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**GAME NOTES**  
 //// ROCHESTER AMERICANS ////



## Rochester Americans @ Syracuse Crunch

Saturday, March 2, 2019 @ The War Memorial Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 880

### TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

• The Rochester Americans (34-17-3-2) open the final full month of the 2018-19 campaign with a crucial home-and-home set against the Syracuse Crunch (34-16-3-2) beginning tonight at the War Memorial Arena in Syracuse. The battle for North Division supremacy gets underway at 7:00 p.m. and will be carried live on The Sports Leader AM 950/95.7 FM ESPN Rochester as well as AHLTV.

### LAST TIME OUT

• Thanks in part to a pair of third-period goals from **Victor Olofsson** and **Remi Elie**, as well as a near-perfect performance from goaltender **Scott Wedgewood**, the Amerks closed out the month of February with a 3-1 victory over the North Division rival Utica Comets Wednesday night at Adirondack Bank Center.

• With the win, the Amerks have collected 27 out of a possible 38 points in their last 19 games and have notched 35 points in their last 26 dating back to a 4-0 shutout win in Cleveland on Dec. 26. More importantly, Rochester regained the top spot in the AHL's North Division standings heading into this weekend's home-and-home series with the Crunch to kick-off the month of March.

• **C.J. Smith** continued on his point-per-game pace, notching his 19<sup>th</sup> goal of the season and 26<sup>th</sup> point (13+13) in his last 22 games dating back to Dec. 5, while Olofsson and Elie rounded out the scoring for the Amerks. Olofsson grabbed a share of the team lead with his 21<sup>st</sup> goal of the campaign to go along with his team-high 26 assists and 47 points, whereas Elie extended his point streak to five games as he collected his fifth goal in the last seven games. Wedgewood earned his 13<sup>th</sup> win in the last 16 games and stopped 30 shots on the night, extending his personal win streak to four games.

### ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

• After a quick turnaround, the Amerks and Crunch get right back at it as the home-and-home series shifts to The Blue Cross Arena on Sunday, March 3 for a 3:05 p.m. matinee in downtown Rochester. The North Division matchup will be carried live on The Sports Leader AM 950/95.7 FM ESPN Rochester as well as AHLTV.

### 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. **Zach Redmond** continued his record-setting season by becoming the first defenseman in team history to score 20 goals on Feb. 20, while **Victor Olofsson** eclipsed the mark for the second straight season two nights later. **Wayne Simpson** and Smith each have a career-high of 19 while **Danny O'Regan** has 18 coming into the weekend. The last time Rochester had five different 20-goal scorers in the same season was during the 2000-01 campaign.

### 2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



**TOTAL GOALS**  
193-184



**34-16-3-2 (73 points)**

**34-17-3-2 (73 points)**

### AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Victor Olofsson	53	21	26	47	12	2
Zach Redmond	45	21	24	45	30	6
C.J. Smith	43	19	24	43	14	13

  

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Scott Wedgewood	34	21-9-2	1,928	888	.913	2.64
Adam Wilcox	21	9-7-3	1,182	491	.896	2.89
Jonas Johansson	5	4-1-0	265:52	126	.926	2.26

### NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Mar. 3	vs. Syracuse	3:05 p.m.
Mar. 8	vs. Bridgeport	7:05 p.m.
Mar. 9	@ Binghamton	7:05 p.m.

### LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Feb. 27	Utica	W 3-1	32-31	1-3	3-4
Feb. 23	Belleville	L 5-3	35-26	0-3	4-4
Feb. 22	Utica	OTW 4-3	36-19	3-5	3-3

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
<b>HOME</b>	17-11-0-1	96	84	35
<b>AWAY</b>	17-6-3-1	88	76	38
<b>TOTALS</b>	34-17-3-2	184	160	73

### CRUNCH OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Carter Verhaeghe	55	25	36	61	28	21
Cory Conacher	51	19	32	51	65	11
Alex Barre-Boulet	55	26	24	50	12	9

  

