



//// HARTFORD WOLF PACK ////
GAME NOTES
 //// ROCHESTER AMERICANS ////



Hartford Wolf Pack vs. Rochester Americans

Friday, December 21, 2018 @ The Blue Cross Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 445

TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

- The Rochester Americans (18-8-2-0) are gunning for their eighth win in 11 games tonight as they welcome the Hartford Wolf Pack (12-14-1-2) to The Blue Cross Arena for the first of a back-to-back set 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 storming out to a 4-1 lead 1:24 into the second period of Wednesday's contest at The Blue Cross Arena, the Amerks saw their three-goal lead slip away as the Belleville Senators erased the deficit with four straight unanswered goals, including two in the closing minutes, to come away with a 5-4 win.
- Despite the loss, the Amerks have won seven of their last 10 games overall while also earning 38 out of a possible 52 points in the last 26 contests. Rochester also maintains a five-point lead atop the AHL's North Division standings heading into the final two games before the Christmas break.
- Matt Tennyson**, who was reassigned to Rochester by the Buffalo Sabres earlier in the week, tied a career-best with three assists, all of which came in the first period, while **Victor Olofsson** (2+0) and **Sean Malone** (0+2) each posted their own multi-point nights. Goaltender **Scott Wedgewood** appeared in his 13th game in the last 20 for the Amerks but was dealt with the loss. The netminder shows a record of 9-5-1 in 16 appearances this season with Rochester.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- Following a quick turnaround, the Amerks and Wolf Pack close out their back-to-back set on Saturday, December 22 at 5:05 p.m. All of the action from The Blue Cross Arena 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 Hall of Famer **Rick Pagnutti** during the 1972-73 season. The AHL record is 30 held by John Slaney (1999-00).

2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS
86-93



12-14-1-2 (27 points)

18-8-2-0 (38 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Redmond	28	14	11	25	20	3
Victor Olofsson	25	10	14	24	6	1
C.J. Smith	28	10	13	23	8	9

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Scott Wedgewood	16	9-5-1	881:57	437	.910	2.93
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. 22	vs. Hartford	5:05 p.m.
Dec. 26	@ Cleveland	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 28	vs. Toronto	7:05 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Dec. 19	Belleville	L 5-4	24-38	1-2	3-5
Dec. 15	Cleveland	OTW 2-1	42-31	1-6	2-3
Dec. 14	Cleveland	W 3-1	26-42	0-4	4-5

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	10-6-0-0	52	46	20
AWAY	8-2-2-0	41	37	18
TOTALS	18-8-2-0	93	83	38

WOLF PACK OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Peter Holland	29	7	17	24	42	-4
Cole Schneider	28	9	10	19	4	-2
John Gilmour	29	6	13	19	23	-8

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Dustin Tokarski	11	6-3-1	610:18	300	.906	3.05
Marek Mazanec	11	4-5-2	657:36	279	.889	3.19



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LET'S MAKE IT 10

- Forwards **Victor Olofsson** and **C.J. Smith** each scored their 10th goals of the season on Wednesday, becoming the third and fourth players this season to reach the mark. Smith, who has scored in three straight games, reached the 10-goal plateau for the second straight season as he posted 17 in his rookie campaign. Through 28 games, Smith, the Amerks reigning Rookie of the Year, is third on the team with 23 points (10+13). A year after leading the SHL with 27 goals, Olofsson has collected 24 points (10+14) in 25 games this season, including four straight multi-point efforts from Oct. 10-17.

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 others have also been scored on the man-advantage, good enough for sixth in the league in that category. Redmond, who had an AHL-best nine-game point streak to end the month of October, is currently tied for seventh in the league in goals (14) and ranks second among all defensemen with 25 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 215. 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 28 games so far this season.

BUSY BETWEEN THE PIPES

- Goaltender **Scott Wedgewood** has gotten the nod between the pipes in 13 of the last 20 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), seventh in wins (9) and tied for 15th in games played (16). Wedgewood also ranks 16th with a .910 save percentage.

SCOUTING THE WOLF PACK

- Hartford comes into the matchup coming off a 3-0 shutout win over the Providence Bruins on Wednesday, snapping the team's five-game skid in the progress. Gabriel Fontaine scored a goal and added an assist behind a 29-save effort from goaltender Dustin Tokarski.
- The Wolf Pack, who have gone 2-6-0-2 over the last road 10 contests, makes their first and only trip of the season to Rochester sitting seven in the Atlantic Division with 27 points on the season.
- In his first full season with the Wolf Pack, forward Peter Holland leads the club with 17 assists, 24 points and 88 shots through 29 games. Former Amerk Cole Schneider leads Hartford with nine goals.

AMERKS-WOLF PACK 2018-19 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Rasmus Asplund	1	1	1	2	0	2
Lawrence Pilut	1	1	1	2	0	2
Zach Redmond	1	1	1	2	2	2

GOALTENDER

	GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Adam Wilcox	1	1-0-0	59:48	3	.921	3.01

HARTFORD

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Gabriel Fontaine	1	1	0	1	0	1
Peter Holland	1	1	0	1	0	1
Cole Schneider	1	1	0	1	0	2

GOALTENDER

	GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Marek Mazanec	1	0-1-0	58:03	4	.857	4.13

2018-19 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Nov. 18	W	4-3	28-38	0-2	5-5
Dec. 21					
Dec. 22					
Feb. 2					

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. HARTFORD: 12-9-1

SERIES NOTABLES

- Tonight is just the 23rd all-time meeting between Rochester and Hartford with the Amerks owning an 12-9-1 record. The Amerks have won seven of the last 12 meetings with the Wolf Pack.
- In the final meeting between the two clubs last season on March 18, forward **C.J. Smith** tallied his first-career professional hat-trick while **Alexander Nylander** had a personal-high three assists.
- Hartford captain Cole Schneider spent parts of two seasons (2015-17) with the Amerks, compiling 77 points (28+49), including a career-best 63-point campaign during the 2016-17 season. The former AHL All-Star also made his NHL debut with the Buffalo Sabres that same year, recording one assist in six games with the big club.
- Hartford assistant coach Joey Mormina is also a former Amerk defenseman, having ended a 12-year playing career with a 20-game stint in Rochester during the 2015-16 campaign.