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Meet the Amerks: Zach Redmond
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The Amerks are off to another quality start. They have the fourth best record in the league.

This year you'll get the chance to meet the guys on a bit more personal level. Just about every Tuesday it'll be one Amerk, one story.

This week's Amerk is defense man Zach Redmond.

Veteran defender Redmond has always been a fan favorite, but life wasn't always easy for the Eddie Shore Award Winner. Back when he was 15, he had to overcome a stroke where he had to relearn how to walk and talk.

In 2013, he recovered from a severed artery. Both of these nearly career ending injuries changed Redmond's perspective on both life and the game of hockey.

"With both of them, it was kind of like i had to take a long week and decide if this is what I wanted to do and weigh my options, but after that week was up I was like 'I gotta keep playing'," said Redmond. "At the end of the day, you're doing what you love to do. I've been doing it since I was four. To do it and be able to provide for my family is special. A great place to play and they've been here forever. The tradition is very evident. As soon as I was traded here, it was welcoming. Being able to connect with the fans the last few years has been great. There's people I talk to almost every game on the way into the locker. At fan events and everything, you develop relationships and it's been really fun."

It's a different kind of season for Redmond as he and his wife welcomed a baby girl back in May.

When asked if she, too, would take up hockey he said, "You know, I'll get her a pair of skates and we'll go from there."

Rochester's point streak stopped at 12 games

Buffalo News

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Charlotte ended Rochester's 12-game point streak with a 3-1 victory over the Americans at the Blue Cross Arena on Saturday Night.

The Checkers put Rochester in an early 2-0 hole thanks to Julien Gauthier and Morgan Geekie and added an insurance goal in the third period from Max McCormick.

Jean-Sebastien Dea scored Rochester's only goal in the second period, his eighth of the season.

Rochester outshot Charlotte 33-30. Andrew Hammond made 27 saves for the Amerks while Anton Forsberg had 32 stops for the visitors.

The 12-game point streak was the longest the Amerks have had since the 2009-10 season. The team went 10-0-1-1 and hadn't been defeated in regulation since they lost to Providence, 4-3, on Oct. 30.

Penalties were a problem for Rochester in Saturday's game. Both of Charlotte's early goals came on the power play.

The Checkers had a man advantage after a hooking penalty assessed to Rochester seven minutes into the first period.

The visitors' second goal was scored after a holding the stick penalty. Their third goal was on an empty net.

Dea's goal was also on a power play after Charlotte was charged with slashing.

Rochester will host Scranton/Wilkes-Barre on Wednesday before a two-game series with Laval starting Friday.

Johansson gets 100th career win, records first shutout with Amerks
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Jonas Johansson earned his 100th victory in net and his first AHL shutout as Rochester defeated Charlotte, 4-0, Friday night at the Blue Cross Arena.

Johansson, a 2014 third-round pick of the Sabres, made 26 saves for the Americans (15-3-2-2).

The 24-year-old has been with Rochester for four seasons. This year, he has a 2.10 goals against average and a .924 save percentage, both of which are the best in his career.

It was the Amerks' second shutout in a row, and they moved into first place in the North Division.

Rochester's 12-game point streak is the best the team has had since the 2009-10 season. The Amerks are 10-0-1-1 over that time.

Kevin Porter, Sean Malone, Brady Vail and Eric Cornel each scored for Rochester. Three goals came in the second period within three minutes of each other.

Zach Redmond and Dalton Smith each had two assists. Redmond is tied for second place on the team with 16 points, one behind Andrew Oglevie.

Malone got Rochester on the board first with four minutes left to play in the first period. He fired a rebound through the legs of Checkers goalie Alex Nedeljkovic for a 1-0 lead.

Rochester made it 2-0 with five minutes to spare in the second period. Porter tipped his sixth goal of the season into the net, and Vail followed suit one minute later.

It was the center's first goal of the season. He recorded his first point on Wednesday with an assist against Toronto.

Cornel finished off the scoring spree by finishing off a deflected puck originally shot by Smith.

Rochester needed no more goals, and the team closed out the defending AHL champs.

The Americans will be back at home Saturday to conclude the two-game series with Charlotte at 7:05 p.m.

