



Rochester Americans @ Hartford Wolf Pack

Saturday, February 2, 2019 @ XL Center | AHL Regular Season Game No. 701

TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

- The Rochester Americans (27-13-3-1) close out the first week of February tonight as they conclude their season-series against the Hartford Wolf Pack (19-22-3-2) with one final get-together at XL Center. Opening face-off 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.

LAST TIME OUT

- The Amerks trailed the Binghamton Devils by a pair of goals early in the second period but countered back with three straight unanswered tallies, including the game-winner from **Victor Olofsson** with 1:01 remaining in regulation, to come away with a 3-2 victory last night at Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena.
- With the win, the Amerks have collected 12 out of a possible 14 points during their seven-game point streak and maintain their first-place lead atop the AHL's North Division standings coming out of the All-Star break. The club has also recorded 20 points in its last 14 games dating back to a 4-0 shutout win in Cleveland on Dec. 26.
- Amerks defenseman **Brendan Guhle**, who took part in his first AHL All-Star Classic earlier this week, tallied a two-assist night to help the Amerks improve to 8-4-2-1 against Binghamton dating back to the start of last season. Forwards **Yannick Veilleux** and **Tyler Randell** each added a goal during the second period while Olofsson completed the scoring as he scored his 15th goal of the season in the final minute of regulation to secure the win for Rochester. Goaltender **Adam Wilcox** (8-5-3) made 16 saves and earned the win, snapping his career-long five-game winless skid.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks return to action for a pair of home games beginning on Wednesday, Feb. 6 as they welcome the Syracuse Crunch to The Blue Cross Arena before hosting the Springfield Thunderbirds two nights later. Both of the 7:05 p.m. games 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 on Wednesday Jan. 23, 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.

2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS
137-146



19-22-3-2 (43 points)

27-13-3-1 (58 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Redmond	41	19	20	39	26	5
C.J. Smith	40	16	22	38	10	10
Victor Olofsson	41	15	23	38	10	5

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Scott Wedgewood	26	16-7-1	1,446	676	.905	2.95
Adam Wilcox	18	8-5-3	999:49	411	.897	2.82
Jonas Johansson	4	3-1-0	205:52	92	.911	2.62

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 6	vs. Syracuse	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 8	vs. Springfield	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 9	@ Utica	7:00 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Feb. 1	Binghamton	W 3-2	34-18	1-5	4-4
Jan. 26	Syracuse	OTL 4-3	25-31	1-4	3-3
Jan. 25	Utica	SOW 3-2	51-37	0-3	4-4

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	14-9-0-0	76	72	28
AWAY	13-4-3-1	70	59	30
TOTALS	27-13-3-1	146	131	58

WOLF PACK OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Peter Holland	44	17	28	45	50	-5
John Gilmour	46	15	20	35	29	-8
Ville Meskanen	46	9	18	27	6	3

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Dustin Tokarski	18	10-5-2	1,034	487	.907	2.90
Marek Mazanec	18	7-7-3	1,043	487	.900	3.11



C.J. PILING ON THE POINTS

• Second-year forward **C.J. Smith** saw his career-long nine-game point streak (5+8) come to an end last night. The streak was tied for the second-longest active streak in the AHL. Rochester's reigning Rookie of the Year is tied for second among all Amerk point-getters with 38 points (16+22) in 40 games this season and has posted 19 points (9+10) over his last 15 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 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 weekend tied for 13th 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 14 points (5+9) in his last 13 games, **Victor Olofsson** is one of four 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 tied for second with 38 points through his first 41 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 231. 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 17 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 fifth.

SPECIAL TEAMS ROLLING

• Since the turn of the New Year, Rochester's shorthanded unit has successfully killed 29 of 31 penalties in the last 11 games. Conversely, the Amerks, who have gone 17-for-59 on the man-advantage over their last 14 games, own the AHL's sixth-ranked power-play (21.8%). The Amerks also have the top power-play unit on the road this season.

AMERKS-WOLF PACK 2018-19 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Rasmus Asplund	3	1	1	2	0	0
Danny O'Regan	3	1	1	2	4	0
Lawrence Pilut	1	1	1	2	0	2

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Adam Wilcox	2	1-1-0	99:48	6	.895 3.61
Scott Wedgewood	2	0-1-0	76:21	6	.875 4.72

HARTFORD

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Vinni Lettieri	3	2	3	5	2	3
Steven Fogarty	3	1	4	5	6	2
Peter Holland	3	3	1	4	0	3

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Dustin Tokarski	1	1-0-0	60:00	2	.933 2.00
Marek Mazanec	2	1-1-0	118:03	5	.928 2.54

2018-19 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Nov. 18	W	4-3	28-38	0-2	5-5
Dec. 21	L	4-2	30-30	1-5	4-5
Dec. 22	L	5-1	41-37	0-3	3-3
Feb. 2					

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. HARTFORD: 12-10-2

SERIES NOTABLES

- Tonight is the 25th all-time meeting between Rochester and Hartford with the Amerks owning an 12-10-2 record. The Amerks have won seven of the last 14 meetings with the Wolf Pack.
- In the final meeting between the two clubs last season on March 18, forward **C.J. Smith** tallied his first-career professional hat-trick while **Alexander Nylander** had a personal-high three assists.
- Hartford assistant coach Joey Mormina is a former Amerk defenseman, having ended a 12-year playing career with a 20-game stint in Rochester during the 2015-16 campaign.
- The Amerks enter tonight riding a seven-game point streak (5-0-1-1) while the Wolf Pack is winless over it last six games (0-5-1-0) after dropping a 5-2 decision to the Springfield Thunderbirds last night.