



SYRACUSE CRUNCH  
**GAME NOTES**  
ROCHESTER AMERKS



## Rochester Americans @ Syracuse Crunch

Saturday, April 13, 2019 @ The War Memorial Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 1136

### TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

- The Rochester Americans (45-22-5-2) and Syracuse Crunch (46-21-4-3) clash for the third time in a week tonight as the intrastate rivals inch closer to the North Division crown. The 7:00 p.m. matchup will be the 12<sup>th</sup> and final meeting between the two teams this season and will be carried live on The Sports Leader AM 950/95.7 FM ESPN Rochester as well as AHLTV. A win tonight by Syracuse will secure the Crunch their second North Division title in three years, while the Amerks are seeking their first since the 2004-05 campaign.

### LAST TIME OUT

- After forcing overtime by tying Friday's regular-season home finale at 3-3, the Amerks earned a point for the seventh straight game against the Binghamton Devils, but Binghamton stole the extra point as they left The Blue Cross Arena with a 4-3 overtime win.
- Despite the loss in the extra frame with 15 seconds remaining, Rochester closed out its season series with the Devils with a 7-2-1-0 record, and dating back to the start of the 2017-18 season, the club has recorded at least one point in 16 of the last 20 meetings while showing a 12-4-3-1 record during that span. Additionally, Rochester remains two points behind the Crunch for the AHL's North Division lead ahead of tonight's matchup between the two teams.
- Rasmus Asplund**, who was named the club's Rookie of the Year and Most Improved Player prior to the game, and first-year defenseman **Will Borgen** each tallied a pair of points (1+1) for Rochester. In his first game back with the Amerks since returning from a six-game stint with the Buffalo Sabres, **Victor Olofsson** scored his 28<sup>th</sup> goal of the season to complete the scoring. Goaltender **Adam Wilcox** (13-8-5) stopped 23 of the 27 shots he faced but was dealt the overtime loss. Over his last six appearances, Wilcox shows a 3-0-2 record and hasn't lost in regulation since Mar. 22 against Cleveland.

### ROAD AHEAD FOR ROCHESTER

- Following tonight's matchup, the Amerks close out the regular season with a 2:00 p.m. matinee against the Belleville Senators on Sunday, Apr. 14. The North Division matchup 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**.
- The Amerks are the only AHL team this season with six different 20-goal scorers.

### 2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



**TOTAL GOALS**  
257-247



46-21-4-3 (99 points)

45-22-5-2 (97 points)

### AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Victor Olofsson	64	28	33	61	12	13
C.J. Smith	61	28	30	58	26	28
Zach Redmond	57	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	28	13-8-5	1,531	618	.896	2.82
Jonas Johansson	5	4-1-0	265:52	126	.926	2.26

### NEXT GAME

Date	Opponent	Time
Apr. 14	@ Belleville	2:00 p.m.

### LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Apr. 12	BNG	OTL 4-3	38-27	0-4	3-5
Apr. 8	CLE	W 2-1	26-37	1-3	4-4
Apr. 6	SYR	W 5-2	35-17	1-5	3-3

### YEARLY RECORD

	GF	GA	POINTS
HOME	21-14-2-1	124	110
AWAY	24-8-3-1	123	102
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>45-22-5-2</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>212</b>

### CRUNCH OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Carter Verhaeghe	74	33	47	80	34	24
Alex Barre-Boulet	72	34	33	67	16	14
Cory Conacher	69	22	42	64	95	13

  

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Connor Ingram	22	14-7-0	1,303	577	.922	2.26
Eddie Pasquale	44	26-12-6	2,590	1114	.917	2.34



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**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 (61) while sharing the team-lead with a career-high 28 goals through 65 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 15<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 13 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 20 games, which includes six multi-point efforts during that span, Redmond has scored a career-high 21 goals through 57 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 last Saturday in Syracuse. Coming into the final weekend, he remains third among all AHL defensemen with 50 points while his franchise-record 21 goals and 198 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 seventh among all goaltenders in saves (1,167) while his 2.67 goals-against average and .908 save percentage are amongst 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 28<sup>th</sup> goal of the season last Saturday against the Crunch, the second-year pro has amassed a whopping 41 points (22+19) over his last 40 games dating back to Dec. 5, having been held scoreless just 11 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-28 on-ice rating, which is eighth-best in the league, in 61 games while playing at nearly a point-per-game pace for the better part of the last three months for Rochester.

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

**ROCHESTER**

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Redmond	7	3	5	8	4	3
C.J. Smith	8	3	5	8	4	7
Taylor Leier	9	3	3	6	2	1

**GOALTENDER**

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Scott Wedgewood	5	1-3-1	301:03	14	.901	2.79
Adam Wilcox	6	5-0-1	367:37	16	.907	2.61

**SYRACUSE**

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Carter Verhaeghe	11	4	8	12	2	3
Alex Barre-Boulet	11	3	6	9	0	0
Alexander Volkov	11	1	6	7	8	4

**GOALTENDER**

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Atte Tolvanen	2	1-1-0	119:55	6	.908	3.00
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	W	5-2	35-17	1-5	3-3
Apr. 13					

**SERIES NOTABLES**

- The Amerks have scored a power-play goal in 13 of the last 19 games against Syracuse, going 16-for-91 (18.7%) with the man-advantage over that span.
- After claiming the first three games of the season-series with the Crunch, the Amerks have earned at least one point in eight of the first 11 games.
- Twelve of Carter Verhaeghe's league-leading 80 points (33+47) have come in the 11 games with the Amerks. He leads all scorers in the season-series as he has posted eight assists along with four goals.