



Rochester Americans @ Binghamton Devils

Friday, February 1, 2019 @ Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 685

TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

- The Rochester Americans (26-13-3-1) resume their three-game road swing following the AHL All-Star break tonight as they travel to face the Binghamton Devils (20-23-5-0) 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 matchup can also be viewed on AHLTV.

LAST TIME OUT

- After the Syracuse Crunch tied the game at 3-3 to force overtime, the Amerks saw the home club earn the victory as Carter Verhaege completed the hat trick just nine seconds into the extra period Saturday at the War Memorial Arena.
- Despite the 4-3 overtime loss, the Amerks, who have collected 18 points in the last 13 games, including eight out of a possible 10 in their last five outings, maintain their first-place lead atop the AHL's North Division standings coming out of the All-Star break.
- Amerks forwards **Scott Wilson** and **Kyle Criscuolo** both tallied a goal for Rochester, which holds a 3-0-1-0 record against the Crunch this season, while **Brendan Guhle**, who represented Rochester at the 2019 AHL All-Star Classic, completed the scoring as he tallied his fifth of the campaign. Goaltender **Adam Wilcox** stopped 27 of the 31 shots he faced but was handed his second straight overtime loss.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks close out the first week of February as they conclude their season-series with the Hartford Wolf Pack on Saturday, Feb. 2. The opening face-off from the XL Center is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. The Eastern Conference matchup can be heard live on The Sports Leader AM 950/95.7 FM ESPN Rochester as well as AHLTV.

RECORD BELONGS TO REDMOND

- Veteran defenseman **Zach Redmond** broke the 46-year-old single-season franchise record last Wednesday night, scoring his team-leading 19th goal of the season in a 7-5 win over Binghamton 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 single-season goal-scoring record of 30, set by John Slaney during the 1999-00 season as a member of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins.

POWER-PLAY LIGHTING THE LAMP

- The Amerks, who have gone 16-for-55 on the man-advantage over their last 13 games, own the AHL's sixth-ranked power-play.

2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



20-23-5-0 (45 points)

TOTAL GOALS
132-143



26-13-3-1 (56 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Redmond	41	19	20	39	26	5
C.J. Smith	39	16	22	38	10	11
Victor Olofsson	40	14	23	37	8	5

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA	
Scott Wedgewood	26	16-7-1	1,446	676	.905	2.95
Adam Wilcox	17	7-5-3	939:49	395	.898	2.87
Jonas Johansson	4	3-1-0	205:52	92	.911	2.62

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 2	@ Hartford	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 6	vs. Syracuse	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 8	@ Springfield	7:05 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Jan. 26	Syracuse	OTL 4-3	25-31	1-4	3-3
Jan. 25	Utica	SOW 3-2	51-37	0-3	4-4
Jan. 23	Binghamton	W 7-5	30-30	1-1	1-1

YEARLY RECORD

HOME	AWAY	TOTALS	GF	GA	POINTS
14-9-0-0	12-4-3-1	26-13-3-1	76	72	28
			67	57	28
			143	129	56

DEVILS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Blake Pietila	38	16	12	28	30	-20
Brandon Gignac	42	8	18	26	18	-7
Michael McLeod	43	5	21	26	33	5

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA	
Cam Johnson	16	6-9-1	902:49	379	.869	3.79
Mackenzie Blackwood	16	7-7-1	912:06	413	.912	2.63
Cory Schneider	6	1-3-2	357:48	138	.868	3.52



C.J. PILING ON THE POINTS

- Second-year forward **C.J. Smith** extended his career-long point streak (5+8) to nine straight games, which is tied for the second-longest active streak in the AHL. Rochester's reigning Rookie of the Year ranks second among all Amerk point-getters with 38 points (16+22) in 39 games this season and has posted 19 points (9+10) over his last 14 games dating back to Dec. 14.

RED HOT 'REDS'

- Redmond has scored a team and career-high 19 goals this season, including nine on the power-play, good enough for fourth 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 11th 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 13 points (4+9) in his last 12 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 23 assists and ranking third with 37 points through his first 40 games. Olofsson, who earned CCM/AHL Player of the Month honors for October, is also ninth in the league with 13 power play assists.

IRON MAN SIMPSON

- **Wayne Simpson** is the AHL's current leader in consecutive games played with 230. 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 11 of the last 16 games for the Amerks, 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 shutouts (3) while his 16 wins are tied for fourth. He's also 11th in games played (26) and 16th in minutes (1446).

PENALTY KILL ROLLING

- Since the start of the calendar year, Rochester's shorthanded unit has successfully killed 25 of its last 27 penalties in the last 10 games. The Amerks hold the ninth-best penalty kill percentage in the league with an 80.4% completion rate.

AMERKS-DEVILS 2018-19 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Redmond	4	2	2	4	0	0
Alexander Nylander	4	1	2	3	0	1
Victor Olofsson	4	1	2	3	2	-3

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Adam Wilcox	1	0-0-0	38:07	1	.952	1.57
Scott Wedgewood	3	2-1-0	179:37	10	.897	3.34
Jonas Johansson	1	0-1-0	21:53	4	.600	10.97

BINGHAMTON

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

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Mackenzie Blackwood	3	2-1-0	177:52	4	.958	1.35
Cory Schneider	1	0-1-0	59:14	6	.793	6.08

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	W	7-5	30-30	1-1	1-1
Feb. 1					
Feb. 17					
Mar. 9					
Mar. 10					
Mar. 30					
Apr. 13					

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. BINGHAMTON: 18-21-1

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

SERIES NOTABLES

- The Amerks enter the matchup with points in 10 of the last 14 games against the Devils dating back to the start of the 2017-18 slate. Rochester holds a 7-4-2-1 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.