



//// SYRACUSE CRUNCH ////
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 //// ROCHESTER AMERICANS ////



Rochester Americans vs. Syracuse Crunch

Saturday, December 8, 2018 @ War Memorial Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 373

TONIGHT'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (15-6-2-0) make their first trip back to Syracuse since the Opening Round of the 2018 Calder Cup Playoffs tonight for a clash with the Crunch at the War Memorial Arena. The 7:00 p.m. contest will be the 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 as well as AHLTV.

LAST TIME OUT

- With a pair of first-period goals from forward **Justin Bailey** and 26 saves from goaltender **Jonas Johansson**, the Amerks defeated the red-hot Providence Bruins by a 2-1 score Friday night on home ice.
- The victory was the Amerks first over Providence since Jan. 18, 2009, as the club had entered the contest winless in the previous seven meetings, which included two overtime losses. Additionally, Rochester has won four of its last five games overall while earning 32 of a possible 42 points in the last 21 games.
- Bailey turned in his third two-goal effort of the season to give the Amerks a four-point lead for first place in the AHL's North Division standings going into tonight's showdown with Syracuse. Johansson made his second straight start in the blue paint since being recalled from the Cincinnati Cyclones and was nearly flawless in stopping 26 of the 27 shots he faced to garner his second straight win.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks return home on Wednesday, Dec. 12 when they take on the intrastate rival Binghamton Devils at The Blue Cross Arena. Following the 7:05 p.m. contest, Rochester hosts the Cleveland Monsters for a home-and-home weekend-series on Friday, Dec. 14. Both contests will be carried live on The Sports Leader AM 950/ 95.7 FM ESPN Rochester and can be viewed on AHLTV.

REDMOND CHASING HISTORY

- With 13 goals in 23 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 in the 1999-00 season.

2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS
78-79



13-5-2-0 (28 points)

15-6-2-0 (32 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Redmond	23	13	9	22	18	5
Lawrence Pilut*	16	3	19	22	10	19
Victor Olofsson	20	8	13	21	4	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	2	2-0-0	119:40	51	.944	1.50

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Dec. 12	vs. Binghamton	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 14	vs. Cleveland	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 15	@ Cleveland	7:00 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Dec. 7	Providence	W 2-1	27-27	1-3	2-3
Dec. 5	Utica	W 5-2	27-27	0-2	3-3
Dec. 1	Binghamton	L 3-0	22-38	0-2	1-2

YEARLY RECORD

	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	9-4-0-0	44	35	18
AWAY	6-2-2-0	35	33	14
TOTALS	15-6-2-0	79	68	32

CRUNCH OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Cory Conacher	16	11	17	28	24	9
Carter Verhaeghe	20	9	16	25	12	4
Alex Barre-Boulet	20	9	11	20	10	2

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA	
Connor Ingram	11	8-3-0	656:08	299	.923	2.29
Eddie Pasquale	9	5-2-2	543:58	242	.900	2.98



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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 two 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 18th 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, tying him for fifth 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 18th 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 210. 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 12 points on seven goals and five assists through 23 games this season.

BUSY BETWEEN THE PIPES

• Prior to earning his first recall of the season to the Buffalo Sabres on Friday, **Scott Wedgewood** had gotten the nod between the pipes in 11 of the last 16 games for Rochester. 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 all AHL goaltenders in shutouts (2) and tied for fifth in wins (8).

SCOUTING THE CRUNCH

- Syracuse comes into the matchup riding an AHL-best 13-game point streak dating back to Nov. 2. The Crunch are 11-0-2-0 over that span, marking the third-longest stretch in franchise history.
- Former Amerk Cory Conacher, who was named CCM/AHL Player of the Month for November, has a 12-game point streak dating back to Nov. 3. During his career-long stretch, Conacher has recorded 25 points, which includes 10 goals, 15 assists and eight different multi-point performances. He paces the Crunch in all offensive categories, including goals (11), assists (17) and points (28) through 16 games.

AMERKS-CRUNCH 2018-19 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Redmond	2	2	2	4	2	0
Lawrence Pilut	2	1	3	4	2	4
Danny O'Regan	2	1	2	3	0	0

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Adam Wilcox	2	2-0-0	122:28	5	.923 2.45

SYRACUSE

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Erik Cernak	2	0	2	2	4	1
Alexander Volkov	2	0	2	2	0	0
Alex Barre-Boulet	2	1	0	1	0	-1

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Eddie Pasquale	2	0-1-1	120:39	9	.845 4.48

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	OTW	3-2	25-32	0-4	4-4
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: 132-111-17

SERIES NOTABLES

- The Amerks have scored a power-play goal in 10 of the last 14 games against Syracuse, going 14-for-57 (24.5%) with the man-advantage over that span.
- In the first 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 boasts a 7-5-1-0 record against the Crunch dating back to last season while Syracuse has recorded at least one point in nine of the last 10 games (6-1-2-1) in the head-to-head series.