



## Rochester Americans @ Cleveland Monsters

Monday, April 8, 2019 @ Quicken Loans Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 1104

### TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

- The Rochester Americans (44-22-4-2) close out their season-series with the Cleveland Monsters (36-27-7-2) tonight at 7:00 p.m. as the North Division rivals clash for one final get-together at 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.

### LAST TIME OUT

- After dropping Friday's contest in the first game of the weekend home-and-home series with the Syracuse Crunch, the Amerks returned the favor Saturday night at War Memorial Arena as they left with a 5-2 victory.
- On the heels of their 23<sup>rd</sup> road victory of the season, which is tied for most in the AHL, the Amerks have earned a point in eight of 11 meetings with Syracuse so far this season, and following Saturday's win, remain just three points behind the Crunch for the AHL's North Division lead with four games remaining in the regular season.
- Rochester has also collected 48 out of a possible 70 points in its last 35 games, which includes an 8-2-0-0 record over its last 10 matchups away from The Blue Cross Arena.
- Forwards **Wayne Simpson** (2+0) and **Rasmus Asplund** (0+2) each turned in a pair of points for the Amerks, who show a 4-0-1-0 record this season in Syracuse. **Andrew MacWilliam**, **C.J. Smith** and **Yannick Veilleux** rounded out the scoring while netminder **Adam Wilcox** (13-8-4) stopped 15 of 17 shots he faced to improve to 5-0-1 against his former club on the campaign.

### ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks wrap up the 2018-19 campaign with three games in three nights beginning on Friday, Apr. 12 at 7:05 p.m. when they host the intrastate rival Binghamton Devils in the regular-season home finale at The Blue Cross Arena. Rochester will then close out the year with a return trip to Syracuse on Saturday before visiting Belleville on Sunday afternoon. All three matchups 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 will have six different players to have reached the mark by the season's end, something Rochester hasn't done since the 1996-97 campaign. **Wayne Simpson** scored twice on Saturday to become the latest to join the 20-goal club, joining **Zach Redmond**, who became the first defenseman in team history to score 20 goals in a season, and fellow forwards **Victor Olofsson**, **C.J. Smith**, **Taylor Leier**, and **Danny O'Regan**. The Amerks are the only team with six different 20-goal scorers this season.

### 2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS  
222-242



36-27-7-2 (81 points)

44-22-4-2 (94 points)

### AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Victor Olofsson	64	27	33	60	12	10
C.J. Smith	59	28	29	57	24	28
Zach Redmond	55	21	29	50	34	14

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Scott Wedgewood	46	27-13-2	2,592	1,131	.906	2.71
Adam Wilcox	27	13-8-4	1,465	595	.897	2.78
Jonas Johansson	5	4-1-0	265:52	126	.926	2.26

### NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Apr. 12	vs. Binghamton	7:05 p.m.
Apr. 13	@ Syracuse	7:00 p.m.
Apr. 14	@ Belleville	2:00 p.m.

### LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Apr. 6	SYR	W 5-2	35-17	1-5	3-3
Apr. 5	SYR	L 6-1	30-25	0-6	3-3
Mar. 30	BNG	W 6-4	47-20	0-4	1-3

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS
HOME 21-14-1-1	121	106	44
AWAY 23-8-3-1	121	101	50
TOTALS 44-22-4-2	242	207	94

### MONSTERS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zac Dalpe	51	32	21	53	43	16
Mark Letesu	60	19	27	46	16	1
Adam Clendening	43	4	32	36	98	17

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Jean-Francois Berube	43	21-17-5	2,472	1,064	.896	3.01
Brad Thiessen	22	11-6-3	1,161	478	.912	2.38



### OLOFSSON LEADING THE WAY

• Slated to return to Rochester this week, **Victor Olofsson** continues to lead the Amerks in both assists (33) and points (60) while scoring 27 goals for the second straight year through 64 games this season. Olofsson, who earned CCM/AHL Player of the Month honors for October, is currently tied for 14<sup>th</sup> in the AHL in overall scoring while ranking 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### CAREER-YEAR CONTINUES FOR REDMOND

• With 20 points (5+15) over his last 18 games, which includes six multi-point efforts during that span, Redmond has scored a career-high 21 goals through 55 games, including 10 on the power-play, good enough for 13<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, reached the 50-point mark for the first time in his pro career with an assist Saturday in Syracuse. He ranks second among all AHL defensemen with 50 points while his franchise-record 21 goals and 194 shots are the most by an AHL blueliner this season. His nine game-winning tallies are tops 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 eighth 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 team-leading 28<sup>th</sup> goal of the season last Saturday night, the second-year pro has amassed a whopping 40 points (22+18) over his last 38 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 (28), assists (29) and points (57). He also holds the team lead with a plus-28 on-ice rating, which is tied for ninth-best in the league, in 59 games while playing at nearly a point-per-game pace for the better part of the last three months for Rochester.

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

#### ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Wayne Simpson	7	6	1	7	0	1
C.J. Smith	5	4	3	7	2	5
Victor Olofsson	7	1	4	5	2	0

#### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Scott Wedgewood	5	4-1-0	298:41	9	.945	1.81
Adam Wilcox	2	1-1-0	121:21	4	.929	1.98

#### CLEVELAND

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Mark Letestu	7	1	4	5	4	-5
Nathan Gerbe	4	2	2	4	2	-2
Paul Bittner	5	2	1	3	0	2

#### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Jean-Francois Berube	6	2-3-1	297:21	15	.907	3.03
Matiss Kivlenieks	2	0-1-0	118:48	5	.928	2.53

### 2018-19 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
<b>Nov. 7</b>	W	5-2	39-26	0-1	2-2
<b>Dec. 14</b>	W	3-1	26-42	0-4	4-5
Dec. 15	OTW	2-1	42-31	1-6	2-3
Dec. 26	W	4-0	31-31	3-6	0-4
Feb. 12	L	5-2	28-34	0-4	3-3
<b>Feb. 20</b>	W	4-2	33-31	1-6	4-6
<b>Mar. 22</b>	L	5-2	27-37	1-6	2-4
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### SERIES NOTABLES

- Amerks assistant coach **Toby Petersen** spent the 2015-16 and 2016-17 seasons behind the bench with the Monsters. Petersen helped the team earn its first Calder Cup in 2016.
- Tonight is just the eighth game between the Amerks and Monsters since the 2015-16 season. Rochester holds a record of 25-7-2-3 over Cleveland since the start of the 2011-12 campaign.
- With a point tonight, Rochester would claim home-ice advantage in the first round of the 2019 Calder Cup Playoffs.
- Cleveland is eyeing the fourth and final spot for the postseason in the North Division with 81 points.
- Former Amerk Zac Dalpe ranks third in the AHL with 32 goals, including 11 in his last 11 games.