



## Rochester Americans @ Toronto Marlies

Sunday, March 24, 2019 @ Coca-Cola Coliseum | AHL Regular Season Game No. 1014

### TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

• Following a quick turnaround, the Rochester Americans (40-21-3-2) and Toronto Marlies (35-22-6-4) square off for the second time in as many days as the North Division rivals wrap up their season series this evening with a 5:00 p.m. rematch at Coca-Cola Coliseum. The 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.

### LAST TIME OUT

- With three goals during the third period, including a pair from leading point-getter **Victor Olofsson**, the Amerks defeated the Marlies by way of a 5-2 victory Saturday night at Coca-Cola Coliseum in the first game of the back-to-back meetings north of the border.
- The win snapped Rochester's three-game skid and moved the Amerks to within three points of the Syracuse Crunch for the North Division lead. The team has also earned 39 out of a possible 58 points in its last 29 games and has won five of its last eight heading into tonight's rematch with the defending Calder Cup champions.
- As Olofsson turned in his team-leading 15<sup>th</sup> multi-point effort of the season, which featured his ninth game-winning goal that ties him with **Zach Redmond** for most in the league, **Remi Elie** (1+1), **Kyle Criscuolo** (1+1) and **Danny O'Regan** (0+2) all recorded a two-point outing for the Amerks. **C.J. Smith** sealed the win with his 24<sup>th</sup> goal of the campaign while goaltender **Scott Wedgewood** improved to 26-12-2 as he made 23 saves. The sixth-year netminder has won eight of his last 11 games and 16 of his last 23 appearances overall.

### ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

• The Amerks return to action for the final week of March with three games in four nights beginning on Wednesday, March 27 as they welcome the Lehigh Valley Phantoms to The Blue Cross Arena for the only time this season. Following the 7:05 p.m. matchup, the Amerks host the Laval Rocket before closing out the month on Saturday against the Binghamton Devils in the southern tier. All three contests will be carried live on The Sports Leader AM 950/95.7 FM ESPN Rochester as well as AHLTV.

### 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 Rochester had five 20-goal scorers in the same season was 2000-01.

### 2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS  
225-218



35-22-6-4 (80 points)

40-21-3-2 (85 points)

### AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

| SKATER          | GP | G  | A  | PTS | PIM | +/- |
|-----------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Victor Olofsson | 63 | 27 | 29 | 56  | 12  | 7   |
| C.J. Smith      | 53 | 24 | 29 | 53  | 22  | 20  |
| Zach Redmond    | 53 | 21 | 28 | 49  | 34  | 13  |

  

| GOALTENDER      | GP | REC     | MIN    | SVS   | SV%  | GAA  |
|-----------------|----|---------|--------|-------|------|------|
| Scott Wedgewood | 42 | 26-12-2 | 2,399  | 1,069 | .914 | 2.50 |
| 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. 27 | vs. Lehigh Valley | 7:05 p.m. |
| Mar. 29 | vs. Laval         | 7:05 p.m. |
| Mar. 30 | @ Binghamton      | 5:00 p.m. |

### LAST THREE GAMES

| Date    | Opponent  | Result | SF-SA | PP  | PK  |
|---------|-----------|--------|-------|-----|-----|
| Mar. 23 | Toronto   | W 5-2  | 32-25 | 0-3 | 5-5 |
| Mar. 22 | Cleveland | L 5-2  | 37-27 | 1-6 | 2-4 |
| Mar. 16 | Charlotte | L 3-1  | 34-22 | 0-9 | 2-3 |

| YEARLY RECORD | GF        | GA  | POINTS |    |
|---------------|-----------|-----|--------|----|
| HOME          | 20-13-0-1 | 113 | 94     | 41 |
| AWAY          | 20-8-3-1  | 105 | 91     | 44 |
| TOTALS        | 40-21-3-2 | 218 | 185    | 85 |

### MARLIES OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

| SKATER          | GP | G  | A  | PTS | PIM | +/- |
|-----------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Jeremy Bracco   | 66 | 18 | 53 | 71  | 14  | 0   |
| Chris Mueller   | 52 | 29 | 30 | 59  | 26  | 7   |
| Dmytro Timashov | 64 | 12 | 32 | 44  | 52  | 1   |

