



SYRACUSE CRUNCH
GAME NOTES
ROCHESTER AMERICANS



Syracuse Crunch vs. Rochester Americans

Wednesday, February 6, 2019 @ The Blue Cross Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 720

TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

• The Rochester Americans (28-13-3-1) return home from their three-game road swing tonight as they host the intrastate rival Syracuse Crunch (27-13-2-1) for the third time this season at The Blue Cross Arena. The 7:05 p.m. contest will be carried live on The Sports Leader AM 950/95.7 FM ESPN Rochester as well as AHLTV.

LAST TIME OUT

- Forwards **C.J. Smith** and **Eric Cornel** each scored twice and **Jonas Johansson** stopped all but one of the 35 shots he faced as the Amerks closed out their three-game road swing with a convincing 4-1 victory over the Hartford Wolf Pack at XL Center on Saturday night.
- Along with the win, which gave Rochester the weekend sweep, the Amerks have collected 14 out of a possible 16 points during their current eight-game point streak and maintain their first-place lead atop the AHL's North Division standings coming out of the All-Star break. The team has also notched 22 points in its last 15 games dating back to a 4-0 shutout win in Cleveland on Dec. 26.
- With a three-point (2+1) night, Smith, who has since been recalled by the Buffalo Sabres, took over the team scoring lead on the season as he scored his 17th and 18 goals of the campaign to go with an assist while Cornel also bagged a pair of goals in the win. Johansson (3-1-0) was less than three minutes shy of earning his first-career AHL shutout but instead turned in a solid 34-save effort to improve to 4-1-0 through five appearances with Rochester this season.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

• The Amerks close out their brief two-game homestand on Friday, Feb. 8 as they welcome the Springfield Thunderbirds to The Blue Cross Arena. The club will induct **Doug Janik** and **Steve Langdon** into the Amerks Hall of Fame prior to the 7:05 p.m. matchup, in addition to wearing special throwback jerseys and matching socks. To conclude the week, the Amerks visits the Utica Comets on Saturday, Feb. 9 at 7:00 p.m. Both 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 back on 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
164-150



27-13-2-1 (57 points)

28-13-3-1 (60 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
C.J. Smith*	41	18	23	41	12	13
Zach Redmond	41	19	20	39	26	5
Victor Olofsson	42	15	23	38	10	5

* Currently on NHL recall with Buffalo

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	5	4-1-0	265:52	126	.926	2.26

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 8	vs. Springfield	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 9	@ Utica	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 12	@ Cleveland	7:00 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Feb. 2	Hartford	W 4-1	28-35	0-3	2-2
Feb. 1	Binghamton	W 3-2	34-18	1-5	4-4
Jan. 26	Syracuse	OTL 4-3	25-31	1-4	3-3

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	14-9-0-0	76	72	28
AWAY	14-4-3-1	74	60	32
TOTALS	28-13-3-1	150	132	60

CRUNCH OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Carter Verhaeghe	43	22	32	54	26	19
Cory Conacher	39	15	30	45	48	10
Alex Barre-Boulet	43	21	19	40	10	6

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Connor Ingram	17	12-5-0	1,012	464	.921	2.37
Eddie Pasquale	25	14-8-3	1,486	619	.900	2.79



SYRACUSE CRUNCH GAME NOTES ROCHESTER AMERKS



C.J. HEADS BACK TO BUFFALO

Despite seeing his career-long nine-game point streak end on Friday, second-year forward **C.J. Smith** responded with a pair of goals this past Saturday, which included his career-high 18th goal of the season, along with an assist in a 4-1 against Hartford. With his three-point effort, Smith took over the team lead in points (41) and has also recorded 22 points (11+11) in his last 16 games dating back to Dec. 14. On Monday morning, the 24-year-old winger earned his second recall of the campaign to the Buffalo Sabres.

RED HOT 'REDS'

Redmond has scored a team and career-high 19 goals, 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 week tied for 14th in the league in goals (19) and leading all AHL defenseman with 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 14 games, **Victor Olofsson** is one of four Rochester skaters 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, sharing the team lead with 23 assists and ranking third with 38 points through his first 42 games. Olofsson, who earned CCM/AHL Player of the Month honors for October, is also 10th in the league with 13 power play assists.

IRON MAN STREAK COMES TO AN END

Wayne Simpson saw his Iron Man streak of 231 consecutive AHL games end after missing Saturday's game in Hartford. The streak, which dated back to Jan. 29, 2016, was the longest in the AHL over that span. 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.

BUSY BETWEEN THE PIPES

Scott Wedgewood (15-7-1) has gotten the nod in 11 of the last 18 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 week tied for third among all AHL goaltenders in shutouts (3) while his 16 wins are tied for fifth. He's also 13th in games played (26) and 17th in minutes (1446).

SPECIAL TEAMS ROLLING

Since the turn of the New Year, Rochester's shorthanded unit has successfully killed 31 of 33 penalties in the last 12 games.

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	4	2	3	5	2	-1
Victor Olofsson	3	1	4	5	0	-2

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Adam Wilcox	4	3-0-1	242:37	12	.903	2.97

SYRACUSE

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Carter Verhaeghe	4	3	3	6	0	4
Alexander Volkov	4	1	2	3	0	0
Alex Barre-Boulet	4	0	3	3	0	2

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Connor Ingram	2	1-1-0	115:32	7	.879	3.64
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	OTL	4-3	25-31	1-4	3-3
Feb. 6					
Feb. 15					
Feb. 16					
Mar. 2					
Mar. 3					
Apr. 5					
Apr. 6					
Apr. 13					

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. CRUNCH: 133-112-17

SERIES NOTABLES

- The Amerks have scored a power-play goal in 12 of the last 16 games against Syracuse, going 16-for-64 (25.0%) with the man-advantage over that span.
- In the first four get-togethers between the two teams this season, the Amerks tallied six of their 13 goals on special teams, which includes five on the power-play.
- The Amerks, who have gone 17-for-62 on the man-advantage over their last 15 games, own the AHL's sixth-ranked power-play (21.5%).