5-2-1 | 495:32 | 211 | .890 3.15 |

NEXT THREE GAMES

| Date | Opponent | Time |
|--------|----------------|-----------|
| Dec. 5 | vs. Utica | 7:05 p.m. |
| Dec. 7 | vs. Providence | 7:05 p.m. |
| Dec. 8 | @ Syracuse | 7:05 p.m. |

LAST THREE GAMES

| Date | Opponent | Result | SF-SA | PP | PK |
|---------|-------------|--------|-------|-----|-----|
| Nov. 30 | WB/Scranton | W 1-0 | 30-35 | 0-2 | 4-4 |
| Nov. 24 | Binghamton | W 4-3 | 37-30 | 0-1 | 4-5 |
| Nov. 23 | Utica | L 5-4 | 47-22 | 1-6 | 3-5 |

| YEARLY RECORD | GF | GA | POINTS |
|-----------------|----|----|--------|
| HOME 7-4-0-0 | 37 | 32 | 14 |
| AWAY 6-1-2-0 | 35 | 30 | 14 |
| TOTALS 13-5-2-0 | 72 | 62 | 28 |

DEVILS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

| SKATER | GP | G | A | PTS | PIM | +/- |
|-----------------|----|---|---|-----|-----|-----|
| Marian Studenic | 21 | 8 | 6 | 14 | 6 | 5 |
| Nick Lappin | 22 | 9 | 4 | 13 | 15 | -7 |
| Blake Pietila | 21 | 7 | 6 | 13 | 12 | -9 |

| GOALTENDER | GP | REC | MIN | SVS | SV% GAA |
|---------------------|----|-------|--------|-----|-----------|
| Mackenzie Blackwood | 10 | 4-4-1 | 549:22 | 267 | .924 2.40 |
| Eddie Lack | 6 | 2-3-1 | 350:55 | 151 | .863 4.10 |
| Cam Johnson | 4 | 2-2-0 | 235:21 | 99 | .846 4.59 |



PILUT TAKES FLIGHT

- Prior to earning his second NHL recall in six days from the Buffalo Sabres on Tuesday and making his NHL debut last night, **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 sixth 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 third 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 sixth 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 207. 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 Wedgwood** has got the nod between the pipes in 11 of the last 14 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 third among goalies in wins (8) and third in shutouts (2).

SCOUTING THE DEVILS

- Despite coming into the matchup with a 2-4-1-0 record in their last seven games, the Devils share fourth place in the AHL's North Division standings with 21 points overall.
- Rookie Marian Studenic currently leads Devils with 14 points (8+6) in 21 games this season. The first-year forward has posted 10 points (4+6) over his last 12 outings, which includes back-to-back two-point efforts. Nick Lappin paces Binghamton with nine goals.
- Goaltender Mackenzie Blackwood enters tonight's contest with a 4-4-0 record in 10 appearances on the season, which leads all Binghamton netminders. The third-year goaltender carries a 28-35-11 mark in 78 career games, along with five shutouts with the Devils.

AMERKS-DEVILS 2018-19 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

| SKATER | GP | G | A | PTS | PIM | +/- |
|--------------------|----|---|---|-----|-----|-----|
| Alexander Nylander | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Kevin Porter | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Zach Redmond | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |

GOALTENDER

| GP | REC | MIN | GA | SV% | GAA | |
|----------------|-----|-------|-------|-----|------|------|
| Scott Wedgwood | 1 | 1-0-0 | 60:00 | 3 | .900 | 3.00 |

BINGHAMTON

| SKATER | GP | G | A | PTS | PIM | +/- |
|-------------------|----|---|---|-----|-----|-----|
| Josh Jacobs | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Blake Pietila | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | -2 |
| Egor Sharangovich | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

GOALTENDER

| GP | REC | MIN | GA | SV% | GAA | |
|---------------------|-----|-------|-------|-----|------|------|
| Mackenzie Blackwood | 1 | 0-1-0 | 58:04 | 3 | .917 | 3.10 |

2018-19 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

| Date | Result | Score | SF-SA | PP | PK |
|----------------|--------|-------|-------|-----|-----|
| Nov. 24 | W | 4-3 | 28-38 | 0-2 | 5-5 |
| Dec. 1 | | | | | |
| Dec. 12 | | | | | |
| Jan. 23 | | | | | |
| Feb. 1 | | | | | |
| Feb. 17 | | | | | |
| Mar. 9 | | | | | |
| Mar. 10 | | | | | |
| Mar. 30 | | | | | |
| Apr. 13 | | | | | |

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. BINGHAMTON: 17-18-1

(Includes totals carried over from when the franchise was located in Albany)

SERIES NOTABLES

- Goaltender **Scott Wedgwood** spent parts of seven seasons in the Devils organization after being drafted by New Jersey in the third round of the 2010 NHL Draft. He appeared in 116 career games from 2012-17, including a lone appearance last season, posting a 51-36-9 record with eight shutouts.
- The Amerks enter the matchup with points in nine of the last 11 games against the Devils dating back to the start of the 2017-18 slate. Rochester holds a 6-2-2-1 record during that span.
- **Alexander Nylander** leads all skaters in the season series with two points (1+1).