



# Providence Bruins vs. Rochester Americans

Friday, December 7, 2018 @ The Blue Cross Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 354

## TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

• The Rochester Americans (14-6-2-0) look for their fourth win in five games tonight as they close out their season series with the red-hot Providence Bruins (11-8-4-0) at The Blue Cross Arena. Opening face-off 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

• The Amerks scored twice in each of the last periods and rode a 25-save effort from goaltender **Jonas Johansson** to defeat the Utica Comets by a 5-2 decision Wednesday at The Blue Cross Arena.

• With the three-goal win, the Amerks became the first team in the North Division this season to reach the 30-point mark and maintain a three-point lead over the Cleveland Monsters for first-place in the AHL's North Division standings.

• Forward **Rasmus Asplund** registered a career-high three-assist outing to give Rochester 30 out of a possible 40 points in the last 20 games. **Wayne Simpson**, **Victor Olofsson** and **Matt Tennyson**, who was reassigned from Buffalo earlier in the day, each tallied a goal and an assist. **C.J. Smith** and **Andrew MacWilliam** rounded out the scoring while Johansson made his season debut after earning his first recall of the season from the Cincinnati Cyclones of the ECHL. The netminder stopped 25 of 27 to record his first AHL win of the year.

## ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

• Following tonight's matchup, Rochester makes its first trip back to Syracuse since the Opening Round of the 2018 Calder Cup Playoffs for a clash with the Crunch on Saturday, Dec. 8. The 7:00 p.m. contest will be third of 12 scheduled 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.

## REDMOND CHASING HISTORY

• With 13 goals in 22 games, **Zach Redmond** is on a record-setting pace to etch his name in team history. Earlier this season, he 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 Amerk blueliner in seven years to lead the team in scoring, is just two goals away from matching his career-high of 15 from last season and needs only five 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 season. The AHL record for goals scored by a defenseman is held by John Slaney, who netted 30 for the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins during the 1999-00 campaign.

## 2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



**TOTAL GOALS**  
77-77



**11-8-4-0 (26 points)**

**14-6-2-0 (30 points)**

## AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Redmond	22	13	9	22	16	5
Lawrence Pilut*	16	3	19	22	10	19
Victor Olofsson	19	8	13	21	2	2

\*Currently on NHL recall with Buffalo

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Scott Wedgewood	14	8-4-1	763:10	362	.907	2.91
Adam Wilcox	9	5-2-1	495:32	211	.890	3.15
Jonas Johansson	1	1-0-0	60:00	27	.926	2.00

## NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Dec. 8	@ Syracuse	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	vs. Binghamton	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 14	vs. Cleveland	7:05 p.m.

## LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Dec. 5	Utica	W 5-2	27-27	0-2	3-3
Dec. 1	Binghamton	L 3-0	22-38	0-2	1-2
Nov. 30	W-B/Scranton	W 1-0	30-35	0-2	4-4

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS
<b>HOME</b> 8-4-0-0	42	34	16
<b>AWAY</b> 6-2-2-0	35	33	14
<b>TOTALS</b> 14-6-2-0	77	67	30

## BRUINS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Ryan Fitzgerald	23	7	13	20	16	-8
Colby Cave	15	6	12	18	13	9
Cameron Hughes	23	8	7	15	16	6

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Dan Vladar	11	5-4-1	645:29	273	.913	2.42
Zane McIntyre	13	6-4-3	741:04	281	.878	3.16



### PILUT TAKES FLIGHT

• Prior to earning his second NHL recall in six days from the Buffalo Sabres and making his NHL debut on Nov. 30, **Lawrence Pilut** saw his career-long seven-game point streak end. 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 has recorded points in 12 of his last 14 games and is one off the AHL lead 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 14<sup>th</sup> overall in the league.

### RED HOT 'REDS'

• Redmond has scored a team-high 13 goals this season, including six that have held up as game-winning goals, a new career-high, while six have also been scored on the man-advantage, tied for fourth 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 third in the league in goals (13) and is tied for 14<sup>th</sup> in points (22), while his six game-winning goals are tops in the AHL.

### IRON MAN SIMPSON

• Rochester forward and former Bruin **Wayne Simpson** is the AHL's current leader in consecutive games played with 209. 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 10 points on seven goals and five assists through 22 games with the Amerks this season.

### BUSY BETWEEN THE PIPES

• **Scott Wedgewood** has got the nod between the pipes in 11 of the last 15 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 first week of December tied for third among all AHL goaltenders in shutouts (2) and tied for fourth in wins (8).

### SCOUTING THE BRUINS

- The Bruins, who own the best penalty kill in the American Hockey League with an 89.6% success rate, come into the matchup with a 7-1-2-0 record in their last 10 games. Providence is riding a season-long eight-game point streak that began with a 3-2 overtime win on Nov. 17 against the Amerks.
- With five two-point efforts on the season, forward Ryan Fitzgerald leads all Bruins skaters with 20 points (7+13) through 23 games. He's posted 10 points (4+6) in the last seven contests, a stretch that began with straight games with a goal and an assist.

### AMERKS-BRUINS 2018-19 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

#### ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Justin Bailey	1	2	0	2	0	1
Brendan Guhle	1	0	1	1	2	1
Sean Malone	1	0	1	1	0	2

#### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Scott Wedgewood	1	0-0-1	61:09	3	.900 2.94

#### PROVIDENCE

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Ryan Donato	1	1	1	2	0	1
Cameron Hughes	1	1	0	1	0	1
Jordan Szwarz	1	1	0	1	0	0

#### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Zane McIntyre	1	1-0-0	61:09	2	.931 1.96

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

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Nov. 6	OTL	3-2	29-30	0-5	4-5
Dec. 7					

### AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. PROVIDENCE: 13-21-1

#### SERIES NOTABLES

- Tonight is just the eighth meeting between the Amerks and the Bruins over the last five seasons. Rochester has gone 0-5-2-0 during that span, which includes a pair of overtime losses in each of the first two meetings the last two seasons. The last time the Amerks defeated the Bruins was Jan. 18, 2009.
- Amerks forwards **Tyler Randell** and **Wayne Simpson** are set to face their former club after each began their AHL careers with the Bruins.
- Randell, who was drafted by the Boston Bruins in the sixth-round (176<sup>th</sup> overall) of the 2009 NHL Draft, appeared in 231 games with Providence, tallying 43 points (18+25).
- Simpson, who made his AHL debut with Providence in 2014, skated in 80 games with the Bruins, where he recorded 50 points (17+33).
- Both the Amerks and Bruins enter tonight's contest with each having scored 77 goals this season, tied for sixth-most among all Eastern Conference teams.
- Amerks head coach **Chris Taylor** had a brief 21-game stint in Providence during the 1998-99 season before coming to Rochester the following year.