



SYRACUSE CRUNCH  
**GAME NOTES**  
ROCHESTER AMERICANS



## Rochester Americans @ Syracuse Crunch

Saturday, February 16, 2019 @ The War Memorial Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 791

### TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

• The Rochester Americans (29-16-3-2) meet the Syracuse Crunch (30-15-2-1) again tonight in a battle for first place as the home-and-home series shifts to the War Memorial Arena in Syracuse for the seventh meeting this season between the longtime rivals. Game time is slated for a 7:00 p.m. start and will be carried live on The Sports Leader AM 950/95.7 FM ESPN Rochester as well as AHLTV.

### LAST TIME OUT

• Following a 1-0 loss to the Crunch Friday night at The Blue Cross Arena, the Amerks have gone three games without a point for just the second time through 51 regular-season games during the 2018-19 campaign. The contest was the first-leg of a home-and-home series between the two clubs and first of four matchups over the next eight days between the intrastate rivals.

• With the regulation defeat, the Amerks have collected 17 out of a possible 26 points in their last 13 games and now share the top spot in the AHL's North Division standings heading into tonight's rematch with the Crunch. Rochester has also notched 25 points in its last 20 games dating back to a 4-0 shutout win in Cleveland on Dec. 26.

• Of Rochester's 18 skaters, 16 recorded at least one shot on net, including a team-high five shots from defenseman **Brendan Guhle**, while goaltender **Scott Wedgewood** (17-9-2) was tagged with the loss as he made 31 saves. Dating back to the day after Christmas, Wedgewood shows a 9-5-1 record during that span and has won eight of his last 12 games.

### ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

• The Amerks will close out the three-in-three weekend on Sunday, Feb. 17 at 3:05 p.m. with a matinee against the Binghamton Devils at The Blue Cross Arena. The club will host the Cleveland Monsters on Wednesday, Feb. 20 before concluding the final full week of the month with a stop in Utica on Friday Feb. 22 before hosting Belleville on Saturday. All the North Division 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 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.

• Redmond also remains on pace to tie the AHL record of 30, set by John Stanley during the 1990-00 with Wilkes-Barre/Scranton.

### 2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



**TOTAL GOALS**  
173-162



**30-15-2-1 (63 points)**

**29-16-3-2 (63 points)**

### AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Victor Olofsson	47	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	30	17-9-2	1,687	786	.910	2.77
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. 17	vs. Binghamton	3:05 p.m.
Feb. 20	vs. Cleveland	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 22	@ Utica	7:00 p.m.

### LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Feb. 15	Syracuse	L 1-0	32-32	0-3	2-2
Feb. 12	Cleveland	L 5-2	28-34	0-4	3-3
Feb. 9	Utica	L 5-2	27-35	1-3	3-4

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS
<b>HOME</b> 15-10-0-1	84	76	31
<b>AWAY</b> 14-6-3-1	78	70	32
<b>TOTALS</b> 29-16-3-2	162	146	63

### CRUNCH OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Carter Verhaeghe	48	22	32	54	26	16
Cory Conacher	44	16	32	48	52	10
Alex Barre-Boulet	48	21	20	41	10	5

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Connor Ingram	20	14-6-0	1,197	539	.923	2.25
Eddie Pasquale	27	15-9-3	1,605	666	.904	2.65



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## OLOFSSON LEADING THE WAY

- On the strength of his second four-point effort of the season last Friday highlighted by his first career hat trick, **Victor Olofsson** leads the club with 43 points (19+24) in 47 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 third in the AHL in game-winning goals (6) and 15<sup>th</sup> in power-play assists (13) while ranking 15<sup>th</sup> 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 ninth 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 sharing the lead among 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 24<sup>th</sup> among the league's top scorers.

## BUSY BETWEEN THE PIPES

- Scott Wedgewood** (17-8-2) has gotten the nod in 15 of the last 22 games for the Amerks, going 9-5-1 over that span while winning eight of his last 12 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 eighth.

## SPECIAL TEAMS ROLLING

- Since the turn of the New Year, Rochester's shorthanded unit has successfully killed 51 of 54 penalties in the last 17 games, which also includes only one power-play goal scored by the opposition in 13 games.
- In addition to the team's recent success on the penalty kill, the Amerks have the league's ninth-best power-play percentage (20.8%) while going 22-for-78 over the last 20 games. Rochester also owns AHL's second-best road power-play percentage (26.0%).

## 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	6	2	3	5	2	-1
Victor Olofsson	5	1	4	5	0	-2

### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Scott Wedgewood	2	0-1-1	123:08	2	.969	0.97
Adam Wilcox	4	3-0-1	242:37	12	.903	2.97

### SYRACUSE

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Carter Verhaeghe	6	3	3	6	0	3
Alexander Volkov	6	0	5	5	2	2
Cory Conacher	5	2	1	3	4	2

### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Connor Ingram	4	3-1-0	240:22	8	.926	2.00
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	SOL	2-1	18-33	0-1	5-5
Feb. 15	L	1-0	32-32	0-3	2-2
Feb. 16					
Mar. 2					
Mar. 3					
Apr. 5					
Apr. 6					
Apr. 13					

## AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. CRUNCH: 133-113-18 SERIES NOTABLES

- The Amerks have scored a power-play goal in 12 of the last 14 games against Syracuse, going 16-for-68 (23.5%) with the man-advantage over that span.
- In the first six get-togethers between the two teams this season, the Amerks tallied six of their 14 goals on special teams, including five on the power-play.
- After claiming the first three games of the season-series with the Crunch, the Amerks, who have earned at least one point in five of the six games, have dropped the last three contests.