



## Rochester Americans @ Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins

Friday, January 18, 2019 @ Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza | AHL Regular Season Game No. 616

### TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

• The Rochester Americans (23-13-2-0) kickoff a weekend trek through Pennsylvania tonight at Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza against the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins (19-16-4-1). The 7:05 p.m. matchup is the final meeting of the season series between the two teams and will be carried live on The Sports Leader AM 950/95.7 FM ESPN Rochester as well as AHLTV.

### LAST TIME OUT

- **C.J. Smith** recorded his second career hat trick and factored in on four of the five goals for the Amerks, who turned the tables with a 5-1 victory over the defending Calder Cup champion Toronto Marlies in the second half of a home-and-home series between the North Division rivals this past Saturday at Coca-Coliseum.
- The game was the first north of the border after Rochester hosted the first three games of the season series. The Amerks have now won five of their last eight games and hold a share of the top spot in the AHL's North Division standings.
- Smith tied a career-high as he scored three goals, including the game-winner, and added an assist, while **Zach Redmond** (0+2) and **Kevin Porter** (1+1) each turned in a multi-point effort for Rochester. **Victor Olofsson** completed the scoring on the day as goaltender **Scott Wedgewood**, who has gotten the nod in nine of the last 12 games for the Amerks, upped his record to 14-7-1 as he stopped 26 of 27 shot he faced.

### ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks wrap up their three-game road swing as they travel to Allentown for a 7:05 p.m. clash with the Lehigh Valley Phantoms on Saturday, Jan. 19. The contest 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 38 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. Redmond bested the mark, needing only 14 games. 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  
126-123



19-16-4-1 (43 points)

23-13-2-0 (48 points)

### AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
C.J. Smith	34	16	17	33	10	10
Zach Redmond	38	16	16	32	26	3
Victor Olofsson	35	11	20	31	8	2

### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA	
Scott Wedgewood	24	14-7-1	1,326	632	.911	2.80
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. 19	@ Lehigh Valley	7:05 p.m.
Jan. 23	vs. Binghamton	7:05 p.m.
Jan. 25	vs. Utica	7:05 p.m.

### LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Jan. 12	Toronto	W 5-1	34-27	3-7	3-3
Jan. 11	Toronto	L 5-1	30-22	1-4	3-4
Jan. 5	Laval	L 2-1	29-15	1-5	2-2

### YEARLY RECORD

	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	12-9-0-0	66	65	24
AWAY	11-4-2-0	57	46	24
TOTALS	23-13-2-0	123	111	48

### PENGUINS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Teddy Blueger	40	17	14	31	18	14
Ethan Prow	39	11	16	27	14	12
Sam Lafferty	40	5	19	24	53	1

### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA	
Tristan Jerry	21	11-7-3	1,256	588	.910	2.77
Anthony Peters	16	6-7-2	921:10	405	.892	3.19



### SMITH SOARS TO GRAB AMERKS POINT LEAD

• With his four-point (3+1) outing last Saturday in his first game with the Amerks since being reassigned by the parent Buffalo Sabres, Smith grabbed sole possession of the Amerks points lead as he 33 points through 34 games this season with Rochester. Over Smith's last nine games, the Des Moines, Iowa, native has 14 points (9+5), which includes four multi-point efforts.

### 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 week tied for 15<sup>th</sup> in the league in goals (16) and second amongst all active AHL defensemen with 32 points, while his seven game-winning goals are tops in the AHL. His 16 goals are also the most by an AHL blueliner.

### OLOFSSON OFF AND RUNNING...AGAIN

• With seven points (1+6) in his last seven games, **Victor Olofsson** is third among all Amerks point-getters. 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 31 points through his first 35 games of the campaign. He's currently tied for 25<sup>th</sup> among all forwards in assists, while his 11 goals are fifth-most among all Rochester skaters. He also tied for fifth in the league with 13 power-play assists.

### IRON MAN SIMPSON

• **Wayne Simpson** is the AHL's current leader in consecutive games played with 225. 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 nine of the last 12 games for the Amerks, going 6-3-0 over that span, which prior to Friday 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 fourth in wins (14). Wedgewood's 24 appearances this season are 10<sup>th</sup>-most in the league while his 1,326 minutes are 11<sup>th</sup>. Wedgewood is one shutout away from tying a career-best from 2013-14 season.

### POWER POWER-PLAY LIGHTING THE ROAD LAMP

• The Amerks, who have gone 12-for-34 on the power-play over the last seven games outside the Flower City, own the AHL's top-ranked road power-play percentage with a 31.0% success rate.

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

#### ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Victor Olofsson	1	1	0	1	0	1
Rasmus Asplund	1	0	1	1	2	1
Danny O'Regan	1	0	1	1	0	1

#### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Scott Wedgewood	1	1-0-0	59:39	0	1.000	0.00

#### WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
None						

#### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
John Muse	1	0-1-0	58:21	1	.967	1.03

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

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Nov. 30	W	1-0	30-35	0-2	4-4
Jan. 18					

### AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. W-B/SCRANTON: 18-18-7

#### SERIES NOTABLES

- Tonight is the 44<sup>th</sup> all-time meeting between the two teams with the Amerks having won four of the last six get-togethers.
- Rochester's 1-0 shutout win on Nov. 30 versus Wilkes-Barre/Scranton marked its first 1-0 victory since Mar. 27, 2013 against the Syracuse Crunch.
- Amerks head coach **Chris Taylor** along with team captain **Kevin Porter** spent the 2016-17 season with the Penguins while **Scott Wilson** made his pro debut with Wilkes-Barre/Scranton in the Spring of 2014 before winning back-to-back Stanley Cups with the Pittsburgh Penguins.
- Amerks assistant coach **Toby Petersen** spent parts of three seasons as a player with the Penguins from 2000-2004.
- Amerks general manager **Randy Sexton** also spent seven seasons (2010-11 to 2016-17) with the Pittsburgh Penguins organization while playing a key role in leading the Penguins to back-to-back Stanley Cups in 2016 and 2017.
- Wilkes-Barre/Scranton enters tonight's contest as winners in four of its last six games and sitting fifth in the AHL's Atlantic Division with 43 overall points.