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Syracuse Crunch vs. Rochester Americans

Sunday, March 3, 2019 @ The Blue Cross Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 887

TODAY'S GAME OVERVIEW

• After a quick turnaround, the Rochester Americans (34-17-3-2) and Syracuse Crunch (34-17-3-2) get right back at it today as the home-and-home series shifts to The Blue Cross Arena this afternoon for a 3:05 p.m. rematch in downtown Rochester. The North Division matinee will be carried live on The Sports Leader AM 950/95.7 FM ESPN Rochester as well as AHLTV.

LAST TIME OUT

- Four different skaters turned in multi-point efforts to lead the Amerks to a 5-3 victory over the Crunch Saturday night at the War Memorial Arena in the first game a weekend home-and-home series between the two teams.
- With the win, the Amerks have collected 29 out of a possible 40 points in their last 20 games and have notched 37 points in their last 27 dating back to a 4-0 shutout win in Cleveland on Dec. 26. More importantly, Rochester, again, regained the top spot in the AHL's North Division standings heading into today's rematch.
- **Taylor Leier** recorded his first two-goal outing as an Amerk while **Alexander Nylander** and **C.J. Smith** each tallied a goal along with an assist for Rochester, which has earned at least one point in seven of the first eight meetings with the Crunch this season. **Zach Redmond** collected a pair of assists to bring his season point total to 47, which matches a career-high, while **Scott Wedgewood** (22-9-2) earned his 14th win in the last 17 games. With the victory, his 22nd of the campaign, he extended his personal win streak to equal a season-long five games.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

• The Amerks return to action on Friday, Mar. 8 as the Amerks and Bridgeport Sound Tigers close out their season-series at 7:05 p.m. at The Blue Cross Arena. Following the matchup, the Amerks face the Binghamton Devils in the first of back-to-back meetings to conclude the weekend. All three games 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. Smith completed the feat last night as he recorded his 20th. **Wayne Simpson** has 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, which included **Chris Taylor**.

2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS
196-189



34-17-3-2 (73 points)

35-17-3-2 (75 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Victor Olofsson	54	22	26	48	12	2
Zach Redmond	46	21	26	47	30	8
C.J. Smith	44	20	25	45	17	14

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Scott Wedgewood	35	22-9-2	1,988	911	.912	2.66
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. 8	vs. Bridgeport	7:05 p.m.
Mar. 9	@ Binghamton	7:05 p.m.
Mar. 10	vs. Binghamton	3:05 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Mar. 2	Syracuse	W 5-3	42-26	0-4	5-7
Feb. 27	Utica	W 3-1	32-31	1-3	3-4
Feb. 23	Belleville	L 5-3	35-26	0-3	4-4

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	17-11-0-1	96	84	35
AWAY	18-6-3-1	93	79	40
TOTALS	35-17-3-2	189	163	75

CRUNCH OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Carter Verhaeghe	56	25	37	62	28	21
Alex Barre-Boulet	56	26	25	51	12	9
Cory Conacher	52	19	32	51	65	8

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Connor Ingram	22	14-7-0	1,303	577	.922	2.26
Eddie Pasquale	34	19-10-5	1,988	851	.911	2.51



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OLOFSSON LEADING THE WAY

• Coming off his eighth game-winning goal last night, which is tied for second-most in the league behind only **Zach Redmond**, **Victor Olofsson** leads the club with 48 points (22+26) in 54 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 paces the team with 22 goals and shares the team lead with 26 assists. Olofsson, who earned CCM/AHL Player of the Month honors for October, is also tied for 14th in the AHL in power-play assists (15) while ranking 18th among the league's top point-getters.

RED HOT 'REDS'

• With 17 points (5+12) over his last nine games, which includes six multi-point efforts during that span, Redmond has scored a career-high 21 goals through 46 games, including 10 on the power-play, good enough for 10th in the league in that category. Redmond, who is currently averaging more than a point-per-game and had an AHL-best nine-game point streak to end the month of October, continues to lead all AHL defenseman with 47 points while his 21 goals and 162 shots are also the most by an AHL blueliner this season. In addition, 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 78 of 87 penalties in the last 24 games, which also includes only six power-play goals scored by the opposition since Jan. 12, a span of 19 games. Additionally, the club has the league's fifth-best power-play percentage (21.3%) while going 27-for-102 over the last 27 games. The Amerks also have the top power-play unit on the road (27.0%).

A WEDGE-WALL BETWEEN THE PIPES

• **Scott Wedgewood**, whose won five straight and 14 of his last 17 games, collected his 22nd win of the season last night as he made 23 saves. With his 22nd victory, Wedgewood established a new pro career-high in wins as he boasts a 22-9-2 record in 35 games for Rochester this season. The sixth-year netminder, who previously won a season-long five straight to close out the month of October, has allowed one goal-against in five of his last nine starts, stopping 235 of 252 shots he faced. Over that span, he's posted a 5-2-1 record with a 1.87 goals-against average and a .932 save percentage to help the Amerks remain in first place in the AHL's North Division. He comes into today's matchup tied for third among all AHL goaltenders in shutouts (3) while his career-high 22 wins are five off the league lead.

SMITH PILING UP THE POINTS

• Coming off another two-point effort last night in Syracuse, which included his 20th goal of the season, C.J. Smith has been collecting points on an absolute torrid pace. The second-year pro has amassed a whopping 28 points (14+14) over his last 23 games dating back to Dec. 5, having been held scoreless just four times over that span. He also posted a season-long nine-game point streak in that time.

AMERKS-CRUNCH 2018-19 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Redmond	4	3	4	7	4	2
Danny O'Regan	7	2	4	6	0	-3
Victor Olofsson	5	2	4	6	2	7

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Scott Wedgewood	3	1-1-1	183:08	5	.944	1.64
Adam Wilcox	5	4-0-1	307:37	14	.910	2.73

SYRACUSE

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Carter Verhaeghe	8	3	5	8	0	3
Alexander Volkov	8	0	5	5	2	3
Mitchell Stephens	5	3	1	4	2	1

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Connor Ingram	4	3-1-0	240:22	8	.926	2.00
Eddie Pasquale	4	0-2-2	244:11	16	.885	3.93

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	W	5-3	42-26	0-4	5-7
Mar. 3					
Apr. 5					
Apr. 6					
Apr. 13					

SERIES NOTABLES

- The Amerks have scored a power-play goal in 12 of the last 16 games against Syracuse, going 16-for-75 (21.3%) with the man-advantage over that span.
- In the first eight get-togethers between the two teams this season, the Amerks tallied seven of their 18 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 seven of the first eight games.