



Rochester Americans @ Toronto Marlies

Saturday, March 23, 2019 @ Coca-Cola Coliseum | AHL Regular Season Game No. 1007

TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

- The Rochester Americans (39-21-3-2) look to reverse their three-game slide tonight as they head north of the border for the first of back-to-back meetings against the defending Calder Cup champion Toronto Marlies (35-21-6-4) at Coca-Cola Coliseum. The 5:00 p.m. North Division showdown will be carried live on The Sports Leader AM 950/95.7 FM ESPN Rochester as well as AHLTV.

LAST TIME OUT

- Doomed by a pair of power-play goals and two empty-net tallies from the opposition, the Amerks fell 5-2 to the Cleveland Monsters Friday night at The Blue Cross Arena. The game served as the kick-off to a busy three-in-three weekend for the Amerks and was the third straight loss by Rochester.
- The regulation defeat to the Monsters was Rochester's first on home ice since Apr. 5, 2013, a span of 13 games. Furthermore, the Amerks show a 25-7-2-3 record against Cleveland dating back to the start of the 2011-12 season.
- Despite the three-game slide, the third of the season, the Amerks remain five points behind the Syracuse Crunch for the North Division lead despite having collected 37 out of a possible 56 points in their last 28 games.
- Forwards **C.J. Smith** and **Victor Olofsson** each tallied their 23rd and 25th goals of the season, respectively, while goaltender **Adam Wilcox** (10-8-3) made his 23rd appearance but took the loss with 22 saves.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- Following a quick turnaround, the Amerks and Marlies wrap up their season series on Sunday afternoon with a 5:00 p.m. rematch at Coca-Cola Coliseum. The North Division matchup will be carried live on The Sports Leader AM 950/95.7 FM ESPN Rochester as well as AHLTV. Additionally, the game will air live on the NHL Network.

SHARING THE WEALTH

- 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. Defenseman **Zach Redmond** and forwards **Victor Olofsson** and **C.J. Smith** all have reached the mark while **Wayne Simpson** and **Taylor Leier** are both on the brink having scored 19 goals this season. Not far behind is **Danny O'Regan**, who has found the net 18 times coming into the weekend. The last time the Amerks had five 20-goal scorers in the same season was in 2000-01, which also included current Amerks head coach **Chris Taylor**.
- Rochester's well-balanced offense has already produced two 50-point getters so far in 2018-19 in Olofsson (54) and Smith (52) with two more on the verge as Redmond has a career-high 49 points and O'Regan has 40 coming into this weekend's slate of games.

2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS
223-213



35-21-6-4 (80 points)

39-21-3-2 (83 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Victor Olofsson	62	25	29	54	12	5
C.J. Smith	52	23	29	52	22	19
Zach Redmond	53	21	28	49	34	13

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Scott Wedgewood	41	25-12-2	2,339	1,046	.914	2.51
Adam Wilcox	23	10-8-3	1,300	543	.896	2.91
Jonas Johansson	5	4-1-0	265:52	126	.926	2.26

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Mar. 24	@ Toronto	5:00 p.m.
Mar. 27	vs. Lehigh Valley	7:05 p.m.
Mar. 29	vs. Laval	7:05 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Mar. 22	Cleveland	L 5-2	37-27	1-6	2-4
Mar. 16	Charlotte	L 3-1	34-22	0-9	2-3
Mar. 15	Charlotte	L 4-1	29-22	1-7	4-5

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	20-13-0-1	113	94	41
AWAY	19-8-3-1	100	89	42
TOTALS	39-21-3-2	213	183	83

MARLIES OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Jeremy Bracco	65	18	52	70	14	1
Chris Mueller	51	28	30	58	26	8
Dmytro Timashov	63	12	32	44	52	1

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Michael Hutchinson	28	15-6-5	1,610	834	.911	2.76
Kasimir Kaskisuo	24	9-9-3	1,279	561	.886	3.38



