



SYRACUSE CRUNCH  
**GAME NOTES**  
ROCHESTER AMERICANS



## Rochester Americans @ Syracuse Crunch

Saturday, April 6, 2019 @ War Memorial Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 1095

### TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

• After falling 6-1 to the Syracuse Crunch (45-20-4-3) in last night's first game of the weekend set, the Rochester Americans (43-22-4-2) look to return the favor tonight as the home-and-home series shifts to the War Memorial Arena for a 7:00 p.m. showdown in Syracuse. The North Division contest will be carried live on The Sports Leader AM 950/95.7 FM ESPN Rochester as well as AHLTV.

### LAST TIME OUT

- By allowing a pair of goals in the first period and three in more in the third, the Amerks fell in the first game of the weekend home-and-home series with the Crunch by the final score of 6-1 at The Blue Cross Arena on Friday night.
- Despite the loss, the Amerks have earned a point in seven of the first 10 meetings with Syracuse and remain five points behind the Crunch for the AHL's North Division lead ahead of tonight's rematch at the War Memorial Arena. Rochester has collected 46 of a possible 68 points in its last 34 games heading into the final five games of the 2018-19 regular season.
- Defenseman **Jack Dougherty** tallied his second goal of the season from **Kevin Porter** and **Tage Thompson**, who has four points (2+2) in his first three games since joining the club after being reassigned the Buffalo Sabres. Netminder **Scott Wedgewood** (27-13-2) made 19 saves on the night but took the loss.
- Veteran blueliner **Zach Redmond** returned to the Amerks lineup after missing the previous six games with a lower-body injury.

### ROAD AHEAD FOR ROCHESTER

• Following tonight's matchup, the Amerks close out their season-series with the Cleveland Monsters on Monday, Apr. 8 at 7:00 p.m. as the two North Division rivals square off from Quicken Loans Arena in downtown Cleveland. All of the action 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. **Zach Redmond** became the first defenseman in Amerks history to reach the 20-goal mark in a season, and has since been joined by forwards **Victor Olofsson**, **C.J. Smith**, **Taylor Leier** and **Danny O'Regan**, while **Wayne Simpson** remains on the brink having scored a career-high 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.
- Rochester and Syracuse are the only two teams in the league this season as they both have five different 20-goal scorers coming into tonight's rematch.

### 2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



**TOTAL GOALS**  
250-237



**45-20-4-3 (97 points)**

**43-22-4-2 (92 points)**

### AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Victor Olofsson*	64	27	33	60	12	10
C.J. Smith	58	27	29	56	24	27
Zach Redmond	54	21	28	49	34	11

*\*Currently on NHL recall with Buffalo*

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Scott Wedgewood	46	27-13-2	2,592	1,131	.906	2.71
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. 8	@ Cleveland	7:00 p.m.
Apr. 12	vs. Binghamton	7:05 p.m.
Apr. 13	@ Syracuse	7:00 p.m.

### LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Apr. 5	SYR	L 6-1	30-25	0-6	3-3
Mar. 30	BNG	W 6-4	47-20	0-4	1-3
Mar. 29	LAV	W 4-2	35-19	1-3	2-3

	GF	GA	POINTS	
<b>HOME</b>	21-14-1-1	121	106	44
<b>AWAY</b>	22-8-3-1	116	99	48
<b>TOTALS</b>	43-22-4-2	237	205	92

### CRUNCH OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Carter Verhaeghe	72	31	45	76	34	23
Alex Barre-Boulet	70	32	30	62	16	12
Cory Conacher	67	22	40	62	91	14

*\*Currently on NHL recall with Tampa Bay*

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Connor Ingram	22	14-7-0	1,303	577	.922	2.26
Eddie Pasquale*	43	25-12-6	2,530	1094	.916	2.37



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### OLOFSSON LEADING THE WAY

• Currently on recall with the parent Buffalo Sabres, **Victor Olofsson** continues to lead the Amerks in both assists (33) and points (60) while sharing the top spot in goals (27) along with **C.J. Smith** through 64 games this season. Olofsson, who earned CCM/AHL Player of the Month honors for October, is currently tied for 13<sup>th</sup> in scoring in the AHL 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 for most in the AHL.

### A WEDGE-WALL BETWEEN THE PIPES

• **Scott Wedgewood**, who has won nine of his last 15 games, boasts a career-best 27-13-2 record in 46 appearances this season. In addition to his 27 wins, which are six off the league lead coming into tonight, the sixth-netminder has posted a career-best five shutouts, which are second-most in the AHL. Wedgewood, who previously won a season-long five straight to close out the month of October, also ranks seventh among all goaltenders in saves (1,131) while his 2.71 goals-against average and .906 save percentage and are just outside the top 20 in the AHL, respectively. He's the first Amerks netminder to post five shutouts in a season since Ryan Miller had eight in 2004-05 and remains on pace to become the first goaltender 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 10<sup>th</sup> multi-point game of the slate last Saturday night, the second-year pro has amassed a whopping 39 points (21+18) over his last 37 games dating back to Dec. 5, having been held scoreless just 10 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 (27), assists (29) and points (56). He also holds the team lead with a plus-27 on-ice rating, which is tied for 10<sup>th</sup>-best in the league, in 58 games while playing at nearly a point-per-game pace for the better part of the last three months for Rochester.

### AMERKS ARE PLAYOFF BOUND; EYEING TO CLAIM THE NORTH

• The Amerks have officially punched their ticket into the 2019 Calder Cup Playoffs, marking the 46<sup>th</sup> time in the 63-year history of the franchise that the Amerks have advanced to the postseason. It's also the sixth time in 10 years Rochester has qualified for the playoffs, clinching on the road by way of a 6-4 win over the Binghamton Devils on March 30.

• Of the remaining four games for the Amerks after tonight, three are outside the Flower City while two will be played over the final weekend of the regular season with three games in three nights. All four contests will be against North Division opponents, including one more against Syracuse set for a week from tonight.

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

#### ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Redmond	6	3	4	7	4	0
C.J. Smith	7	2	5	7	4	6
Alexander Nylander	6	2	4	6	2	3

#### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Scott Wedgewood	5	1-3-1	301:03	14	.901	2.79
Adam Wilcox	5	4-0-1	307:37	14	.910	2.73

#### SYRACUSE

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Carter Verhaeghe	10	4	7	11	2	3
Alex Barre-Boulet	10	2	5	7	0	0
Alexander Volkov	10	1	6	7	8	5

#### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Atte Tolvanen	1	1-0-0	60:00	1	.967	1.00
Martin Ouellette	1	1-0-0	60:00	1	.973	1.00
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	L	4-1	37-27	0-5	5-8
Apr. 5	L	6-1	30-25	0-6	3-3
Apr. 6					
Apr. 13					

### SERIES NOTABLES

- The Amerks have scored a power-play goal in 12 of the last 18 games against Syracuse, going 16-for-86 (18.6%) with the man-advantage over that span.
- 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 10 games.
- 11 of Carter Verhaeghe's league-leading 76 points (31+45) have come in the 10 games with the Amerks. He leads all scorers in the season-series as he has posted seven assists along with four goals.