



## Toronto Marlies vs. Rochester Americans

Friday, December 28, 2018 @ The Blue Cross Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 480

### TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

- The Rochester Americans (19-10-2-0) close out the home portion of the 2018 calendar year tonight when they host the defending Calder Cup champion Toronto Marlies (14-12-3-2) 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.

### LAST TIME OUT

- Rochester ended its season-long three-game skid in a monstrous way, scoring three power-play goals behind a 31-save shutout from goaltender **Scott Wedgewood** to cruise to a 4-0 win over the Cleveland Monsters in the first game back from the Christmas break Wednesday at Quicken Loans Arena.
- With the victory, Rochester has won eight of its last 13 games and remains in first place in the North Division standings with a two-point lead over the Syracuse Crunch entering the final week of December. The Amerks also became just the fourth AHL team this season to reach the 40-point mark and first from the North Division.
- Forwards **C.J. Smith** and **Kyle Criscuolo** each collected multi-point efforts as the duo tallied a goal and an assist while **Victor Olofsson** registered a pair of helpers for the Amerks.
- Wedgewood stopped all 31 shots he faced to record his third shutout of the year and 10<sup>th</sup> win overall. The netminder boasts a 10-6-1 record in 19 appearances this season and is one shutout shy of tying a career-best that he set during the 2013-14 season.

### ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks wrap up the 2018 calendar year on Saturday, Dec. 29 when they face the Utica Comets for a North Division matchup at Adirondack Bank Center. Game time is slated for a 7:00 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 31 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



TOTAL GOALS  
110-100



14-12-3-2 (33 points)

19-10-2-0 (40 points)

### AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
C.J. Smith	31	12	15	27	8	8
Victor Olofsson	28	10	16	26	6	-1
Zach Redmond	31	14	11	25	20	2

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Scott Wedgewood	19	10-6-1	1,018	510	.912	2.89
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. 29	@ Utica	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 2	vs. Bridgeport	7:05 p.m.
Jan. 4	@ Laval	7:30p.m.

### LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Dec. 26	Cleveland	W 4-0	31-31	3-6	4-4
Dec. 22	Hartford	L 5-1	41-37	0-3	2-3
Dec. 21	Hartford	L 4-2	30-30	1-5	4-5

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	10-8-0-0	55	55	20
AWAY	9-2-2-0	45	37	20
TOTALS	19-10-2-0	100	92	40

### MARLIES OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Chris Mueller	29	13	18	31	12	2
Jeremy Bracco	31	7	20	27	8	2
Trevor Moore*	27	17	7	24	18	6

\*Currently on recall with Toronto

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Eamon McAdam	14	7-3-3	783:22	320	.896	2.83
Kasimir Kaskisuo	11	3-5-1	568:18	252	.866	4.12



### MOVING ON UP

- With multi-point outings in Wednesday's 4-0 win at Cleveland, forwards **C.J. Smith** and **Victor Olofsson** have moved into first and second on the team in scoring with 27 and 26 points on the season, respectively. Smith has recorded eight points (5+3) over his last six games, which includes goals in five of six games during that same stretch. Overall on the season, the Amerks reigning Rookie of the Year has 12 goals through 31 games and is on pace to establish a new career-high after posting 17 in his rookie campaign. A year after leading the SHL with 27 goals, Olofsson has collected 26 points (10+16) in 28 games this season and has multi-point efforts in two of his last four appearances. He was named the CCM/AHL Player of the Month for October with 15 points through the his first 10 games.

### 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> in the league in goals (14) and ranks second amongst all active AHL 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 218. 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 17 points (10+7) while appearing in all 31 games so far this season.

### BUSY BETWEEN THE PIPES

- Scott Wedgewood** has gotten the nod in four of the last six games for Rochester, going 2-2-0 over that span. 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 2018 calendar year third among all AHL goaltenders in shutouts (3), tied for eighth in games played (19) and tied for eighth in wins (10).

### SCOUTING THE MARLIES

- Winners in four of their last six games, the Marlies come into the matchup fifth in the Division with 33 points and rank fourth in the AHL with 110 goals scored through their first 31 games of the season.
- Toronto returns to the Flower City with seven different skaters to reach the 20-point mark on the season. While Chris Mueller leads the club with 31 points in 29 games, Jeremy Bracco has a team-high 20 assists and Trevor Moore is tied for second in the AHL with 20 goals.

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

#### ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Danny O'Regan	1	2	0	2	2	2
Zach Redmond	1	0	2	2	0	2
Brendan Guhle	1	0	1	1	0	1

#### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Scott Wedgewood	1	1-0-0	65:00	4	.905 3.69

#### TORONTO

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Sam Gagner	1	1	1	2	2	2
Carl Grundstrom	1	1	1	2	0	0
Dmytro Timashov	1	1	1	2	0	-1

#### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Jeff Glass	1	0-0-1	63:51	4	.900 3.76

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

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 19	SOW	5-4	41-42	0-4	2-4
Dec. 28					
Jan. 11					
Jan. 12					
Mar. 23					
Mar. 24					

### AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. TORONTO: 45-67-4

### SERIES NOTABLES

- In 10 of the last 13 meetings dating back to the 2016-17 season, the team that scored first has gone on to come away with the victory.
- The two teams have combined to go just 5-for-52 in the previous nine games while on the power-play in the head-to-head series. Conversely, the Amerks' penalty kill has successfully killed off 25 of the 28 penalties against the Marlies dating back to last season.
- After dropping three straight games against the Marlies, the Amerks have come away with the victory in each of the last four meetings in the head-to-head series, while outscoring Toronto 22-14.
- Eamon McAdam and Kasimir Kaskisuo have handled much of the goaltending duties in the Toronto crease as they show a combined 10-8-4 record in 25 appearances.