



## Rochester Americans @ Binghamton Devils

Saturday, March 30, 2019 @ Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 1040

### TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

• The Rochester Americans (42-21-4-2) can officially punch their ticket to the postseason tonight in the southern tier as they close out the month of March against the Binghamton Devils (26-37-6-0) at Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena. The 7:00 p.m. North Division matchup will be carried live on The Sports Leader AM 950/95.7 FM ESPN Rochester as well as AHLTV.

### LAST TIME OUT

- Reassigned on Thursday to the Amerks from the parent Buffalo Sabres, second-year forward **Tage Thompson** surely did not disappoint in his Amerks debut as the newcomer erupted for a pair of goals to go along with an assist to lead Rochester to a 4-2 win over the North Division rival Laval Rocket Friday at The Blue Cross Arena.
- Along with the win, which gave Rochester a 9-2-0-0 record in its last 11 meetings with the Rocket, the Amerks moved within one point of the Syracuse Crunch for the AHL's North Division lead. The team has also earned 44 out of a possible 64 points in its last 32 games going into tonight.
- While Thompson tallied his first three-point outing of his pro career, **Sean Malone** and **Danny O'Regan** finished off the scoring for the Amerks, who now need just a single point to officially clinch a spot in the 2019 Calder Cup Playoffs. With O'Regan's 20<sup>th</sup> goal of campaign, Rochester became the first team in the league to have five different players reach the mark and first Amerks team since the 2000-01 season, which included head coach **Chris Taylor**. In his third game in as many games, goaltender **Adam Wilcox** made 17 saves to improve to 12-8-4 on the season.

### ROAD AHEAD FOR ROCHESTER

• The Amerks open up April with a home-and-home series with the Syracuse Crunch beginning on Friday, April 5 when the Crunch make their final visit of the season to The Blue Cross Arena at 7:05 p.m. The two teams will wrap up the weekend set on Saturday as the series shifts to the War Memorial Arena for a 7:00 p.m. showdown. Both 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 six or more by the season's end. Defenseman **Zach Redmond** and forwards **Victor Olofsson**, **C.J. Smith**, **Taylor Leier** and **Danny O'Regan** all have reached the mark while **Wayne Simpson** remains on the brink having scored 19 goals this season. The last time Rochester had six different 20-goal scorers in the same season was during the 1996-97 campaign when the team had seven.

### 2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



**TOTAL GOALS**  
182-230



**26-37-6-0 (58 points)**

**42-21-4-2 (90 points)**

### AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Victor Olofsson*	64	27	33	60	12	10
C.J. Smith	56	25	29	54	24	24
Zach Redmond	53	21	28	49	34	13

*\*Currently on NHL recall with Buffalo*

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Scott Wedgewood	44	26-12-2	2,472	1,096	.911	2.60
Adam Wilcox	26	12-8-4	1,407	580	.898	2.82
Jonas Johansson	5	4-1-0	265:52	126	.926	2.26

### NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Apr. 5	vs. Syracuse	7:05 p.m.
Apr. 6	@ Syracuse	7:00 p.m.
Apr. 8	@ Cleveland	7:00 p.m.

### LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Mar. 29	LAV	W 4-2	35-19	1-3	2-3
Mar. 27	LV	OTL 4-3	43-31	1-3	0-0
Mar. 24	TOR	OTW 5-4	39-24	0-1	2-2

	YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS
<b>HOME</b>	21-13-1-1	120	100	44
<b>AWAY</b>	21-8-3-1	110	95	46
<b>TOTALS</b>	42-21-4-2	230	195	90

### BINGHAMTON OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Blake Pietila	45	17	22	39	36	-19
John Quenneville	34	17	17	34	37	-3
Brandon Gignac	60	12	22	34	22	-15

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Cam Johnson	25	9-14-2	1,446	615	.870	3.82
Evan Cormier	13	5-6-0	713:05	324	.908	2.78



### OLOFSSON LEADING THE WAY

- After notching his team-leading 16<sup>th</sup> multi-point game and the first four-assist effort of his career on this past Sunday in Toronto, Olofsson earned his first recall to the Buffalo Sabres Wednesday. The Swedish forward, who leads the Amerks in all offensive categories, including goals (27), assists (33) and points (60) through 64 games this season, made his NHL debut Thursday against Detroit, recording an assist on Jack Eichel's 100<sup>th</sup> career NHL goal while also posting a team-high five shots on over 16:25 of ice time. 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 seventh in the AHL in points while also sharing the 12<sup>th</sup> spot among the league's top goal-scorers. 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 12 games, are also tied with teammate **Zach Redmond** for most in the AHL.

### A WEDGE-WALL BETWEEN THE PIPES

- Scott Wedgewood**, who has won eight of his last 13 games, including a season-long five straight, boasts a career-best 26-12-2 record in 44 appearances this season. In addition to his 26 wins, which are six off the league lead coming into the weekend, the sixth-netminder has posted a career-best five shutouts, which are third-most in the AHL. Wedgewood, who previously won a season-long five straight to close out the month of October, also ranks sixth among all goaltenders in saves (1,096) while his .911 save percentage and 2.60 goals-against average are 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> in the AHL, respectively. He's also on pace to become the first Amerks netminder to reach 30 wins in a season since former two-time MVP David Leggio posted 38 victories during the 2012-13 campaign.

### SMITH PILING UP THE POINTS

- C.J. Smith** has been piling up the points on an absolute torrid pace. With his fifth goal in his last nine games, the second-year pro has amassed a whopping 37 points (19+18) over his last 35 games dating back to Dec. 5, having been held scoreless just nine times over that span. He also posted a season-long nine-game point streak in that time. Smith is eyeing the 60-point plateau for the first time in his career and has already established career-highs in goals (25), assists (29) and points (54). He also holds the team lead with a plus-24 on-ice rating in 56 games while playing at nearly a point-per-game pace for the better part of the last three months for Rochester.

### PLAYOFF PICTURE

- Coming into tonight, Rochester's magic number to clinch a playoff spot stands at one, meaning the Amerks can potentially punch their ticket to the postseason for the second straight year with either a win, overtime loss or shootout loss in Binghamton. It would also be the team's fifth playoff appearance in eight years since 2012.

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

#### ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Taylor Leier	6	4	3	7	0	3
Victor Olofsson	8	4	3	7	4	-1
Rasmus Asplund	8	1	6	7	0	1

#### GOALTENDER

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Adam Wilcox	3	2-0-0	157:48	6	.917	2.28
Scott Wedgewood	5	4-1-0	299:37	12	.917	2.40
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	8	1	3	4	2	-3
Marian Studenic	8	1	3	4	0	-1

#### GOALTENDER

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Evan Cormier	2	0-1-0	70:47	6	.824	5.09
Mackenzie Blackwood	4	2-2-0	226:37	9	.932	2.38
Cam Johnson	1	0-1-0	58:20	4	.862	4.11

### 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	W	5-3	30-33	1-5	4-5
<b>Mar. 10</b>	W	6-1	32-19	2-3	5-6
Mar. 30					
<b>Apr. 12</b>					

**AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. BINGHAMTON: 22-21-1**  
*(Includes totals carried over from when the franchise was located in Albany)*

### SERIES NOTABLES

- The Amerks enter the matchup with points in 13 of the last 17 games against the Devils dating back to the start of the 2017-18 slate. Rochester holds an 10-4-2-1 record during that span, which includes a five-game winning streak.
- 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.