



## Rochester Americans @ Binghamton Devils

Saturday, March 9, 2019 @ Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 911

### TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

• The Rochester Americans (36-18-3-2) continue their three-in-three weekend tonight in the southern tier with the first of back-to-back meetings against the intrastate rival Binghamton Devils (24-32-5-0) at Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena. The 7:05 p.m. matchup will be the seventh of 10 scheduled meetings between the two teams 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

- With a pair of goals in each of the first and second periods, the Amerks grabbed a 4-0 lead 1:08 into the middle frame and never looked back on their way to a dominating 5-0 win over the visiting Bridgeport Sound Tigers Friday night at The Blue Cross Arena. The flawless performance was the fourth this season by Amerks goaltender **Scott Wedgewood**, who tied a career-high by stopping all 27 shots he faced to keep the Amerks within two points of the Syracuse Crunch for first place in the AHL's North Division standings.
- Along with the victory, the Amerks have collected 31 out of a possible 44 points in their last 22 games and have notched 39 points in their last 29 dating back to the day after Christmas. The win also gave Rochester the season-sweep over Bridgeport as they went a perfect 4-0-0-0 this season against the Sound Tigers.
- **Kevin Porter**, who returned to the Amerks lineup after missing the last three games, collected his fourth multi-point effort of the season as he opened the scoring to go with a helper, while **Rasmus Asplund** headlined a night of firsts with his first multi-goal outing of the season. **Will Borgen** also chipped in his first pro multi-point game with a two-assist night and **Andrew Oglevie** also posted a pair of points (1+1), bringing his recent offensive outburst to eight points (4+4) over his last eight games. **Alexander Nylander** completed the scoring as he recorded his career-best 11<sup>th</sup> goal of the season.

### ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

• After a quick turnaround, the Amerks and Devils close out the weekend in Rochester as the home-and-home series shifts to The Blue Cross Arena. The 3:05 p.m. matinee 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 or more by the season's end. **Zach Redmond**, **Victor Olofsson** and **C.J. Smith** all completed the feat earlier this season. **Wayne Simpson** has scored a career-high 19, **Danny O'Regan** has 18 coming into the weekend and **Taylor Leier** is approaching his first 20-goal season since the 2015-16 campaign as he has tallied 15.

### 2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS  
162-195



24-32-5-0 (53 points)

36-18-3-2 (77 points)

### AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Victor Olofsson	56	21	27	48	12	3
Zach Redmond	48	21	26	47	32	9
C.J. Smith	46	20	27	47	18	18
GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Scott Wedgewood	37	23-10-2	2,106	961	.913	2.59
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. 10	vs. Binghamton	3:05 p.m.
Mar. 13	vs. Utica	7:05 p.m.
Mar. 15	@ Charlotte	7:00 p.m.

### LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Mar. 8	Bridgeport	W 5-0	39-27	1-4	4-4
Mar. 3	Syracuse	L 4-1	37-27	0-5	5-8
Mar. 2	Syracuse	W 5-3	42-26	0-4	5-7

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	18-12-0-1	102	88	37
AWAY	18-6-3-1	93	79	40
TOTALS	36-18-3-2	195	167	77

### DEVILS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Blake Pietila*	43	16	19	35	36	-22
Michael McLeod*	52	6	25	31	37	3
John Quenneville*	32	16	14	30	35	-6

\*Currently on NHL recall with New Jersey

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Cam Johnson	21	8-12-1	1,205	512	.871	3.78
Evan Cormier	9	4-3-0	474:09	226	.926	2.28



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**GAME NOTES**  
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### OLOFSSON LEADING THE WAY

• Coming off his seventh game-winning goal to close out the month of February, which is tied for second-most in the league behind only teammate **Zach Redmond**, forward **Victor Olofsson** leads the club with 48 points (21+27) in 56 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 holds a share of the team-lead in both assists (27) and goals (21). Olofsson, who earned CCM/AHL Player of the Month honors for October, is tied for 15<sup>th</sup> in the AHL in power-play assists (15) while ranking inside the league's top 20 top point-getters. He hasn't gone more than four straight games without a point all season.

### RED HOT 'REDS'

• With 17 points (5+12) over his last 11 games, which includes six multi-point efforts during that span, Redmond has scored a team and career-high 21 goals through 48 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 just under a point-per-game and had an AHL-best nine-game point streak to end the month of October, continues to lead all AHL defensemen with 47 points while his 21 goals and 171 shots are also the most by an AHL blueliner this season. In addition, his nine game-winning goals are tops in the AHL.

### A WEDGE-WALL BETWEEN THE PIPES

• **Scott Wedgewood**, who has won six of his last seven and 14 of his last 19 games, collected his 23<sup>rd</sup> win of the season last night as he made 27 saves. With his 23<sup>rd</sup> victory, Wedgewood established a new pro career-high in wins as he boasts a 23-10-2 record in 37 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 or less in six of his last 11 starts, stopping 285 of 305 shots he faced. Over that span, he's posted a 6-3-1 record with a 1.81 goals-against average and a .934 save percentage. He comes into weekend tied for third among all AHL goaltenders in shutouts (4) while his career-high 23 wins are four off the league lead coming into this weekend's home-and-home set with Binghamton.

### SMITH PILING UP THE POINTS

• **C.J. Smith** has been piling up the points on an absolute torrid pace. With another assist last night against Bridgeport, the second-year pro has amassed a whopping 30 points (14+16) over his last 25 games dating back to Dec. 5, having been held scoreless just five times over that span. He also posted a season-long nine-game point streak in that time. Smith is just one of three Amerks skaters to reach the 40-point plateau this season having already established career-highs in both goals (20) and points (47) while tying a personal-best 27 assists in 11 fewer games (46) from his rookie campaign a year ago. Additionally, his plus-18 on-ice rating leads all Rochester forwards and is second-best among all Amerks skaters. He made history by becoming the first player from the state of Iowa to score an NHL goal.

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

#### ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Brendan Guhle	6	0	5	5	6	-2
Victor Olofsson	6	2	2	4	4	-3
Zach Redmond	4	2	2	4	0	0

#### GOALTENDER

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Adam Wilcox	2	1-0-0	98:07	3	.923	1.83
Scott Wedgewood	4	3-1-0	239:37	11	.912	2.75
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	6	1	3	4	0	0
Michael McLeod	5	0	4	4	0	2

#### GOALTENDER

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Evan Cormier	1	0-0-0	11:13	0	1.000	0.00
Mackenzie Blackwood	4	2-2-0	226:37	9	.932	2.38
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
<b>Feb. 17</b>	W	5-1	39-28	0-0	5-5
Mar. 9					
<b>Mar. 10</b>					
Mar. 30					
<b>Apr. 13</b>					

**AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. BINGHAMTON: 20-21-1**  
*(Includes totals carried over from when the franchise was located in Albany)*

### SERIES NOTABLES

- The Amerks enter the matchup with points in 11 of the last 15 games against the Devils dating back to the start of the 2017-18 slate. Rochester holds an 8-4-2-1 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.