



Binghamton Devils vs. Rochester Americans

Wednesday, December 12, 2018 @ The Blue Cross Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 385

TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

- The first-place Rochester Americans (16-6-2-0) go for their sixth win in seven games tonight as they welcome the intrastate rival Binghamton Devils (10-14-3-0) to The Blue Cross Arena for a North Division matchup. 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

- Fueled by a pair of goals less than six minutes into Saturday's contest and one in each of the final two periods of regulation, the Amerks came away with a 4-3 victory over the Syracuse Crunch at the War Memorial Arena.
- With the win, the Amerks have won three straight and five of their last six games while also earning 34 of a possible 44 points in the last 22 games. Additionally, the victory gave Rochester three straight wins over their North Division rival and an 8-5-1-0 record against the Crunch dating back to the start of the 2017-18 season.
- Forward **Wayne Simpson** recorded his fifth multi-point effort of the campaign as he netted a goal and an assist, while **Tyler Randell**, **Zach Redmond** and **Victor Olofsson** also found the back of the net for the Amerks. In his third start of the season against his former club, goaltender **Adam Wilcox** made 25 saves to earn his third win over the Crunch this season.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks host the Cleveland Monsters in the front-end of a home-and-home series on Friday, Dec. 14 at 7:05 p.m. The action shifts to Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland on Saturday, Dec. 15 for a rematch with the Monsters. Both games will be carried live on The Sports Leader AM 950/ 95.7 FM ESPN Rochester as well as AHLTV.

REDMOND CHASING HISTORY

- With 14 goals in 24 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 one goal away from matching his career-high of 15 from last season and needs only four 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 had 30 for the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins in the 1999-00.

2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS
72-83



10-14-3-0 (23 points)

16-6-2-0 (34 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Redmond	24	14	9	23	20	5
Victor Olofsson	21	9	13	22	4	1
Lawrence Pilut*	16	3	19	22	10	19

*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	10	6-2-1	555:32	236	.891 3.13
Jonas Johansson	2	2-0-0	119:40	51	.944 1.50

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Dec. 14	vs. Cleveland	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 15	@ Cleveland	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 19	vs. Belleville	7:05 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Dec. 8	Syracuse	W 4-3	33-28	1-3	3-4
Dec. 7	Providence	W 2-1	27-27	1-3	2-3
Dec. 5	Utica	W 5-2	27-27	0-2	3-3

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS
HOME 9-4-0-0	44	35	18
AWAY 7-2-2-0	39	36	16
TOTALS 16-6-2-0	83	71	34

DEVILS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Marian Studenic	26	9	8	17	8	5
John Quenneville	18	8	9	17	20	-2
Blake Pietila	26	8	8	16	12	-14

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV% GAA
Mackenzie Blackwood	13	5-6-1	728:35	340	.912 2.72
Eddie Lack	6	2-3-1	350:55	151	.863 4.10
Cam Johnson	6	2-4-0	353:55	152	.844 4.75



PILUT TAKES FLIGHT

Rochester's blueline continues to be without defenseman **Lawrence Pilut**, who remains on recall with the Buffalo Sabres. The first-year AHLer recorded his first NHL point with an assist in Buffalo's 6-2 loss to the Philadelphia Flyers on Saturday and added another in last night's 4-3 overtime win over the Los Angeles Kings. Before re-joining the Sabres on his second recall in six days, 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 ranks fourth in the AHL in with 19 assists, while his team-best plus-19 on-ice rating is tied for the best mark in the league in that category. His 22 points, meanwhile, are tied for second among all AHL defensemen.

RED HOT 'REDS'

Redmond has scored a team-high 14 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, good enough 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 third in the league in goals (14) and is tied for 15th in points (23), 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 211. 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 14 points on eight goals and six assists through 24 games with the Amerks this season, including a pair of two-point efforts over his last three games.

BUSY BETWEEN THE PIPES

Back with the Amerks following his first recall of the season to the Sabres on Tuesday, goaltender **Scott Wedgewood** has 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 week tied for third among all AHL goaltenders in shutouts (2) and tied for seventh in wins (8).

HUNWICK ARRIVES ON CONDITIONING ASSIGNMENT

The Buffalo Sabres have assigned defenseman **Matt Hunwick** to the Amerks on a conditioning assignment. The veteran defenseman last played in the AHL with the Lake Erie Monsters in 2013-14.

AMERKS-DEVILS 2018-19 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

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

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Scott Wedgewood	2	1-1-0	119:37	5	.925 2.51

BINGHAMTON

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Blake Pietila	2	2	1	3	0	0
Nick Lappin	2	1	2	3	0	1
Kevin Rooney	2	0	3	3	0	0

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Mackenzie Blackwood	2	1-1-0	117:54	3	.948 1.53

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	L	3-0	22-38	0-2	1-2
Dec. 12					
Jan. 23					
Feb. 1					
Feb. 17					
Mar. 9					
Mar. 10					
Mar. 30					
Apr. 13					

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. BINGHAMTON: 17-20-1

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

SERIES NOTABLES

- Goaltender **Scott Wedgewood** 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 12 games against the Devils dating back to the start of the 2017-18 slate. Rochester holds a 6-3-2-1 record during that span.
- Binghamton comes into the matchup winless in its last four games and 2-7-1-0 in its last 10 overall.