



//// BINGHAMTON DEVILS ////  
**GAME NOTES**  
 //// ROCHESTER AMERICANS ////



## Binghamton Devils vs. Rochester Americans

Friday, April 12, 2019 @ The Blue Cross Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 1121

### TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

- The Rochester Americans (45-22-4-2) head into the final weekend of the 2018-19 campaign with three games in three nights beginning tonight when they host the intrastate rival Binghamton Devils in the regular-season home finale at The Blue Cross Arena. 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

- On the strength of a pair of goals from newcomer **Tage Thompson** and 36 saves by goaltender **Scott Wedgewood**, the Amerks picked up their league-leading 24<sup>th</sup> road win of the season with a 2-1 victory over the Cleveland Monsters Monday night at Quicken Loans Arena. Rochester is now guaranteed at least a second-place finish or better in the American Hockey League's North Division, securing the Amerks home ice for the best-of-five first-round series of the 2019 Calder Cup Playoffs.
- With the win to close out their season series with the Monsters, the Amerks improved to 26-7-2-3 over Cleveland since the start of the 2011-12 campaign. Additionally, Rochester inched just one point behind the Syracuse Crunch for the AHL's North Division lead coming into this weekend's final three games of the 2018-19 regular-season.
- Thompson netted his fourth and fifth goals of the season to help the Amerks improve to 8-2-0-0 over the last their last 10 road games, which includes five straight. The club has also collected 50 out of a possible 72 points in the last 36 games overall. Wedgewood, who came within three minutes of earning his sixth shutout of the season, stopped 36 of 37 shots he faced to push his record on the campaign to 28-13-2, including a 5-1-0 mark in six games against the Monsters this season. He remains on pace to become the first Amerks netminder to reach 30 wins in a season since former two-time MVP **David Leggio** reached the mark in 2012-13.

### ROAD AHEAD FOR ROCHESTER

- The Amerks close out the year with a return trip to Syracuse on Saturday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. before visiting Belleville on Sunday for a 2:00 p.m. matinee. Both 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 for the first time since the 1996-97 campaign. **Wayne Simpson** became 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, as well as **Victor Olofsson**, **C.J. Smith**, **Taylor Leier**, and **Danny O'Regan**.

### 2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



**TOTAL GOALS**  
192-244



**27-40-6-0 (60 points)**

**45-22-4-2 (96 points)**

### AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Victor Olofsson	64	27	33	60	12	10
C.J. Smith	60	28	30	58	26	29
Zach Redmond	56	21	29	50	34	14

  

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Scott Wedgewood	47	28-13-2	2,652	1,167	.908	2.67
Adam Wilcox	27	13-8-4	1,466	595	.897	2.78
Jonas Johansson	5	4-1-0	265:52	126	.926	2.26

### NEXT TWO GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
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. 8	CLE	W 2-1	26-37	1-3	4-4
Apr. 6	SYR	W 5-2	35-17	1-5	3-3
Apr. 5	SYR	L 6-1	30-25	0-6	3-3

### YEARLY RECORD

	GF	GA	POINTS	
<b>HOME</b>	21-14-1-1	121	106	44
<b>AWAY</b>	24-8-3-1	123	102	52
<b>TOTALS</b>	45-22-4-2	244	208	96

### DEVILS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Blake Pietila	49	19	25	44	42	-23
John Quenneville	36	17	20	37	41	-3
Brandon Gignac	64	12	24	36	26	-18

  

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Cam Johnson	27	10-15-2	1,567	676	.871	3.83
Evan Cormier	15	5-8-0	831:45	378	.902	2.96



### OLOFSSON LEADING THE WAY

• After returning from his first-career recall to the Buffalo Sabres on Monday, forward **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 15<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.

### REDMOND NAMED TO 2018-19 AHL FIRST ALL-STAR TEAM

• With 20 points (5+15) over his last 19 games, which includes six multi-point efforts during that span, Redmond has scored a career-high 21 goals through 56 games, including 10 on the power-play, good enough for 13<sup>th</sup> in the league in that category. Redmond, who was named to 2018-19 AHL First All-Star Team on Thursday, 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 196 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 10 of his last 16 games, boasts a career-best 28-13-2 record in 47 appearances this season. In addition to his 28 wins, which are six off the league lead coming into the weekend, 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 (1,167) while his 2.67 goals-against average and .908 save percentage are just inside 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 Saturday night against the Crunch, the second-year pro has amassed a whopping 41 points (22+19) over his last 39 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 (30) and points (58). He also holds the team lead with a plus-29 on-ice rating, which is eighth-best in the league, in 60 games while playing at nearly a point-per-game pace for the better part of the last three months for Rochester.

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

#### ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Taylor Leier	7	4	3	7	4	1
Victor Olofsson	8	4	3	7	4	0
Alexander Nylander	9	1	6	7	0	-1

#### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Adam Wilcox	3	2-0-0	157:48	6	.917	2.28
Scott Wedgewood	6	5-1-0	359:37	16	.902	2.67
Jonas Johansson	1	0-1-0	21:53	4	.600	10.97

#### BINGHAMTON

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Blake Pietila	6	4	3	7	4	-4
John Quenneville	5	2	4	6	4	1
Eric Tangradi	5	3	1	4	0	-1

#### 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	2	0-2-0	117:59	9	.880	4.58

### 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	W	6-4	47-20	0-4	1-3
<b>Apr. 12</b>					

### AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. BINGHAMTON: 23-21-1

*(Includes totals carried over from when the franchise was located in Albany)*

### SERIES NOTABLES

- The Amerks enter the matchup with points in 15 of the last 19 games against the Devils dating back to the start of the 2017-18 slate. Rochester holds an 12-4-2-1 record during that span, which includes a six-game winning streak.
- With a 6-4 road-victory in the last meeting between the two clubs, the Amerks officially punched their ticket to the 2019 Calder Cup Playoffs, marking the 46<sup>th</sup> time in the 63-year history of the franchise to qualify for the postseason.