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 //// ROCHESTER AMERICANS ////



## Rochester Americans @ Cleveland Monsters

Saturday, December 15, 2018 @ Quicken Loans Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 406

### TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

- The Rochester Americans (17-7-2-0) and Cleveland Monsters (13-10-3-0) close out the home-and-home weekend set tonight as the series shifts to the Quicken Loans Arena in downtown Cleveland. The 7:00 p.m. matchup will be the third of eight meetings between the North Division rivals 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

- On the strength of a season-high 42-save effort from goaltender **Scott Wedgewood**, the first-place Amerks came away with a 3-1 victory over the Monsters on Friday at The Blue Cross Arena.
- With the win, the Amerks improved 22-5-2-3 in the last 32 games against the Monsters dating back to the start of the 2011-12 campaign. Additionally, the Amerks have won six of their last eight games overall while also earning 36 out of a possible 48 points in the last 24 contests to maintain a four-point lead atop the AHL's North Division standings.
- Forward **Justin Bailey** (0+2) recorded a pair of assists to give the Amerks their fourth home win in last five tilts while **Brandon Hickey**, **Danny O'Regan** and **Alexander Nylander** all lit the lamp. Wedgewood made his first appearance in the blue paint since Dec. 1 and improved to 9-4-1 with the win, stopping all but one while carrying a shutout into the final 1:11 of regulation.

### ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks return to action on Wednesday, Dec. 19 as they welcome the Belleville Senators to The Blue Cross Arena to kick start a three-game homestand before the Christmas break. 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

- With 14 goals in 26 games already this season, **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 became just 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 by a defenseman of 18, set by Hall of Famer **Rick Pagnutti** during the 1972-73 season. The AHL record 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**  
81-87



13-10-3-0 (29 points)

17-7-2-0 (36 points)

### AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Redmond	26	14	9	23	20	4
Victor Olofsson	23	8	14	22	4	0
Lawrence Pilut*	16	3	19	22	10	19

\*Currently on NHL recall with Buffalo

### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA	
Scott Wedgewood	15	9-4-1	823:10	404	.914	2.77
Adam Wilcox	11	6-2-1	593:39	256	.895	3.03
Jonas Johansson	3	2-1-0	141:33	57	.891	2.97

### NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Dec. 19	vs. Belleville	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 21	vs. Hartford	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 22	vs. Hartford	5:05 p.m.

### LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Dec. 14	Cleveland	W 3-1	26-42	0-4	4-5
Dec. 12	Binghamton	L 5-1	37-31	0-4	1-1
Dec. 8	Syracuse	W 4-3	33-28	1-3	3-4

### YEARLY RECORD

HOME	AWAY	TOTALS	GF	GA	POINTS
10-5-0-0	7-2-2-0	17-7-2-0	48	41	20
			39	36	16
			87	77	36

### MONSTERS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zac Dalpe	25	13	12	25	27	5
Nathan Gerbe	26	5	15	20	14	-1
Eric Robinson	26	9	8	17	6	7

### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA	
Jean-Francois Berube	19	9-8-2	1,123	516	.907	2.83
Brad Thiessen	3	2-1-0	112:42	48	.873	3.73
Matiss Kivlenieks	7	2-1-1	328:03	130	.861	3.84



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### 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 last Saturday and added another in Tuesday 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 10<sup>th</sup> among all AHL blueliners. He has recorded points in 12 of his last 14 games and is tied for 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 third among all AHL defensemen.

### RED HOT 'REDS'

• Redmond has scored a team-high 14 goals this season, including six game-winning tallies, 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 tied for third in the league in goals (14) and second among all blueliners with 23 points, while his six game-winning goals lead the AHL.

### IRON MAN SIMPSON

• **Wayne Simpson** is the AHL's current leader in consecutive games played with 213. 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 26 games this season.

### BUSY BETWEEN THE PIPES

• Goaltender **Scott Wedgewood** has gotten the nod between the pipes in 12 of the last 18 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), fourth in wins (9) and tied for 12<sup>th</sup> in games played (15).

### HUNWICK ARRIVES ON CONDITIONING ASSIGNMENT

• The Buffalo Sabres earlier this week assigned defenseman **Matt Hunwick** the Amerks on a conditioning assignment. The 33-year-old finally made his highly anticipated season debut in Wednesday's loss to Binghamton, recording an assist. It marked his first pro game since Apr. 1, 2018 as a member of the Pittsburgh Penguins (NHL) and first at the AHL level since Mar. 26, 2014 while with the Monsters.

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

#### ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Jusitn Bailey	2	2	2	4	2	2
Wayne Simpson	2	2	0	2	0	1
Alexander Nylander	2	1	1	2	0	3

#### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Scott Wedgewood	2	2-0-0	120:00	3	.957	1.50

#### CLEVELAND

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Nathan Gerbe	2	1	2	3	2	-2
Sonny Milano	2	1	1	2	0	-5
Adam Clendening	1	1	0	1	2	-2

#### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Jean-Francois Berube	2	0-2-0	117:41	7	.891	3.57

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

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
<b>Nov. 7</b>	W	5-2	39-26	0-1	2-2
<b>Dec. 14</b>	W	3-1	26-42	0-4	4-5
Dec. 15					
Dec. 26					
Feb. 12					
<b>Feb. 20</b>					
<b>Mar. 22</b>					
Apr. 8					

**AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. CLEVELAND: 32-21-6**

### SERIES NOTABLES

- Amerks assistant coach **Toby Petersen** spent the 2015-16 and 2016-17 seasons behind the bench with the Monsters. Petersen helped the team earn its first Calder Cup in 2016.
- Tonight is the third game between the Amerks and Monsters since the 2015-16 season. Rochester holds a record of 22-5-2-3 over Cleveland since the start of the 2011-12 campaign.
- Monsters captain Nathan Gerbe spent five seasons in the Buffalo Sabres organization from 2008-12 and was named the AHL's Rookie of the Year in 2008-09 after leading all first-year players with 56 points (30+26) in 57 games for the Portland Pirates.
- Cleveland forward Zac Dalpe scored 16 goals in 44 games for the Amerks during the 2014-15 season.