



## Belleville Senators vs. Rochester Americans

Saturday, February 23, 2019 @ The Blue Cross Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 837

### TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

- The first-place Rochester Americans (33-16-3-2) seek their fifth straight win tonight while looking to put a stop to the red-hot Belleville Senators (28-23-3-4) in a North Division contest at The Blue Cross Arena. 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.

### LAST TIME OUT

- After falling behind the Utica Comets 3-0 less than eight minutes into the second period, the Amerks erased the deficit with three consecutive second-period goals before **Zach Redmond** completed the dramatic comeback victory just 38 seconds into overtime to give the Amerks a 4-3 win Friday at the Adirondack Bank Center.
- With last night's overtime win, the Amerks have collected 25 out of a possible 34 points in their last 17 games and have earned at least one point in 13 of the last 16 games against Utica dating back to the start of the 2017-18 campaign, going 8-3-2-3 over that span. Rochester has also notched 33 points in its last 24 games dating back to a 4-0 shutout win in Cleveland on Dec. 26 and maintain a three-point lead atop the AHL's North Division standings heading into the final weekend of February.
- For the third straight contest and fifth time in his last six games, Redmond turned in a multi-point effort as he tallied three points (1+2), which included his league-leading ninth game-winning goal and team-leading 21<sup>st</sup> goal of the season to lead the Amerks. **Wayne Simpson**, who scored for the third straight game, and **Victor Olofsson** each recorded a goal and later set-up Redmond in overtime, while rookie **Rasmus Asplund** contributed a two-assist night. **Remi Elie** extended his point streak to four games as he booked his fourth goal in the last six games while goaltender **Scott Wedgewood** earned his 12<sup>th</sup> win in the last 15 games and stopped 16 shots on the night to pick up his 20<sup>th</sup> win of season.

### ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks bring the month of February to a close with a return trip back to Utica on Wednesday, Feb. 27 to exchange pleasantries with the Comets for the second time in six days. The 7:00 p.m. North Division matchup will be carried live on The Sports Leader AM 950/95.7 FM ESPN Rochester as well as AHLTV.

### SPECIAL TEAMS ROLLING

- Since the start of 2019, the Amerks shorthanded unit has killed off 66 of 72 penalties in the last 21 games, which also includes only three power-play goals scored by the opposition since Jan. 12, a span of 16 games. Additionally, Rochester has the league's fifth-best power-play percentage (21.8%) while going 27-for-92 over the last 24 games. The Amerks also have the top power-play unit on the road.

### 2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS  
183-178



28-23-2-4 (62 points)

33-16-3-2 (71 points)

### AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Victor Olofsson	51	20	26	46	12	2
Zach Redmond	43	21	23	44	30	5
C.J. Smith*	41	18	23	41	12	13

\* Currently on NHL recall with Buffalo

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Scott Wedgewood	33	20-9-2	1,868	858	.911	2.70
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. 27	@ Utica	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 2	@ Syracuse	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 3	vs. Syracuse	3:05 p.m.

### LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Feb. 22	Utica	OTW 4-3	36-19	3-5	3-3
Feb. 20	Cleveland	W 4-2	33-31	1-6	4-6
Feb. 17	Binghamton	W 5-1	28-39	0-0	5-5

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	17-10-0-1	93	79	35
AWAY	16-6-3-1	85	75	36
TOTALS	33-16-3-2	178	154	71

### SENATORS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Drake Batherson	41	18	31	49	16	13
Jack Rodewald	40	19	19	38	12	11
Logan Brown	39	12	22	34	18	13

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Marcus Hogberg	21	12-4-4	1,215	521	.916	2.37
Filip Gustavsson	30	12-15-2	1,682	749	.886	3.42



### OLOFSSON LEADING THE WAY

• With two more points (1+1) last night, **Victor Olofsson** leads the club with 46 points (20+26) in 51 games this season and remains one of just three 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, while also leading the team with 26 assists. 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 12<sup>th</sup> in power-play assists (15) while ranking 18<sup>th</sup> among the league's top point-getters in overall scoring.

### RED HOT 'REDS'

• With 14 points (5+9) over his last six outings, **Zach Redmond**, who has scored a team and career-high 21 goals through 43 games, has notched 10 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 tied for the league lead among all AHL defensemen with 44 points, while his nine game-winning goals are tops in the AHL. His 21 goals and 153 shots are also the most by an AHL blueliner this season.

### TAYLOR JOINS ELITE COMPANY

• Rochester picked up its 30<sup>th</sup> win of the season by virtue of a 3-2 shootout victory over the Syracuse Crunch last Saturday, reaching the 30-win mark for the second straight season under head coach **Chris Taylor**. Taylor becomes 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 Hall of Famer **Randy Cunneyworth**, the all-time winningest coach in franchise history.

### A WEDGE-WALL BETWEEN THE PIPES

• Goaltender **Scott Wedgewood**, whose won 12 of his last 15 games, earned his 20<sup>th</sup> win of the season last night as he made 16 saves. The sixth-year netminder, who won a season-long five straight to close out the month of October, has allowed one goal-against in four of his last seven starts during the month of February, stopping 153 of 162 shots he faced. Over that span, he's posted a 4-2-1 record with a 1.83 goals-against average and a .933 save percentage to help the Amerks remain in first place in the AHL's North Division. He comes into the weekend tied for third among all AHL goaltenders in shutouts (3) while his career-high 20 wins are tied for second.

### RACE TO 20

• After failing to produce a 20-goal scorer last season for just the second time in franchise history, the Amerks could potentially have five by the season's end. Redmond continued his record-setting season by becoming the first defenseman in team history to score 20 goals on Wednesday, while **Victor Olofsson** eclipsed the mark for the second straight season last night. **Wayne Simpson** has a career-high of 19 while **C.J. Smith** and **Danny O'Regan**, both currently on recall with the Buffalo Sabres, each have 18 coming into the weekend.

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

#### ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Matt Tennyson	2	0	4	4	2	3
Victor Olofsson	2	2	1	3	2	-1
Wayne Simpson	2	1	1	2	0	2

#### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Adam Wilcox	1	0-0-1	60:14	5	.833	4.98
Scott Wedgewood	1	0-1-0	58:47	5	.868	5.10

#### BELLEVILLE

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Chase Bailly	2	2	1	3	0	1
Gabriel Gagne	1	1	2	3	0	1
Stuart Percy	2	1	2	3	2	1

#### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Filip Gustavsson	1	1-0-0	48:15	1	.947	1.24
Mike McKenna	1	1-0-0	59:49	4	.889	4.01
Marcus Hogberg	1	0-0-0	11:00	3	.400	16.36

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

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 20	OTL	5-4	36-30	1-3	4-6
Dec. 19	L	5-4	24-38	1-2	3-5
Feb. 23					
Apr. 14					

### AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. BELLEVILLE: 4-6-0

### SERIES NOTABLES

- The Amerks have claimed at least one point in seven of the first 10 meetings with the Senators dating back to last season. Rochester holds a record of 3-0-2-0 record in the all-time road portion of the head-to-head series.
- Tonight is just the 11<sup>th</sup> all-time meeting between the North Division rivals. In eight of the first 10 contests, the team who has scored the first goal of the game has gone on to come away with the victory in each of the get-togethers.
- The Senators lineup features three former Amerk defensemen in Justin Falk, Stuart Percy and captain Erik Burgdoerfer while Belleville forward Boston Leier is the cousin of Amerks forward **Taylor Leier**.