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Rochester Americans @ Cleveland Monsters
 Tuesday, February 12, 2019 @ Quicken Loans Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 758

TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

• The Rochester Americans (29-14-3-2) hit the road for the second game of an 11-game stretch against divisional opponents tonight as they face the Cleveland Monsters (22-21-5-1) at 7:00 p.m. All the action from the Quicken Loans Arena will be carried live on The Sports Leader AM 950/95.7 FM ESPN Rochester and AHLTV.

LAST TIME OUT

• After jumping out to a two-goal lead, the Amerks saw the Utica Comets respond with five straight unanswered goals, including three in a span of 58 seconds, to hand the Amerks a 5-2 loss and end Rochester's season-long 10-game point streak Saturday night at the Adirondack Bank Center.

• Despite the loss, the Amerks have collected 17 out of a possible 22 points in their last 11 games and maintain their first-place lead atop the AHL's North Division standings. Rochester's point streak was the club's longest since a 10-game stretch between Nov. 21 and Dec. 13 of last season. The Amerks have notched 25 points in their last 18 games dating back to a 4-0 shutout win in Cleveland on Dec. 26.

• For the second straight night, forward **Victor Olofsson** found the scoresheet as he booked his 19th goal of the season, tying him with defenseman **Zach Redmond** for the most among all Amerks skaters, while **Wayne Simpson** notched his 15th marker of the campaign. Simpson is one goal shy of tying his career-best of 16 and one point away from reaching the 30-point plateau for the fourth straight season. Goaltender **Adam Wilcox** (8-6-3) made 30 saves but was dealt the loss in the crease.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

• The Amerks open up their second three-in-three of the season beginning on Friday, Feb. 15 when they welcome back the Syracuse Crunch to The Blue Cross Arena. Following the 7:05 p.m. contest, the same two teams meet again Saturday night as the home-and-home series shifts to the War Memorial Arena in Syracuse for the seventh meeting this season. Rochester will close out the weekend on Sunday, Feb. 17 at 3:05 p.m. with a matinee against the Binghamton Devils at The Blue Cross Arena. All three games 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 19th 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
 145-160



22-21-5-1 (50 points)

29-14-3-2 (63 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Victor Olofsson	45	19	24	43	10	5
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	19	8-6-3	1,059	441	.896	2.89
Jonas Johansson	5	4-1-0	265:52	126	.926	2.26

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 15	vs. Syracuse	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 16	@ Syracuse	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 17	vs. Binghamton	3:05 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Feb. 9	Utica	L 5-2	27-35	1-3	3-4
Feb. 8	Springfield	W 7-1	26-20	1-4	6-6
Feb. 6	Syracuse	SOL 2-1	18-33	0-1	5-5

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS
HOME 15-9-0-1	84	75	31
AWAY 14-5-3-1	76	65	32
TOTALS 29-14-3-2	160	140	63

MONSTERS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Nathan Gerbe	41	10	22	32	40	-1
Zac Dalpe	33	15	14	29	31	0
Alex Broadhurst	47	8	21	29	10	-9

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA	
Jean-Francois Berube	33	14-15-4	1,866	807	.894	3.09
Brad Thiessen	8	4-2-1	380:21	166	.892	3.15
Mattis Kivlenieks	14	4-4-1	710:54	303	.873	3.71



OLOFSSON LEADING THE WAY

• On the strength of his second four-point effort of the season on Friday highlighted by his first career hat trick, **Victor Olofsson** leads the club with 43 points (19+24) in 45 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 sharing the team-lead in goals (19). 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 14th in power-play assists (13) while ranking 15th among the league's top point-getters. He hasn't gone more than three straight games without a point all season.

RED HOT 'REDS'

• Redmond has scored a team and career-high 19 goals, including nine on the power-play, good enough for seventh 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 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.

C.J. REMAINS IN BUFFALO

• Prior to earning his second NHL recall to the Buffalo Sabres last Monday, **C.J. Smith** recorded 22 points (11+11) in his last 16 games with Rochester dating back to Dec. 14. Smith, who scored for the second straight game for Buffalo last Monday against Minnesota, has notched 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 19th among the league's top scorers.

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 career-high 17 wins are tied for fifth.

SPECIAL TEAMS ROLLING

• Since the turn of the New Year, Rochester's shorthanded unit has successfully killed 45 of 48 penalties in the last 15 games, which also includes only one power-play goal scored by the opposition in 11 games.

• In addition to the team's recent success on the penalty kill, the Amerks have the league's sixth-best power-play percentage (21.6%) while going 22-for-72 over the last 18 games. Rochester also owns AHL's second-best road power-play percentage (27.1%).

AMERKS-MONSTERS 2018-19 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
C.J. Smith	4	3	3	6	2	6
Wayne Simpson	4	4	1	5	0	2
Danny O'Regan	4	1	2	3	4	2

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Scott Wedgewood	3	3-0-0	180:00	3	.970 1.00
Adam Wilcox	1	1-0-0	63:32	1	.968 0.94

CLEVELAND

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Nathan Gerbe	4	2	2	4	2	-2
Adam Clendening	3	1	1	2	4	-2
Sonny Milano	4	1	1	2	2	-7

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Jean-Francois Berube	3	0-2-1	122:05	8	.882 3.93
Matiss Kivlenieks	2	0-1-0	118:48	5	.928 2.53

2018-19 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Nov. 7	W	5-2	39-26	0-1	2-2
Dec. 14	W	3-1	26-42	0-4	4-5
Dec. 15	OTW	2-1	42-31	1-6	2-3
Dec. 26	W	4-0	31-31	3-6	0-4
Feb. 12					
Feb. 20					
Mar. 22					
Apr. 8					

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. CLEVELAND: 34-21-6

SERIES NOTABLES

- Amerks assistant coach **Toby Petersen** spent the 2015-16 and 2016-17 seasons behind the bench with the Monsters. Petersen helped the team earn its first Calder Cup in 2016.
- Tonight is the fifth game between the Amerks and Monsters since the 2015-16 season. Rochester holds a record of 24-5-2-3 over Cleveland since the start of the 2011-12 campaign.
- Monsters captain Nathan Gerbe spent five seasons in the Buffalo Sabres organization from 2008-12 and was named the AHL's Rookie of the Year in 2008-09 after leading all first-year players with 56 points (30+26) in 57 games for the Portland Pirates.