



Belleville Senators vs. Rochester Americans

Wednesday, December 19, 2018 @ The Blue Cross Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 428

TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

- The Rochester Americans (18-7-2-0) are gunning for their eighth win in 10 games tonight as they welcome the Belleville Senators (12-15-2-0) back to The Blue Cross Arena for the first of 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.

LAST TIME OUT

- After seeing the Cleveland Monsters tie Saturday's rematch at Quicken Loans Arena late in the closing minutes of regulation, Amerks' reigning Rookie of the Year **C.J. Smith** provided the heroics again, scoring 3:32 into overtime to give the Amerks a 2-1 victory over their North Division rivals. Smith also netted the game-winner in Rochester's 3-1 win over Cleveland the night before, leading the Amerks to a weekend sweep over the Monsters.
- The Amerks have now won seven of their last nine games overall while also earning 38 out of a possible 50 points in the last 25 contests. Rochester maintains a five-point lead atop the AHL's North Division standings heading into this week's slate of games.
- In addition to Smith's ninth tally of the season, second-year defenseman **Brendan Guhle** also scored for the Amerks, earning him a recall to Buffalo on Sunday morning. **Adam Wilcox** recorded his seventh win of the campaign as he turned aside all but one of the shots he faced, coming within just minutes of his first shutout as an Amerk. In 12 appearances this season, Wilcox is 7-2-1.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks close out their schedule before the Christmas Break as they host the Hartford Wolf Pack on back-to-back nights at The Blue Cross Arena. Following Friday's 7:05 p.m. tilt, the two teams meet again on Saturday at 5:05 p.m. Both games will be carried live on The Sports Leader AM 950/ 95.7 FM ESPN Rochester and AHLTV.

REDMOND CHASING HISTORY


- With 14 goals in 27 games 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 **Rick Pagnutti** during the 1972-73 season.

2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



12-15-2-0 (26 points)

TOTAL GOALS
84-89



18-7-2-0 (38 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Redmond	27	14	10	24	20	4
C.J. Smith	27	9	13	22	8	8
Victor Olofsson	24	8	14	22	4	0

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA	
Scott Wedgewood	15	9-4-1	823:10	404	.914	2.77
Adam Wilcox	12	7-2-1	657:11	286	.902	2.83
Jonas Johansson	3	2-1-0	141:33	57	.891	2.97

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Dec. 21	vs. Hartford	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 22	vs. Hartford	5:05 p.m.
Dec. 26	@ Cleveland	7:00 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Dec. 15	Cleveland	OTW 2-1	42-31	1-6	2-3
Dec. 14	Cleveland	W 3-1	26-42	0-4	4-5
Dec. 12	Binghamton	L 5-1	37-31	0-4	1-1

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	10-5-0-0	48	41	20
AWAY	8-2-2-0	41	37	18
TOTALS	18-7-2-0	89	78	38

SENATORS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Jack Rodewald	22	8	12	20	4	5
Drake Batherson	14	7	13	20	6	2
Paul Carey	22	4	16	20	12	0

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA	
Filip Gustavsson	16	6-9-1	901:38	423	.889	3.53
Marcus Hogberg	5	2-2-1	296:28	115	.927	1.82



//// BELLEVILLE SENATORS ////
GAME NOTES
 //// ROCHESTER AMERKS ////



PILUT TAKES FLIGHT

• Rochester's blueline continues to be without defenseman **Lawrence Pilut**, who remains on recall with the Buffalo Sabres. 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 11th amongst all AHL blueliners. He has recorded points in 12 of his last 14 games with Rochester and is tied for fifth in the AHL in with 19 assists, while his team-best plus-19 on-ice rating is the second-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 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 tied for sixth in the league in goals (14) and is tied for the league lead among defensemen with 24 points, while his six game-winning goals are tops in the AHL.

IRON MAN SIMPSON

• **Wayne Simpson** is the AHL's current leader in consecutive games played with 214. 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 15 points (8+7) while appearing in all 27 games so far this season.

BUSY BETWEEN THE PIPES

• Goaltender **Scott Wedgewood** has gotten the nod between the pipes in 12 of the last 19 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), sixth in wins (9) and tied for 17th in games played (15). Wedgewood also ranks 10th and 17th in the AHL with a .914 save percentage and a 2.77 goals-against average, respectively.

SCOUTING THE SENATORS

- Belleville returns to Rochester having gone 3-6-1-0 over its last 10 games and in the midst of a season-long four-game skid. The struggling Senators have been held to one or fewer goals on their current slide, all of which have come on the road.
- Of the Senators' 12 wins this season, Belleville has recorded just three on the road, marking the fewest in the Eastern Conference.
- The Senators have relied on the trio of Jack Rodewald (8+12), Paul Carey (4+16) and rookie Drake Batherson (7+13), as they all have posted 20 points on the slate. Carey also leads the team with 16 assists.

AMERKS-SENATORS 2018-19 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Wayne Simpson	1	1	1	2	0	2
Will Borgen	1	1	0	1	2	1
Brendan Guhle	1	1	0	1	0	-1

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Adam Wilcox	1	0-0-1	60:14	5	.833 4.98

BELLEVILLE

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Chase Bailly	1	2	1	3	0	1
Gabriel Gagne	1	1	2	3	0	1
Jack Rodewald	1	1	0	1	2	-1

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Mike McKenna	1	1-0-0	59:49	4	.889 4.01

2018-19 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 20	OTL	5-4	36-30	1-3	4-6
Dec. 19					
Feb. 23					
Apr. 14					

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. BELLEVILLE: 4-5-0

SERIES NOTABLES

- The Amerks have claimed at least one point in seven of the first nine meetings with the Senators dating back to last season. Rochester holds a record of 3-0-2-0 record in the all-time road portion of the head-to-head series.
- Tonight is just the 10th all-time meeting between the North Division rivals. In eight of the first nine contests, the team who has scored the first goal of the game has gone on to come away with the victory in each of the get-togethers.
- In his first season with the Senators, former Amerk defenseman Stuart Percy returns back to the Flower City after tallying career-bests in every offensive category last year with Rochester.
- Former Amerk blueliner Erik Burgdoerfer is in his second season with the Senators. The Belleville captain was just reassigned from Ottawa this week.