



//// BINGHAMTON DEVILS ////  
**GAME NOTES**  
 //// ROCHESTER AMERICANS ////



## Binghamton Devils vs. Rochester Americans

Sunday, February 17, 2019 @ The Blue Cross Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 800

### TODAY'S GAME OVERVIEW

- The first-place Rochester Americans (30-16-3-2) close out their three-in-three weekend this afternoon with a 3:05 p.m. matinee against the intrastate rival Binghamton Devils (23-26-5-0) at The Blue Cross Arena. The contest will be the sixth of 10 meetings between the two North Division foes this season and will be carried live on The Sports Leader AM 950/95.7 FM ESPN Rochester as well as AHLTV.

### LAST TIME OUT

- In the second game in as many days in the home-and-home series between the Amerks and the Syracuse Crunch, newcomer **Taylor Leier** netted the only goal in a six-round shootout to lift the Amerks past the Crunch, 3-2, last night at the War Memorial Arena. The win snapped Rochester's three-game slide and moved the Amerks back atop the AHL's North Division standings heading into this afternoon's weekend finale against Binghamton.
- With the victory, the Amerks have collected 19 out of a possible 28 points in their last 14 games and have reached the 30-win mark for the second straight season under head coach **Chris Taylor**. Taylor became the first Amerks head coach to lead his team to 30 or more wins in each of his first two seasons behind the bench since Amerks Hall of Famer **Randy Cunneyworth**, the all-time winningest coach in franchise history. Rochester has also notched 27 points in its last 21 games dating back to a 4-0 shutout win in Cleveland on Dec. 26.
- While Leier scored his second shootout-clinching goal of the season for the Amerks, **Remi Elie** and **Will Borgen** both tallied their second goals of the slate. Former Syracuse netminder **Adam Wilcox** (9-6-3) stopped 29 shots in the game plus six more in the skills competition to improve to 4-0-1 this season versus his former club.

### ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks 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 the Binghamton Devils 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.

### 2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



**TOTAL GOALS**  
149-165



**23-26-5-0 (51 points)**

**30-16-3-2 (65 points)**

### AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Victor Olofsson	48	19	24	43	10	4
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	1,688	786	.910	2.77
Adam Wilcox	20	9-6-3	1,124	470	.899	2.83
Jonas Johansson	5	4-1-0	265:52	126	.926	2.26

### NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 20	vs. Cleveland	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 22	@ Utica	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 23	vs. Belleville	7:05 p.m.

### LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Feb. 16	Syracuse SOW	3-2	40-31	1-3	3-3
Feb. 15	Syracuse	L 1-0	32-32	0-3	2-2
Feb. 12	Cleveland	L 5-2	28-34	0-4	3-3

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS
<b>HOME</b> 15-10-0-1	84	76	31
<b>AWAY</b> 15-6-3-1	81	72	34
<b>TOTALS</b> 30-16-3-2	165	148	65

### DEVILS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Blake Pietila	42	16	17	33	36	-22
Michael McLeod	49	6	25	31	37	3
John Quenneville	29	15	13	28	35	-5

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Cam Johnson	18	7-10-1	1,025	440	.875	3.69
Mackenzie Blackwood	18	8-8-1	1,031	462	.909	2.68



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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 48 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 16<sup>th</sup> in power-play assists (13) while ranking 16<sup>th</sup> among the league's top point-getters. He hasn't gone more than four straight games without a point all season.

## RED HOT 'REDS'

- Despite missing the last nine games due to injury, Redmond has scored a team and career-high 19 goals through 41 games, including nine on the power-play, good enough for 10<sup>th</sup> 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 second 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 earlier this month, **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 on Feb. 5 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.

## BUSY BETWEEN THE PIPES

- Scott Wedgewood** (17-8-2) has gotten the nod in 15 of the last 23 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 comes into the matchup 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 54 of 57 penalties in the last 18 games, which also includes only one power-play goal scored by the opposition in 14 games.
- In addition to the team's recent success on the penalty kill, the Amerks have the league's sixth-best power-play percentage (21.0%) while going 23-for-81 over the last 21 games. Rochester also owns AHL's second-best road power-play percentage (26.2%).

## AMERKS-DEVILS 2018-19 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

### ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Victor Olofsson	5	2	2	4	4	-3
Zach Redmond	4	2	2	4	0	0
Brendan Guhle	5	0	4	4	4	-2

### GOALTENDER

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Adam Wilcox	2	1-0-0	98:07	3	.923	1.83
Scott Wedgewood	3	2-1-0	179:37	10	.897	3.34
Jonas Johansson	1	0-1-0	21:53	4	.600	10.97

### BINGHAMTON

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Blake Pietila	5	3	2	5	2	-2
John Ramage	5	1	3	4	0	2
Michael McLeod	4	0	4	4	0	3

### GOALTENDER

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Mackenzie Blackwood	3	2-1-0	177:52	4	.958	1.35
Cory Schneider	2	0-2-0	118:22	9	.857	4.56

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

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Nov. 24	W	4-3	28-38	0-2	5-5
Dec. 1	L	3-0	22-38	0-2	1-2
<b>Dec. 12</b>	L	5-1	31-37	0-4	1-1
<b>Jan. 23</b>	W	7-5	30-30	1-1	1-1
Feb. 1	W	3-2	34-18	1-5	4-4

**Feb. 17**

Mar. 9

**Mar. 10**

Mar. 30

**Apr. 13**

## AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. BINGHAMTON: 19-21-1

*(Includes totals carried over from when the franchise was located in Albany)*

## SERIES NOTABLES

- The Amerks enter the matchup with points in 10 of the last 14 games against the Devils dating back to the start of the 2017-18 slate. Rochester holds a 7-4-2-1 record during that span.
- Goaltender **Scott Wedgewood** spent parts of seven seasons in the Devils organization after being drafted by New Jersey in the third round of the 2010 NHL Draft. He appeared in 116 games from 2012-17, including a lone appearance last season, posting an impressive 51-36-9 record with eight shutouts.