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Connor Ingram	22	14-7-0	1,303	577	.922	2.26
Eddie Pasquale	33	19-9-5	1,929	814	.913	2.43



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### OLOFSSON LEADING THE WAY

• With his seventh game-winning goal Wednesday night, which is tied for second-most in the league, **Victor Olofsson** leads the club with 47 points (21+26) in 53 games this season and is one of just three Rochester skaters to surpass the 40-point mark. A year after pacing the SHL with 27 goals, Olofsson also leads the team with 26 assists and is tied for the team lead with 21 goals. Olofsson, who earned CCM/AHL Player of the Month honors for October, is also 14<sup>th</sup> in power-play assists (15) while ranking 20<sup>th</sup> among the league's top point-getters.

### RED HOT 'REDS'

• With 15 points (5+10) over his last eight games, which includes nine (3+6) in the last five outings, Redmond has scored a team and career-high 21 goals through 45 games, including 10 on the power-play, good enough for 10<sup>th</sup> in the league in that category. Redmond, who is currently averaging a point-per-game and had an AHL-best nine-game point streak to end the month of October, closed out February leading all AHL defenseman with 45 points while his 21 goals and 158 shots are also the most by an AHL blueliner this season. His nine game-winning goals are tops in the AHL.

### SPECIAL TEAMS ROLLING

• Since the start of 2019, the Amerks shorthanded unit has killed off 73 of 80 penalties in the last 83 games, which also includes only four power-play goals scored by the opposition since Jan. 12, a span of 18 games. Additionally, Rochester has the league's fifth-best power-play percentage (21.7%) while going 27-for-98 over the last 26 games. The Amerks also have the top power-play unit on the road (27.9%).

### A WEDGE-WALL BETWEEN THE PIPES

• **Scott Wedgewood**, whose won four straight and 13 of his last 16 games, collected his 21<sup>st</sup> win of the season Wednesday night at Utica as he made 30 saves. With his 21<sup>st</sup> victory, Wedgewood established a new pro career-high in wins as he boasts a 21-9-2 record in 34 games for Rochester this season. The sixth-year netminder, who won a season-long five straight to close out the month of October, has allowed one goal-against in five of his last eight starts, stopping 212 of 226 shots he faced. Over that span, he's posted a 4-2-1 record with a 1.73 goals-against average and a .938 save percentage to help the Amerks remain in first place in the AHL's North Division. He ushers in March tied for third among all AHL goaltenders in shutouts (3) while his career-high 21 wins are six off the league lead.

### ROAD WARRIORS

• At 17-6-3-1, Rochester has the second-best road record in the AHL and have the second-most regulation wins away from home with 17. The Amerks also have the fewest regulation road losses in the AHL this season with six, having collected at least one point in 21 of their 27 contests away from The Blue Cross Arena. Coming into the weekend, the Amerks have won 11 of their last 17 road contests.

### 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	7	2	3	5	2	-2
Victor Olofsson	6	1	4	5	0	-3

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Scott Wedgewood	2	0-1-1	123:08	2	.969	0.97
Adam Wilcox	5	4-0-1	307:37	14	.910	2.73

SYRACUSE						
SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Carter Verhaeghe	7	3	4	7	0	3
Alexander Volkov	7	0	5	5	2	3
Cory Conacher	6	2	1	3	6	2

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Connor Ingram	4	3-1-0	240:22	8	.926	2.00
Eddie Pasquale	3	0-1-2	185:39	11	.887	3.56

### 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	SOW	3-2	40-31	0-3	3-4
Mar. 2					
Mar. 3					
Apr. 5					

**AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. CRUNCH: 134-113-18**

### SERIES NOTABLES

- The Amerks have scored a power-play goal in 12 of the last 15 games against Syracuse, going 16-for-71 (22.5%) with the man-advantage over that span.
- In the first seven get-togethers between the two teams this season, the Amerks tallied six of their 17 goals on special teams, including five on the power-play.
- While claiming the first three games of the season-series with the Crunch, the Amerks have earned at least one point in six of the first seven games.