OLOFSSON LEADING THE WAY

- With his team-leading 25th goal last night against Cleveland, **Victor Olofsson** continues to pace the club in goals (25) and points (54) while his 29 assists are tied for the team lead through 62 games this season. A year after pacing the SHL with 27 goals, Olofsson became the first Amerk to reach the 25-goal mark since Nick Baptiste during the 2016-17 campaign with his third-period tally last night. With 11 games remaining in the regular season, he's also on pace to become the first Amerk to score 30 goals since Thomas Vanek (42) and Jason Pominville (30) both reached the mark during the 2004-05 campaign. Olofsson, who earned CCM/AHL Player of the Month honors for October, is currently tied for 16th in the AHL in goals and ranks among the league leaders with 15 power-play assists. His eight game-winning goals, two of which have come in his last 10 games, are also second-most in the AHL behind only teammate **Zach Redmond**.

RED HOT 'REDS'

- With 19 points (5+14) over his last 16 games, which includes six multi-point efforts during that span, Redmond has scored a career-high 21 goals through 53 games, including 10 on the power-play, good enough for 11th 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, ranks second among all AHL defensemen with 49 points while his 21 goals and 186 shots are the most by an AHL blueliner this season. In addition to nearing the first 50-point season of his career, his nine game-winning goals are tops in the AHL.

A WEDGE-WALL BETWEEN THE PIPES

- Scott Wedgewood**, who has won seven of his last 10 and 15 of his last 22 games, owns a career-best 25-12-2 record in 41 games this season with the Amerks. In addition to his 25 wins, which are five off the league lead coming into the weekend, the sixth-netminder has posted a career-best five shutouts, which are tied for third-most in the AHL. Wedgewood, who previously won a season-long five straight to close out the month of October, has allowed one goal-against or less in eight of his last 15 starts, stopping 370 of 394 shots he faced. Over that span, he boasts an 8-6-1 record with a 1.81 goals-against average and a .931 save percentage. He also ranks seventh in saves (1,046), 14th with a 2.51 goals-against average and a .914 save percentage coming into the second to last weekend of March.

SMITH PILING UP THE POINTS

- C.J. Smith** has been piling up the points on an absolute torrid pace. With a goal last night, the second-year pro has amassed a whopping 35 points (17+18) over his last 31 games dating back to Dec. 5, having been held scoreless just seven times over that span. He also posted a season-long nine-game point streak in that time. Smith reached the 50-point plateau for the first time in his career and he has already established career-highs in goals (23), assists (29) and points (52). He also leads all forwards with a plus-19 on-ice rating in 52 games.

AMERKS-MARLIES 2018-19 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER						
SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
C.J. Smith	3	3	3	6	0	2
Danny O'Regan	4	4	1	5	4	2
Zach Redmond	4	1	4	5	4	2

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Scott Wedgewood	4	3-1-0	244:56	11	.913	2.69

TORONTO						
SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Sam Gagner	4	1	4	5	2	1
Dmytro Timashov	4	1	4	5	0	1
Michael Carcone	6	3	1	4	27	-3

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Eamon McAdam	2	1-1-0	119:13	6	.895	3.02
Jeff Glass	1	0-0-1	63:51	4	.900	3.76
Michael Garteig	1	0-1-0	59:16	4	.879	4.05

2018-19 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 19	SOW	5-4	41-42	0-4	2-4
Dec. 28	W	5-1	27-36	2-5	7-8
Jan. 11	L	5-1	30-22	1-4	3-4
Jan. 12	W	5-1	34-27	3-7	3-3
Mar. 23					
Mar. 24					

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. TORONTO: 47-68-4

SERIES NOTABLES

- In 13 of the last 16 meetings dating back to the 2016-17 season, the team that scored first has gone on to come away with the victory.
- The two teams have combined to go just 13-for-79 in the previous 12 games while on the power-play. Conversely, the Amerks' penalty kill has successfully killed off 36 of the 41 penalties against the Marlies dating back to last season.
- After dropping three straight games against the Marlies, the Amerks have come away with the victory in six of the last seven meetings in the head-to-head series, while outscoring Toronto 33-21 over that span.
- In each of the three meetings this season, the winning team has turned in a multi-goal effort in the second period, in addition to scoring five goals.