



Rochester Americans @ Belleville Senators

Sunday, April 14, 2019 @ CAA Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 1141

TODAY'S GAME OVERVIEW

• The Rochester Americans (45-23-5-2) close out the 2018-19 regular season today with a 2:00 p.m. matinee against the Belleville Senators (37-30-3-5) at CAA Arena. The 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

- Despite a pair of goals from **Victor Olofsson**, the Amerks saw the Syracuse Crunch claim the North Division title with a 4-3 win last night at the War Memorial Arena.
- Despite the road loss, just the ninth in regulation away from The Blue Cross Arena this season for the Amerks, Rochester secured a second-place finish in the AHL's North Division, setting up a first-round matchup with the defending champion Toronto Marlies for the start of the 2019 Calder Cup Playoffs. The Amerks concluded a 12-game head-to-head series with the Crunch earning at least one point in eight contests while showing a record of 6-4-1-1.
- With Olofsson's 29th and 30th goals of the season, he became the first Amerks skater to score 30 goals in a season since Thomas Vanek and Jason Pominville both reached the mark during the 2004-05 campaign. Former Crunch forward **Dalton Smith** rounded out the scoring for Rochester, which has points in eight of the last 10 games coming into this afternoon's season finale. Goaltender **Scott Wedgewood** (28-14-5) stopped 28 of the 31 shots he faced but was dealt with the loss.

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.

FIRST-ROUND OF 2019 CALDER CUP PLAYOFFS IS SET

- The Amerks will face the defending Calder Cup champion Toronto Marlies in the first-round of the 2019 Calder Cup Playoffs. The Amerks begin the postseason on home ice for Games 1 and 2 of the best-of-five opening round series on Friday, April 19 and Sunday, April 21 at The Blue Cross Arena. Rochester will also host a decisive Game 5, if necessary, on Sunday, April 28.
- The opening round series will mark the third meeting in the postseason between the two teams since 2012.

2018-19 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS
226-250



37-30-3-5 (82 points)

45-23-5-2 (97 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Victor Olofsson	65	30	33	63	12	12
C.J. Smith	62	28	30	58	26	26
Zach Redmond	58	21	29	50	34	13

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Scott Wedgewood	48	28-14-2	2,712	1,195	.908	2.68
Adam Wilcox	28	13-8-5	1,531	618	.896	2.82
Jonas Johansson	5	4-1-0	265:52	126	.926	2.26

2019 FIRST-ROUND POSTSEASON SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Apr. 19	vs. Toronto	7:05 p.m.
Apr. 21	vs. Toronto	3:05 p.m.
Apr. 24	@ Toronto	7:00 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Apr. 13	SYR	L 4-3	26-32	1-2	2-2
Apr. 12	BNG	OTL 4-3	38-27	0-4	3-5
Apr. 8	CLE	W 2-1	26-37	1-3	4-4

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS
HOME 21-14-2-1	124	110	45
AWAY 24-9-3-1	126	106	52
TOTALS 45-23-5-2	250	216	97

SENATORS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Drake Batherson	58	22	38	60	39	14
Jack Rodewald	58	22	24	46	12	13
Logan Brown	55	13	28	41	24	18

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Marcus Hogberg	38	21-10-6	2,248	954	.918	2.27
Filip Gustavsson	31	12-16-2	1,740	769	.887	3.38



OLOFSSON LEADING THE WAY

• With three goals in two games since returning from his first-career recall to the Buffalo Sabres, forward **Victor Olofsson** continues to lead the Amerks in goals (30), assists (33) and points (63) through 66 games this season. Olofsson, who earned CCM/AHL Player of the Month honors for October, is tied for eighth in the AHL in goals and ranks 14th among the league's top point-getters in overall scoring coming into today. Additionally, he ranks among the league leaders with 14 power-play assists while his nine game-winning goals, three of which have come in his last 14 games, are tied for most in the AHL.

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

• With 20 points (5+15) over his last 21 games, which includes six multi-point efforts during that span, Redmond has scored a career-high 21 goals through 58 games, including 10 on the power-play, good enough for 13th 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 game of the regular season, he remains third among all AHL defensemen with 50 points while his franchise-record 21 goals and 200 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 17 games, boasts a career-best 28-14-2 record in 48 appearances this season. In addition to his 28 wins, which are six off the league lead coming into the season finale, 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 sixth among all goaltenders in saves (1,195) while his 2.68 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 will conclude the season just two wins shy of reaching the 30-win mark, a feat last accomplished by former two-time MVP **David Leggio**, who posted 38 victories during the 2012-13 campaign.

SMITH PILING UP THE POINTS

• With his 28th goal of the season two weeks ago, second-year pro **C.J. Smith** has amassed a whopping 41 points (22+19) over his last 41 games dating back to Dec. 5, having been held scoreless just 12 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-26 on-ice rating, which is 10th-best in the league, in 62 games while playing at nearly a point-per-game pace for the better part of the last three months for Rochester.

AMERKS-SENATORS 2018-19 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Matt Tennyson	3	0	4	4	4	2
Victor Olofsson	3	2	1	3	2	-2
Sean Malone	2	1	2	3	0	0

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Adam Wilcox	2	0-1-1	118:18	9	.836	4.56
Scott Wedgewood	1	0-1-0	58:47	5	.868	5.10

BELLEVILLE

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Darren Archibald	4	3	2	5	4	-1
Stefan Elliott	2	1	3	4	0	1
Chase Balisy	3	2	1	3	0	2

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Filip Gustavsson	1	1-0-0	48:15	1	.947	1.24
Mike McKenna	1	1-0-0	59:49	4	.889	4.01
Marcus Hogberg	2	1-0-0	70:31	6	.857	5.11

2018-19 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 20	OTL	5-4	36-30	1-3	4-6
Dec. 19	L	5-4	24-38	1-2	3-5
Feb. 23	L	5-3	37-26	0-3	4-4
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SERIES NOTABLES

- The Amerks have claimed at least one point in seven of the first 11 meetings with the Senators dating back to last season. Rochester holds a record of 3-0-2-0 record in the all-time road portion of the head-to-head series.
- Tonight is just the 12th all-time meeting between the North Division rivals. In eight of the first 11 contests, the team who has scored the first goal of the game has gone on to come away with the victory in each of the get-togethers.
- The Senators lineup features two former Amerk defensemen in Justin Falk and Erik Burgdoerfer while Belleville forward Boston Leier is the cousin of Amerks forward **Taylor Leier**.
- Belleville can lock up the fourth and final playoff spot today with a win over Rochester or a Cleveland regulation loss at Toronto.