



# Hartford Wolf Pack vs. Rochester Americans

Saturday, December 22, 2018 @ The Blue Cross Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 459

## TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

• The Rochester Americans (18-9-2-0) have a chance at redemption tonight in another go-around with the Hartford Wolf Pack (13-14-1-2) to close out a two-game set at The Blue Cross Arena. Game time is slated for a 5:05 p.m. start and will be carried live on The Sports Leader AM 950/95.7 FM ESPN Rochester.

## LAST TIME OUT

- The Amerks and Wolf Pack combined for four goals in the second period before Hartford tacked on two more in the third to come away with a 4-2 win in the first of back-to-back meetings between the two teams Friday at The Blue Cross Arena. The loss was Rochester's second straight this week, marking just the second time all season the Amerks were held winless in consecutive games.
- Despite the loss, the Amerks have won seven of their last 11 games overall and maintain a three-point lead atop the AHL's North Division standings heading into tonight's rematch with Hartford, the final game before the Christmas break.
- Reigning Amerks Rookie of the Year **C.J. Smith** pushed his goal-scoring streak to a career-best four straight games as he tallied a goal and an assist while **Wayne Simpson** chipped in his ninth marker of the campaign. Goaltender **Scott Wedgewood** appeared in his 14<sup>th</sup> game in the last 21 for the Amerks but suffered his second straight loss as he stopped 26 of 30 shots. Wedgewood shows a record of 9-6-1 in 17 appearances this season with Rochester.

## ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

• Following the Christmas break, the Amerks close out the 2018 calendar year as they travel to Quicken Loans Arena on Wednesday, Dec. 26 to kick-off a stretch of three games in four nights against the Cleveland Monsters at 7:00 p.m. All of the action will be carried on The Sports Leader AM 950/95.7 FM ESPN Rochester and AHLTV.

## REDMOND CHASING HISTORY

• With 14 goals in 28 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  
90-95



13-14-1-2 (29 points)

18-9-2-0 (38 points)

## AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Redmond	29	14	11	25	20	3
C.J. Smith	29	11	14	25	8	9
Victor Olofsson	26	10	14	24	6	0

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Scott Wedgewood	17	9-6-1	938:18	463	.908	3.01
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. 26	@ Cleveland	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 28	vs. Toronto	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 29	@ Utica	7:00 p.m.

## LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Dec. 21	Hartford	L 4-2	30-30	1-5	4-5
Dec. 19	Belleville	L 5-4	24-38	1-2	3-5
Dec. 15	Cleveland	OTW 2-1	42-31	1-6	2-3

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	10-7-0-0	54	50	20
AWAY	8-2-2-0	41	37	18
TOTALS	18-9-2-0	95	87	38

## WOLF PACK OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Peter Holland	30	7	17	24	42	-4
Cole Schneider	29	9	11	20	4	0
John Gilmour	30	7	13	20	25	-7

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Dustin Tokarski	12	7-3-1	670:18	328	.909	2.95
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 10<sup>th</sup> goals of the season on Wednesday, becoming the third and fourth players this season to reach the mark. Smith, who has scored in four straight games, reached the 10-goal plateau for the second straight season as he posted 17 in his rookie campaign. Through 29 games, Smith, the Amerks reigning Rookie of the Year, is tied for the team lead with 25 points (11+14). A year after leading the SHL with 27 goals, Olofsson has collected 24 points (10+14) in 27 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 ninth 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 216. 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 16 points (9+7) while appearing in all 29 games so far this season.

## BUSY BETWEEN THE PIPES

- Goaltender **Scott Wedgewood** has gotten the nod between the pipes in 14 of the last 21 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), eighth in wins (9) and tied for 11<sup>th</sup> in games played (17).

## SCOUTING THE WOLF PACK

- Hartford comes into the matchup coming off a 3-0 shutout win over the Providence Bruins on Wednesday and a 4-2 victory over the Amerks last night, pushing their win streak to two games following a five-game skid. Goaltender Dustin Tokarski turned in a 29-save effort Wednesday before stopping 28 of 30 last night for Hartford.
- The Wolf Pack, who have gone 3-5-0-2 over the last road 10 contests, conclude their lone trip to Rochester sitting sixth in the Atlantic Division with 29 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 92 shots through 30 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	2	1	1	2	0	1
Danny O'Regan	2	1	1	2	4	1
Lawrence Pilut	1	1	1	2	0	2

### GOALTENDER

	GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Adam Wilcox	1	1-0-0	59:48	3	.921	3.01
Scott Wedgewood	1	0-1-0	56:21	4	.867	4.26

### HARTFORD

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Vinni Lettieri	2	1	2	3	2	1
Chris Bigras	2	1	1	2	0	1
Steven Fogarty	2	1	1	2	2	0

### GOALTENDER

	GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Dustin Tokarski	1	1-0-0	60:00	2	.933	2.00
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
<b>Dec. 21</b>	L	4-2	30-30	1-5	4-5
<b>Dec. 22</b>					
Feb. 2					

## SERIES NOTABLES

- Tonight is the 24<sup>th</sup> all-time meeting between Rochester and Hartford with the Amerks owning an 12-10-1 record. The Amerks have won seven of the last 13 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.