



Binghamton Devils vs. Rochester Americans

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 @ The Blue Cross Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 652

TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

- The Rochester Americans (24-13-2-1) begin their final three-game stretch prior to the AHL All-Star break tonight as they host the intrastate rival Binghamton Devils (19-22-4-0) for a North Division showdown at The Blue Cross Arena. The 7:05 p.m. contest will be the fourth of 10 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

- Despite tying the game with just over six minutes left in regulation and registering a season-high 51 shots on goal, the Amerks were unable to take the lead as they fell 3-2 in a shootout to the Lehigh Valley Phantoms to close out their three-game road swing Saturday night at the PPL Center.

- Despite the shootout loss in Allentown, however, the Amerks were able to earn a valuable point to reclaim sole possession of the top spot in the AHL's North Division standings. Rochester has also now picked up 13 points in seven of its last 10 games, including three out of a possible four this past weekend.

- Amerks forwards **Kevin Porter** (1+1) and **Wayne Simpson** (0+2) each turned in a multi-point effort while **Matt Tennyson** tallied his second goal of the campaign. Goaltender **Adam Wilcox** stopped 22 of 24 shots he faced but was handed the loss. The game also featured the debut of forward **Taylor Leier**, who was acquired via trade just two days prior from the Philadelphia Flyers in exchange for Justin Bailey. Leier recorded one shot against his former team.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks return to action for their final two games before the All-Star break beginning on Friday, Jan. 25 when they host the intrastate rival Utica Comets at The Blue Cross Arena at 7:05 p.m. Rochester then faces the Syracuse Crunch on Saturday to conclude the week. Friday's game can be heard live on The Sports Leader AM 950/95.7 FM ESPN Rochester and will be televised live on MSG.

REDMOND ON THE BRINK OF HISTORY

- With 18 goals on the season, **Zach 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. Additionally, 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 in 1999-00.

2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS
120-130



19-22-4-0 (42 points)

24-13-2-1 (51 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Redmond	40	18	18	36	26	4
C.J. Smith	36	16	19	35	10	10
Victor Olofsson	37	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	16	7-5-2	879:40	368	.900	2.80
Jonas Johansson	3	2-1-0	141:33	57	.891	2.97

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 25	vs. Utica	7:05 p.m.
Jan. 26	@ Syracuse	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 1	@ Binghamton	7:05 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Jan. 19	Lehigh Valley	SOL 3-2	51-25	0-7	2-2
Jan. 18	WBS	W 5-4	38-23	1-3	3-3
Jan. 12	Toronto	W 5-1	34-27	3-7	3-3

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS
HOME 12-9-0-0	66	65	24
AWAY 12-4-2-1	64	53	27
TOTALS 24-13-2-1	130	117	51

DEVILS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Marian Studenic	36	10	13	23	10	0
Brandon Gignac	39	7	16	23	18	-5
Michael McLeod	40	5	18	23	33	5

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Cam Johnson	16	6-9-1	902:49	379	.869	3.79
Mackenzie Blackwood	15	6-7-1	847:53	391	.911	2.69
Cory Schneider	4	1-2-1	237:53	91	.901	2.52



//// BINGHAMTON DEVILS //// GAME NOTES //// ROCHESTER AMERICANS ////



C.J. PILING ON THE POINTS

- **C.J. Smith** carries a career-long six-game point streak (5+5) into the week and ranks second among all Amerk point-getters with 35 points (16+19) in 36 games this season. Dating back to Dec. 14, the 2018 AHL All-Star MVP has posted 16 points (9+7) and four multi-point outings over his last 11 games, including a career-high four-point effort on Jan. 12 in Toronto which came just days after scoring his first NHL goal during a four-game stint with the Buffalo 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 week tied for 10th 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 135 shots are also the most by an AHL blueliner this season.

OLOFSSON OFF AND RUNNING...AGAIN

- With nine points (3+6) in his last nine 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 37 games. Olofsson, who earned CCM/AHL Player of the Month honors for October, is also seventh in the league with 13 power-play assists.

IRON MAN SIMPSON

- **Wayne Simpson** is the AHL's current leader in consecutive games played with 227. 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** (15-7-1) has gotten the nod in 10 of the last 13 games, 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 week tied for third among all AHL goaltenders in shutouts (3) and fourth in wins (15). Wedgewood's 25 appearances this season are 10th-most in the league while his 1,386 minutes are 13th. He's just one shutout and one win away from tying a career-best.

POWER PLAY LIGHTING THE LAMP

- The Amerks, who have gone 14-for-47 on the man-advantage over their last 10 games, own the AHL's sixth-ranked power-play percentage with a 21.7% success rate.

AMERKS-DEVILS 2018-19 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Alexander Nylander	3	1	2	3	0	0
Sean Malone	3	1	0	1	0	-3
Kevin Porter	2	0	1	1	2	1

GOALTENDER

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Adam Wilcox	1	0-0-0	38:07	1	.952	1.57
Scott Wedgewood	2	1-1-0	119:37	5	.925	2.51
Jonas Johansson	1	0-1-0	21:53	4	.600	10.97

BINGHAMTON

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Blake Pietila	3	3	1	4	0	1
Nick Lappin	2	1	2	3	0	1
John Ramage	3	1	2	3	0	2

GOALTENDER

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Mackenzie Blackwood	3	2-1-0	177:52	4	.958	1.35

2018-19 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Nov. 24	W	4-3	28-38	0-2	5-5
Dec. 1	L	3-0	22-38	0-2	1-2
Dec. 12	L	5-1	31-37	0-4	1-1
Jan. 23					
Feb. 1					
Feb. 17					
Mar. 9					
Mar. 10					
Mar. 30					
Apr. 13					

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. BINGHAMTON: 17-21-1

(Includes totals carried over from when the franchise was located in Albany)

SERIES NOTABLES

- The Amerks enter the matchup with points in nine of the last 13 games against the Devils dating back to the start of the 2017-18 slate. Rochester holds a 6-4-2-1 record during that span.
- Goaltender **Scott Wedgewood** spent parts of seven seasons in the Devils organization after being drafted by New Jersey in the third round of the 2010 NHL Draft. He appeared in 116 games from 2012-17, including a lone appearance last season, posting an impressive 51-36-9 record with eight shutouts.