



## Rochester Americans @ Lehigh Valley Phantoms

Saturday, January 19, 2019 @ PPL Center | AHL Regular Season Game No. 626

### TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

• The Rochester Americans (24-13-2-0) wrap up their three-game road swing tonight as they travel to Allentown for a 7:05 p.m. clash with the Lehigh Valley Phantoms (21-15-2-2). The contest will be the first of two this season and will be carried live on The Sports Leader AM 950/95.7 FM ESPN Rochester as well as AHLTV.

### LAST TIME OUT

- **Zach Redmond** scored twice to tie the single-season franchise record for goals by a defenseman (18) and added two assists for a career-high four-point night to lead the Amerks to a 5-4 win over the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins Friday at Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza.
- Redmond scored his 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> goals of the season to tie the mark originally set by Amerks Hall of Famer **Rick Pagnutti** during the 1972-73 campaign. The veteran blueliner will have his first chance to break the record tonight as the Amerks conclude the weekend.
- With last night's victory over Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, the Amerks have won five of the last seven get-togethers with the Penguins and six of their last nine games overall to stay tied for first-place in the AHL's North Division standings with 50 points on the season.
- **Victor Olofsson** (2+0) and **Danny O'Regan** (1+1) rounded out the scoring. Goaltender **Scott Wedgewood**, who has gotten the nod in 10 of the last 13 games for the Amerks, upped his record to 15-7-1 as he made 19 saves.

### ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

• The Amerks return to action for their final three games before the All-Star break beginning on Wednesday, Jan. 23 when they host the intrastate rival Binghamton Devils at The Blue Cross Arena at 7:05 p.m. Rochester then welcomes the Utica Comets on Friday before facing the Syracuse Crunch on Saturday to conclude the week. All three games will be carried live on The Sports Leader AM 950/95.7 FM ESPN Rochester as well as AHLTV.

### REDMOND ON THE BRINK OF HISTORY

• With 18 goals on the season, Redmond will set the franchise's new single-season record for goals by a defenseman with his next goal, surpassing the mark set by Amerks Hall of Famer **Rick Pagnutti** during the 1972-73 season. 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. The veteran blueliner is also on pace to permanently etch his name in league history as he needs just 12 more goals to tie John Slaney's AHL record of 30, set back in 1999-00 with Wilke-Barre/Scranton.

### 2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS  
140-128



21-15-2-2 (46 points)

24-13-2-0 (50 points)

### AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Redmond	39	18	18	36	26	5
C.J. Smith	35	16	18	34	10	9
Victor Olofsson	36	13	20	33	8	4

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Scott Wedgewood	25	15-7-1	1,386	651	.908	2.86
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. 23	vs. Binghamton	7:05 p.m.
Jan. 25	vs. Utica	7:05 p.m.
Jan. 26	@ Syracuse	7:00 p.m.

### LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Jan. 18	WBS	W 5-4	38-23	1-3	3-3
Jan. 12	Toronto	W 5-1	34-27	3-7	3-3
Jan. 11	Toronto	L 5-1	30-22	1-4	3-4

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	12-9-0-0	66	65	24
AWAY	12-4-2-0	62	50	26
TOTALS	24-13-2-0	128	114	50

### PHANTOMS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Greg Carey	40	18	22	40	14	0
T.J. Brennan	37	7	26	33	54	-14
Chris Conner	39	11	18	29	6	5

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Alex Lyon	19	9-9-1	1,130	536	.913	2.71
Carter Hart	17	9-5-2	944:56	437	.901	3.05



LEHIGH VALLEY PHANTOMS  
**GAME NOTES**  
 ROCHESTER AMERICANS



**SMITH SOARING AFTER BIG WEEK**

• Second-year forward **C.J. Smith** carries a five-game point streak (5+4) into tonight and ranks second among all Amerk point-getters with 34 points (16+18) in 35 games this season. Dating back to Dec. 14, the 2018 AHL All-Star MVP has posted 15 points (9+6) and four multi-point outings over his last 10 games, including a career-best four-point effort last Saturday in Toronto which came just days after scoring his first NHL goal during a four-game stint with the Sabres.

**RED HOT 'REDS'**

• Redmond has scored a team and career-high 18 goals this season, including nine on the power-play, good enough for third 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 eighth in the league in goals (18) and leading all AHL defensemen with a team-high 36 points, while his seven game-winning goals are tops in the AHL. His 18 goals and 132 shots are also the most by an AHL blueliner this season.

**OLOFSSON OFF AND RUNNING...AGAIN**

• With nine points (3+6) in his last eight games, **Victor Olofsson** is one of three Rochester skates with 30 or more points on the season. 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 ranking third with 33 points through his first 36 games. Olofsson, who earned CCM/AHL Player of the Month honors for October, is also sixth in the league with 13 power-play assists.

**IRON MAN SIMPSON**

• **Wayne Simpson** is the AHL's current leader in consecutive games played with 226. 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 10 of the last 13 games for the Amerks, going 7-3-0 over that span, which 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 (15). Wedgewood's 25 appearances this season are ninth-most in the league while his 1,386 minutes are 10<sup>th</sup>. He's just one shutout and one win away from tying a career-best.

**POWER PLAY LIGHTING THE ROAD LAMP**

• The Amerks, who have gone 13-for-34 on the man-advantage over their last eight games outside Rochester, own the AHL's top-ranked road power-play percentage with a 31.1% success rate.

**AMERKS-PHANTOMS 2017-18 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN**

**ROCHESTER**

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Seth Griffith	2	1	3	4	0	1
Sahir Gill	2	1	2	3	0	3
Kevin Porter	2	1	1	2	0	2

  

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	2	1-1-0	118:35	6	.989	3.04

**LEHIGH VALLEY**

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Travis Sanheim	1	0	3	3	0	1
T.J. Brennan	2	2	0	2	2	1
Mikhail Vorobyev	1	1	1	2	0	1

  

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Dustin Tokarski	2	1-1-0	118:57	5	.918	2.52

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

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Jan. 6	W	3-1	35-27	1-5	3-3
Feb. 10	L	5-3	27-32	1-4	2-4

**AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. LEHIGH VALLEY: 30-29-5**

**SERIES NOTABLES**

- Lehigh Valley's roster includes a trio of former Amerks in two-time team MVP Phil Varone, who is currently on recall with the Philadelphia Flyers, forward Justin Bailey and defenseman T.J. Brennan.
- The Buffalo Sabres traded Bailey Thursday night to the Flyers in exchange for forward **Taylor Leier**. Bailey began his career with the Amerks and totaled 118 points (62+54) in 196 games with Rochester in his first three and a half seasons from 2015 to 2019.
- Leier could potentially make his Amerks debut tonight against his former team after posting 136 points (56+80) in 226 games with the Phantoms to begin his professional career.
- Despite just going 1-3-0-0 during the 2016-17 season against the Phantoms, the Amerks are 6-6-0-0 in the last 12 meetings between the two teams dating back to the 2015-16 campaign.
- Brennan leads all Phantoms defensemen in scoring for the third straight season He has recorded 457 points (155+302) in 619 career games with Lehigh Valley, Toronto, Rockford, Rochester and Portland.