



Rochester Americans @ Toronto Marlies

Saturday, January 12, 2019 @ Coca-Cola Coliseum | AHL Regular Season Game No. 586

TODAY'S GAME OVERVIEW

- The Rochester Americans (22-13-2-0) and Toronto Marlies (19-14-3-2) face-off for the second time in less than 24 hours this afternoon as the home-and-home series shifts north of the border for a 4:00 p.m. rematch at Coca-Cola Coliseum. All of the action will be carried live on The Sports Leader AM 950/95.7 FM ESPN Rochester as well as AHLTV.

LAST TIME OUT

- For the first time in six games dating back to last season, the Amerks failed to earn a point against the Marlies, who scored four straight unanswered goals on their way to a 5-1 victory in front a season-high crowd of 8,326 last night at The Blue Cross Arena.
- Friday night's contest, which served as the first half of a home-and-home set between the two clubs, was the final game in the Flower City between the Amerks and the defending Calder Cup champs as the final three games of the season series moves across the border to Coca-Cola Coliseum.
- Despite the regulation loss, Rochester, which has won four of its last seven games, maintains a one-point lead atop the AHL's North Division standings.
- Forward **Alexander Nylander** tallied his ninth goal of the season while goaltender **Scott Wedgewood**, who has gotten the nod in eight of the last 11 games for the Amerks, saw his four-game win streak halted.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks continue their three-game road swing as they travel to Pennsylvania for a pair of matchups, beginning on Friday, Jan. 18 when they meet up with the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins before facing the Lehigh Valley Phantoms the next night. Both of the 7:05 p.m. contests will be carried live on The Sports Leader AM 950/95.7 FM ESPN Rochester as well as AHLTV.

REDMOND INCHING CLOSER TO HISTORY

- With 16 goals through 37 games this season, **Zach Redmond** is on a record-setting pace to permanently etch his name in team and league 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, recently established a new career-high of 16 and needs only two 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
137-118



19-14-3-2 (43 points)

22-13-2-0 (46 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Redmond	37	16	14	30	26	2
Victor Olofsson	34	10	20	30	8	2
C.J. Smith	33	13	16	29	10	8

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Scott Wedgewood	23	13-7-1	1,266	606	.909	2.89
Adam Wilcox	15	7-5-1	814:43	346	.899	2.87
Jonas Johansson	3	2-1-0	141:33	57	.891	2.97

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 18	@ W-B/Scranton	7:05 p.m.
Jan. 19	@ Lehigh Valley	7:05 p.m.
Jan. 23	vs. Binghamton	7:05 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Jan. 11	Toronto	L 5-1	30-22	1-4	3-4
Jan. 5	Laval	L 2-1	29-15	1-5	2-2
Jan. 4	Laval	SOW 3-2	35-24	1-2	2-3

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	12-9-0-0	66	65	24
AWAY	10-4-2-0	52	45	22
TOTALS	22-13-2-0	118	110	46

MARLIES OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Chris Mueller	36	19	20	39	18	6
Jeremy Bracco	37	8	29	37	8	5
Sam Gagner	31	9	22	31	6	-2

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Eamon McAdam	17	9-4-3	962:25	395	.898	2.81
Kasimir Kaskisuo	14	5-6-1	748:18	312	.867	3.85



BACK ON TOP

- With six assists over his last seven games, **Victor Olofsson** has a share of the team's scoring lead along with Redmond to begin the New Year. A year after pacing the SHL with 27 goals, Olofsson has been nearly a point-per-game player for Rochester, leading the team with 20 assists and 30 points through his first 34 games of the campaign. He's currently tied for 20th among all forwards in assists, while his 10 goals are fifth-most among all Rochester skaters. He also ranks fifth in the league with 13 power-play assists.

AMERKS GET TWO-TIME STANLEY CUP-WINNER FROM BUFFALO

- Just days after being reassigned from the parent Buffalo Sabres, veteran forward **Scott Wilson** made his season debut last night. The game was Wilson's first of the season after sustaining an injury in training camp four days prior to Buffalo's regular-season opener. With the addition of Wilson, Rochester's current lineup now features two Stanley Cup-winners in he and captain **Kevin Porter**.

RED HOT 'REDS'

- Redmond has scored a team and career-high 16 goals this season, including eight on the power-play, 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, enters the weekend tied for 13th in the league in goals and ranks second amongst all active AHL defensemen with 30 points, while his seven game-winning goals are tops in the AHL. His 16 goals are also the most by an AHL blueliner, with the next closest being a three-way tie with 10.

IRON MAN SIMPSON

- Wayne Simpson** is the AHL's current leader in consecutive games played with 224. 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.

BUSY BETWEEN THE PIPES

- Scott Wedgewood** has gotten the nod in eight of the last 11 games for the Amerks, going 5-3-0 over that span, which prior to last night's loss, included a four-game win streak. After dropping his first two games of the season, the sixth-year netminder won a season-long 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 (3) and fifth in wins (13). Wedgewood's 23 appearances this season are seventh-most in the league while his 1,266 minutes are also 10th. Wedgewood is one shutout away from tying a career-best from 2013-14.

SCOUTING THE MARLIES

- Toronto, which has won five of its last six games, enter today's rematch fourth in the AHL's North Division with 43 points this season.

AMERKS-MARLIES 2018-19 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Danny O'Regan	3	3	2	5	2	2
Brendan Guhle	3	2	1	3	2	1
Zach Redmond	3	1	2	3	4	1

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Scott Wedgewood	3	2-1-0	185:00	10	.900	3.24

TORONTO

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Sam Gagner	3	1	4	5	2	2
Michael Carcone	5	3	1	4	12	-2
Carl Grundstrom	3	2	2	4	6	-2

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Eamon McAdam	2	1-1-0	119:13	6	.895	3.02
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	W	5-1	27-36	2-5	7-8
Jan. 11	L	5-1	30-22	1-4	3-4
Jan. 12					
Mar. 23					
Mar. 24					

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. TORONTO: 46-68-4

SERIES NOTABLES

- In 12 of the last 15 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 10-for-73 in the previous 10 games while on the power-play. Conversely, the Amerks' penalty kill has successfully killed off 35 of the 40 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 five of the last six meetings in the head-to-head series, while outscoring Toronto 28-20 over that span.
- In each of the three meetings this season, the winning team has turned in a multi-goal effort in the second period, in addition to scoring five goals.