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Rochester Americans @ Cleveland Monsters

Wednesday, December 26, 2018 @ Quicken Loans Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 466

TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

- The Rochester Americans (18-10-2-0) get back to work tonight following the Christmas break as they travel to Quicken Loans Arena to take on the Cleveland Monsters in a North Division showdown. The 7:00 p.m. matchup begins a busy stretch of three games in four nights for the Amerks, who are in the midst of a season-long three-game skid after losing three straight at home prior to the break. All the action will be carried live on The Sports Leader AM 950/95.7 FM ESPN Rochester and can be viewed on AHLTV.

LAST TIME OUT

- After allowing a pair goals in each of the first and third periods in the second half of a two-game set with the Hartford Wolf Pack, the Amerks closed out their final game before the Christmas break on the wrong side of 5-1 decision Saturday at The Blue Cross Arena.
- Yannick Veilleux's** second goal of the campaign during the final period stood as the lone tally while goaltender **Adam Wilcox** and **Scott Wedgewood** each made 16 stops as Rochester suffered its third straight loss, the longest stretch this season for the Amerks.
- Despite the loss, Rochester has won seven of its last 12 games and remains atop the AHL's North Division standings with a two-point lead over Syracuse and Cleveland entering the final week of December. The Crunch, however, have three games in hand.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks close out their home portion of the 2018 calendar year on Friday, Dec. 28 when they host the defending Calder Cup champion Toronto Marlies for a North Division matchup at The Blue Cross Arena. 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 30 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 held by John Slaney, who had 30 for the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins during the 1999-00 season.

2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS
94-96



16-10-4-0 (36 points)

18-10-2-0 (38 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Redmond	30	14	11	25	20	1
C.J. Smith	30	11	14	25	8	7
Victor Olofsson	27	10	14	24	6	-1

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA	
Scott Wedgewood	18	9-6-1	958:18	479	.907	3.07
Adam Wilcox	13	7-3-1	697:11	302	.899	2.93
Jonas Johansson	3	2-1-0	141:33	57	.891	2.97

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Dec. 28	vs. Toronto	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 29	@ Utica	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 2	vs. Bridgeport	7:05 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Dec. 22	Hartford	L 5-1	41-37	0-3	2-3
Dec. 21	Hartford	L 4-2	30-30	1-5	4-5
Dec. 19	Belleville	L 5-4	24-38	1-2	3-5

YEARLY RECORD

	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	10-8-0-0	55	55	20
AWAY	8-2-2-0	41	37	18
TOTALS	18-10-2-0	96	92	38

MONSTERS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zac Dalpe*	28	14	13	27	29	4
Nathan Gerbe	30	7	16	23	16	1
Eric Robinson	30	10	9	19	6	5

*Currently on recall with Columbus

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA	
Jean-Francois Berube	22	11-8-3	1,247	558	.906	2.79
Brad Thiessen	3	2-1-0	112:42	48	.873	3.73
Mattis Kivlenieks	9	3-1-1	447:11	194	.890	3.22



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LET'S MAKE IT 10

• Forwards **Victor Olofsson** and **C.J. Smith** each scored their 10th goals of the season last Wednesday, becoming the third and fourth players this season to reach the mark. Smith, who has scored in four of the last five games, reached the 10-goal plateau for the second straight season as he posted 17 in his rookie campaign. Through 30 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 10th 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 11th in the league in goals (14) and ranks second amongst 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 217. 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 30 games so far this season.

BUSY BETWEEN THE PIPES

• Goaltender **Scott Wedgewood** has appeared in-between the pipes in 15 of the last 22 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 final week of the calendar year tied for fourth among all AHL goaltenders in shutouts (2), ninth in wins (9) and tied for 10th in games played (18).

GREAT LAKES RIVALRY SERIES

- The Great Lakes Rivalry Series resumes tonight with the first of a special two-game home-and-home series of **Nickelodeon Nights featuring the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles**.
- The Monsters will be wearing Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle-themed jerseys while the Amerks will sport sweaters inspired by the Foot Clan tonight. The teams will wear the same themed jerseys again on Friday, Mar. 22 when the Amerks host the Monsters at The Blue Cross Arena at 7:05 p.m.
- Rochester currently leads the season series 3-0 after winning the first three games against Cleveland by a combined score of 10-4.

AMERKS-MONSTERS 2018-19 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Jusitn Bailey	3	2	3	5	2	3
C.J. Smith	3	2	2	4	2	5
Wayne Simpson	3	2	1	3	0	1

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Scott Wedgewood	2	2-0-0	120:00	3	.957	1.50
Adam Wilcox	1	1-0-0	63:32	1	.968	0.94

CLEVELAND

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Nathan Gerbe	3	2	2	4	2	-2
Adam Clendening	2	1	1	2	4	-2
Sonny Milano	3	1	1	2	2	-6

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Jean-Francois Berube	3	0-2-1	122:05	8	.882	3.93
Matiss Kivlenieks	1	0-0-0	59:08	1	.974	1.01

2018-19 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Nov. 7	W	5-2	39-26	0-1	2-2
Dec. 14	W	3-1	26-42	0-4	4-5
Dec. 15	OTW	2-1	42-31	1-6	2-3
Dec. 26					
Feb. 12					
Feb. 20					
Mar. 22					
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 fourth game between the Amerks and Monsters since the 2015-16 season. Rochester holds a record of 23-5-2-3 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.