



## Rochester Americans @ Utica Comets

Saturday, February 9, 2019 @ Adirondack Bank Center | AHL Regular Season Game No. 748

### TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

- The Rochester Americans (29-13-3-2) begin an 11-game stretch against divisional opponents tonight as they face the Utica Comets (25-19-3-2) at 7:00 p.m. All the action from the Adirondack Bank Center will be carried live on The Sports Leader AM 950/95.7 FM ESPN Rochester and AHLTV.

### LAST TIME OUT

- Led by **Victor Olofsson's** four-point night (3+1), which featured his first-career professional hat trick, the Amerks cruised to a 7-1 rout over the Springfield Thunderbirds to close out their brief two-game homestand last night at The Blue Cross Arena.
- With the win, the Amerks have collected 17 out of a possible 20 points during their season-long 10-game point streak, going 7-0-1-2 over that span, and maintain their first-place lead atop the AHL's North Division standings. The 10-game point streak is the club's longest since a 10-game stretch between Nov. 21 and Dec. 13 of last season. Rochester has also notched 25 points in its last 17 games dating back to a 4-0 shutout win in Cleveland on Dec. 26.
- On the strength of his second four-point night of the season, Olofsson took over the team lead in scoring as he has 42 points (18+24) in his first 44 games, which includes 18 points (8+10) in his last 16 contests. Forward **Rasmus Asplund** recorded his second three-point (1+2) outing of the slate while **Danny O'Regan** and **Matt Tennyson** both chipped in a pair of assists. **Wayne Simpson**, **Scott Wilson** and **Tyler Randell** all lit the lamp for the Amerks, who have now claimed five of the last six meetings with the Thunderbirds.
- Goaltender **Scott Wedgewood**, who came within five minutes of earning his fourth shutout of the season, stopped 19 of the 20 shots he faced to improve to 17-7-2 on the season. His 17 wins are a new personal-high and rank sixth-most in the AHL. Over his last 13 games, Wedgewood shows a record of 9-3-1 dating back to Dec. 26.

### ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks conclude their brief two-game road swing on Tuesday, Feb. 12 as they meet up with the Cleveland Monsters at Quicken Loans Arena. The 7:00 p.m. contest will be carried 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 19<sup>th</sup> goal of the season in a 7-5 win over Binghamton at The Blue Cross Arena. Redmond 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-history of the franchise to reach the 20-goal mark on his next goal.

### 2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS  
156-158



25-19-3-2 (55 points)

29-13-3-2 (63 points)

### AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Victor Olofsson	44	18	24	42	10	8
C.J. Smith*	41	18	23	41	12	13
Zach Redmond	41	19	20	39	26	5

\* Currently on NHL recall with Buffalo

### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA	
Scott Wedgewood	28	17-7-2	1,570	726	.909	2.79
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. 12	@ Cleveland	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 15	vs. Syracuse	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 16	@ Syracuse	7:00 p.m.

### LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Feb. 8	Springfield	W 7-1	26-20	1-4	6-6
Feb. 6	Syracuse	SOL 2-1	18-33	0-1	5-5
Feb. 2	Hartford	W 4-1	28-35	0-3	2-2

### YEARLY RECORD

	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	15-9-0-1	84	75	31
AWAY	14-4-3-1	74	60	32
TOTALS	29-13-3-2	158	135	63

### COMETS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Reid Boucher	37	20	23	43	14	-1
Tanner Kero	47	17	26	43	24	0
Zack MacEwen	48	16	22	38	49	-8

### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA	
Ivan Kulbakov	22	10-8-4	1,224	604	.895	3.48
Michael Leighton	6	3-2-0	341:25	162	.885	3.69
Richard Bachman	9	5-4-0	526:48	252	.884	3.76



### C.J. HEADS BACK TO BUFFALO

• Prior to earning his second recall of the campaign to the Buffalo Sabres this past Monday, **C.J. Smith** recorded 22 points (11+11) in his last 16 games with Rochester dating back to Dec. 14. Smith, who scored his second goal in as many games with the big club on Monday, shares the Amerks team lead amongst forwards with a career-high 18 goals while his 23 assists rank second-most on the club. Smith has 41 points in 41 games this season for Rochester, tying him for 17<sup>th</sup> among the league's top point-getters.

### 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 weekend tied for 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

### HOW SWEDE IT IS FOR OLOFSSON

• With 18 points (8+10) over his last 16 games, Olofsson leads the club with 42 points (18+24) in 44 games this season and is one of just two Rochester skaters to surpass the 40-point mark. A year after pacing the SHL with 27 goals, Olofsson has been averaging nearly a point-per-game, leading the team with 24 assists while ranking second in goals. Olofsson, who earned CCM/AHL Player of the Month honors for October, is also tied for second in the AHL in game-winning goals (6) and 10<sup>th</sup> in power-play assists (13).

### BUSY BETWEEN THE PIPES

• **Scott Wedgewood** (17-7-2) has gotten the nod in 13 of the last 20 games for the Amerks, going 9-3-1 over that span while winning eight of his last 10 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 17 wins are tied for fifth.

### SPECIAL TEAMS ROLLING

• Since the turn of the New Year, Rochester's shorthanded unit has successfully killed 42 of 44 penalties in the last 14 games, which also includes 10 games without allowing the opposition to record a power-play goal.

• In addition to the team's recent success on the penalty kill, the Amerks have the league's seventh-best power-play percentage (21.4%) while going 21-for-69 over the last 17 games. Rochester also owns AHL's second-best road power-play percentage (26.9%).

### SCOUTING THE COMETS

• The Comets enter tonight tied for fourth place in the division.

### AMERKS-COMETS 2018-19 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

#### ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Victor Olofsson	6	3	5	8	0	4
C.J. Smith	6	2	5	7	2	3
Lawrence Pilut	2	0	6	6	0	5

#### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Scott Wedgewood	2	2-0-0	119:18	1	.978	0.50
Jonas Johansson	2	2-0-0	124:19	4	.938	1.93
Adam Wilcox	1	0-2-0	116:43	8	.860	4.11

#### UTICA

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Reid Boucher	3	3	1	4	0	3
Tanner Kero	6	0	4	4	8	2
Jonathan Dahlen	6	2	1	3	2	3

#### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Ivan Kulbakov	1	0-0-1	65:00	2	.960	1.85
Thatcher Demko	2	1-1-0	115:53	6	.902	3.11
Richard Bachman	3	1-2-0	179:51	14	.861	4.67

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

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 17	W	6-1	32-17	4-5	2-3
Oct. 26	W	4-0	24-20	1-4	0-5
Nov. 23	L	5-4	47-23	1-6	3-5
Dec. 5	W	5-2	27-27	0-2	3-3
Dec. 29	L	4-3	36-35	2-5	6-8
Jan. 25	SOW	3-2	51-37	0-3	4-4
Feb. 9					
Feb. 22					
Feb. 27					
Mar. 13					

### AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. UTICA: 23-24-5

### SERIES NOTABLES

- Rochester has collected at least one point in 12 of the last 14 games against Utica dating back to the start of the 2017-18 campaign, going 7-2-2-3 over that span.
- Ten of the last 14 games between the two teams have been decided by one goal.
- In the previous four get-togethers with the Comets this season, the Amerks have gone 8-for-25 while on the man-advantage, which included 4-for-5 in the first meeting back on Oct. 17.