



## Rochester Americans @ Syracuse Crunch

Saturday, January 26, 2018 @ The War Memorial Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 680

### TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

• The Rochester Americans (26-13-2-1) play their final game before the AHL All-Star break tonight as look for their fifth win in six games against the intrastate rival Syracuse Crunch (24-13-2-1) at the War Memorial Arena. The 7:00 p.m. contest will be the fourth of 12 scheduled meetings between the two teams 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

- In a goaltending duel where both **Jonas Johansson** of the Amerks and Ivan Kulbakov of the Utica Comets made a career-high in saves, it was the Amerks who erased two third-period deficits before taking down the Comets in a seven-round shootout to pick up a 3-2 victory Friday at The Blue Cross Arena.
- With last night's win, the Amerks, who have collected 17 points in the last 12 games, including seven out of a possible eight in their last four outings, extended their first-place lead atop the AHL's North Division standings coming into tonight's Divisional matchup.
- Forward **Danny O'Regan**, who has five goals over his last six games, and defenseman **Matt Tennyson** each found the back of the net for the Amerks, who have earned at least one point in 12 of the last 14 games with the Comets dating back to the start of last year. **Victor Olofsson**, **C.J. Smith** and newcomer **Taylor Leier** all scored in the shootout tiebreaker while Johansson, who was recalled Thursday from the Cincinnati Cyclones (ECHL), made an AHL career-high 35 saves to improve to 3-1-0 on the year.

### ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- Rochester resumes its three-game road swing following the annual All-Star break on Friday, Feb. 1 as the Amerks travel to face the Binghamton Devils at Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena. Game time is slated for a 7:05 p.m. start and can be heard live on The Sports Leader AM 950/95.7 FM ESPN Rochester. The North Division matchup can also be viewed on AHLTV.

### RECORD BELONGS TO REDMOND

- Veteran defenseman **Zach Redmond** broke the 46-year-old single-season franchise record for goals by a defenseman on Wednesday night, scoring his team-leading 19<sup>th</sup> goal of the season in a 7-5 win over the Binghamton Devils at The Blue Cross Arena.
- The 30-year-old blueliner surpassed Amerks Hall of Famer **Rick Pagnutti**, who set the original mark with 18 goals during the 1972-73 campaign. He'll also become the first defenseman in the 63-year history of the franchise to reach the 20-goal mark on his next goal.
- He also remains on pace to tie the AHL record of 30, set by John Slaney during the 1999-00 season with Wilkes-Barre/Scranton.

### 2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS  
150-140



24-13-2-1 (51 points)

26-13-2-1 (55 points)

### AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Redmond	41	19	20	39	26	5
C.J. Smith	38	16	21	37	10	10
Victor Olofsson	39	14	22	36	8	6

  

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Scott Wedgewood	26	16-7-1	1,446	676	.905	2.95
Adam Wilcox	16	7-5-2	879:40	368	.900	2.80
Jonas Johansson	4	3-1-0	205:52	92	.911	2.62

### NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 1	@ Binghamton	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 2	@ Hartford	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 6	vs. Syracuse	7:05 p.m.

### LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Jan. 25	Utica	SOW 3-2	51-37	0-3	4-4
Jan. 23	Binghamton	W 7-5	30-30	1-1	1-1
Jan. 19	Lehigh Valley	SOL 3-2	51-25	0-7	2-2

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	14-9-0-0	76	72	28
AWAY	12-4-2-1	64	53	27
TOTALS	26-13-2-1	140	125	53

### CRUNCH OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Carter Verhaeghe	40	17	27	44	26	11
Cory Conacher	36	15	29	44	44	9
Alex Barre-Boulet	40	21	17	38	10	3

  

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Connor Ingram	14	9-5-0	835:09	391	.920	2.44
Eddie Pasquale	25	14-8-2	1,486	619	.900	2.79



//// SYRACUSE CRUNCH ////  
**GAME NOTES**  
 //// ROCHESTER AMERKS ////



**C.J. PILING ON THE POINTS**

- **C.J. Smith** carries a career-long eight-game point streak (5+7) into the weekend and ranks second among all Amerk point-getters with 37 points (16+21) in 38 games this season. Dating back to Dec. 14, the 2018 AHL All-Star MVP has posted 18 points (9+9) and four multi-point outings over his last 12 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 Buffalo.

**RED HOT 'REDS'**

- Redmond has scored a team and career-high 19 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 ninth in the league in goals (19) and leading all AHL defensemen with a team-high 39 points, while his eight game-winning goals are tops in the AHL. His 19 goals and 138 shots are also the most by an AHL blueliner this season.

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

- With 12 points (4+8) in his last 11 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 22 assists and ranking third with 36 points through his first 39 games. Olofsson, who earned CCM/AHL Player of the Month honors for October, is also eighth in the league with 13 power-play assists.

**IRON MAN SIMPSON**

- **Wayne Simpson** is the AHL's current leader in consecutive games played with 229. 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 11 of the last 15 games, going 8-3-0 over that span while winning seven of his last eight dating back to a 31-save shutout at Cleveland the day after Christmas. 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 both wins (16) and shutouts (3). He's also eighth in games played (26) and 11<sup>th</sup> in minutes (1446).

**POWER-PLAY LIGHTING THE LAMP**

- The Amerks, who have gone 15-for-51 on the man-advantage over their last 12 games, own the AHL's six-ranked power-play percentage with a 21.8% success rate coming into tonight.

**AMERKS-CRUNCH 2018-19 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN**

**ROCHESTER**

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Redmond	3	3	2	5	4	0
Danny O'Regan	3	2	2	4	0	-1
Victor Olofsson	2	1	3	4	0	-1

**GOALTENDER**

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Adam Wilcox	3	3-0-0	182:28	8	.914	2.63

**SYRACUSE**

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Alexander Volkov	3	0	3	3	0	0
Taylor Raddysh	3	2	0	2	4	-2
Alex Barre-Boulet	3	1	1	2	0	0

**GOALTENDER**

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Connor Ingram	1	0-1-0	57:56	4	.879	4.14
Eddie Pasquale	2	0-1-1	120:39	9	.845	4.48

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

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 10	W	6-3	33-33	3-4	7-8
Nov. 9	OTW	3-2	25-32	0-4	4-4
Dec. 8	W	4-3	33-28	1-3	3-4
Jan. 26					
Feb. 6					
Feb. 15					
Feb. 16					
Mar. 2					
Mar. 3					
Apr. 5					
Apr. 6					
Apr. 13					

**AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. CRUNCH: 133-111-17**

**SERIES NOTABLES**

- The Amerks have scored a power-play goal in 11 of the last 15 games against Syracuse, going 15-for-60 (25.0%) with the man-advantage over that span.
- In the first three get-togethers between the two teams this season, the Amerks tallied five of their 10 goals on special teams, which includes four on the power-play.
- Rochester boasts an 8-5-1-0 record against the Crunch dating back to last season and have won three straight over Syracuse coming into tonight.