  

| GOALTENDER         | GP | REC    | MIN   | SVS | SV%  | GAA  |
|--------------------|----|--------|-------|-----|------|------|
| Michael Hutchinson | 29 | 15-7-5 | 1,670 | 787 | .910 | 2.80 |
| Kasimir Kaskisuo   | 24 | 9-9-3  | 1,279 | 561 | .886 | 3.38 |



### OLOFSSON LEADING THE WAY

• On the heels of team-leading 26 and 27<sup>th</sup> goals of the season last night, Olofsson continues to pace the club in goals (27) and points (56) while his 29 assists are tied for the team lead through 63 games this season. A year after pacing the SHL with 27 goals, Olofsson is 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 ninth in the AHL in goals and 19<sup>th</sup> among the league's top point-getters in overall scoring. Additionally, he ranks among the league leaders with 15 power-play assists while his nine game-winning goals, three of which have come in his last 11 games, are also tied with teammate **Zach Redmond** for most in the AHL.

### 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 11<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, 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 tied with Olofsson for tops in the AHL.

### A WEDGE-WALL BETWEEN THE PIPES

• **Scott Wedgewood**, who has won eight of his last 11 and 16 of his last 23 games, owns a career-best 26-12-2 record in 42 games this season with the Amerks. In addition to his 26 wins, which are five off the league lead coming into Sunday, 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 two goals-against or less in 10 of his last 16 starts, stopping 393 of 422 shots he faced. Over that span, he boasts an 9-6-1 record with a 1.82 goals-against average and a .931 save percentage. He also ranks sixth in saves (1,069), 12<sup>th</sup> with a 2.50 goals-against average and 16<sup>th</sup> with a .914 save percentage. He's also on pace to become the first Amerks netminder to reach 30 wins in a season since David Leggio posted 38 victories in 2012-13.

### 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 36 points (18+18) over his last 32 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 (24), assists (29) and points (53). He also leads all forwards with a plus-20 on-ice rating in 53 games.

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

| ROCHESTER       |    |   |   |     |     |     |
|-----------------|----|---|---|-----|-----|-----|
| SKATER          | GP | G | A | PTS | PIM | +/- |
| C.J. Smith      | 4  | 4 | 3 | 7   | 0   | 3   |
| Danny O'Regan   | 5  | 4 | 3 | 7   | 4   | 4   |
| Victor Olofsson | 5  | 3 | 3 | 6   | 2   | 4   |

| GOALTENDER      | GP | REC   | MIN    | GA | SV%  | GAA  |
|-----------------|----|-------|--------|----|------|------|
| Scott Wedgewood | 5  | 4-1-0 | 304:56 | 13 | .914 | 2.56 |

| TORONTO         |    |   |   |     |     |     |
|-----------------|----|---|---|-----|-----|-----|
| SKATER          | GP | G | A | PTS | PIM | +/- |
| Sam Gagner      | 4  | 1 | 4 | 5   | 2   | 1   |
| Dmytro Timashov | 5  | 1 | 4 | 5   | 0   | 1   |
| Michael Carcone | 7  | 3 | 1 | 4   | 27  | -5  |

| GOALTENDER         | GP | REC   | MIN    | GA | SV%  | GAA  |
|--------------------|----|-------|--------|----|------|------|
| Michael Hutchinson | 1  | 0-1-0 | 59:40  | 5  | .871 | 4.02 |
| Eamon McAdam       | 2  | 1-1-0 | 119:13 | 6  | .895 | 3.02 |
| Jeff Glass         | 1  | 0-0-1 | 63:51  | 4  | .900 | 3.76 |

### 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 | W      | 5-2   | 32-25 | 0-3 | 5-5 |
| Mar. 24 |        |       |       |     |     |

### AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. TORONTO: 48-68-4

#### SERIES NOTABLES

- In 13 of the last 17 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-87 in the previous 13 games while on the power-play. Conversely, the Amerks' penalty kill has successfully killed off 41 of the 46 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 seven of the last eight meetings in the head-to-head series, while outscoring Toronto 38-23 over that span.
- In each of the five meetings this season, the winning team has scored a goal in the second period, in addition to scoring five goals.