After that, they'll host Scranton/Wilkes-Barre on Dec. 11 before embarking on a three-game road trip starting Dec. 13.

Amerks' streak finally ends
Pickin' Splinters
By: Kevin Oklobzija
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In losing 3-1 to the visiting Charlotte Checkers on Saturday night, the Rochester Americans dug themselves an early hole and couldn't recover.

The Checkers were the better team early, took advantage of a pair of first-period power plays and then made sure goalie Anton Forsberg had plenty of help the rest of the way.

That's the quick synopsis of the here and now.

But considering the Amerks had earned 17 of a possible 18 points in their previous nine games, and had gained points in 12 straight, it's tough for anyone to be overly critical.

Five of their top nine forwards are either on recall or injured, yet the Amerks (15-4-2-2) continue to battle for first place in the American Hockey League's North Division.

"We should be really proud of what we did," said center Jean-Sebastien Dea, who scored his eighth goal on Saturday.

Indeed, the 12-game point streak (10-0-1-1) was the longest for the franchise in 15 years, since the 2004-05 team enjoyed a 14-game romp (12-0-0-2). That team, by the way, finished the regular season with the best record in the AHL.

"They've worked hard, they've done a lot of good things," coach Chris Taylor said.

Still, captain Kevin Porter said it doesn't do any good to look back at the previous month.

"We try not to think about those games, they're behind us, just like tonight's game now," Porter said.

As they did on Friday night, the Checkers came out strong. Unlike Friday, when they couldn't score against goalie Jonas Johansson and lost 4-0, they found the net early on Saturday.

Right winger Julien Gauthier played sniper from the right circle on the power play rush into the zone, zipping a shot past goalie Andrew Hammond and in off the iron for his 10th goal in 22 games.

It was the first goal allowed by the Amerks in 161 minutes and 30 seconds.

The Checkers (10-11-3-0) used their third power play of the opening period to take a 2-0 lead. With the Amerks caught changing, Morgan Geekie streaked in alone to score at 17:14.

Dea finally put the Amerks on the board on a power play at 16:10 of the second period, converting Jacob Bryson's centering pass off the rush.

The Checkers, however, held on for the victory.

"They're a tough team, especially when you're playing from behind," Porter said.

Notes: A host of injured Amerks are expected back in the lineup next week, including forwards C.J. Smith and Jarrett Burton, and defenseman Andrew MacWilliams. Winger Taylor Leier, who hasn't played this season because of off-season shoulder surgery, also is close to a return. . . . A rule new this year prevented the Amerks from making a line change in the second period. If a goalie freezes the puck that was shot from outside the blue line, the defensive team can't make a change.

Amerks split the 2-game set with Charlotte
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By: Craig Potter
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"The Force" was not with the Rochester Americans on Star Wars Night Saturday against the defending Calder Cup Champion Charlotte Checkers before 4,033 spectators at the Blue Cross Arena.

After shutting out the defending champs, 4-0, Friday night at the BCA, the visitors from North Carolina rebounded for a 3-1 victory Saturday to split the back-to-back contests.

The regulation loss was the first for the Amerks (15-4-2-2) in 14 over a 39-day period. The Checkers jumped out to a 2-0 advantage in the first period with a pair of power play tallies, scoring 7:27 into the stanza to end the scoreless minutes at 67. The visitors added their second goal about 10 minutes later.

Rochester broke into the scoring column in the second period when Jean-Sebastien Dea scored off assists from Jacob Bryson and John Gilmour.

The Amerks had several excellent scoring chances in the period but were unable to beat Charlotte netminder Anton Forsberg, who finished with 32 saves.

Rochester goalie Andrew Hammond made 27 saves to keep his team in the game before the Checkers secured the win with an empty net goal.

**NOTES* — Prior to tonight's defeat, the Amerks produced a 12-game point streak, showing a 10-0-1-1 record dating back to Nov. 1. The club has picked up points in 17 of its last 20 games overall, going 13-3-2-2 over that span, while also earning 34 out of a possible 46 points through their first 23 contests of the season...The Amerks close out their season-long 4-game homestand Wednesday night against the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins at 7:05 pm...Friday's regulation victory over the Checkers was the first over Charlotte for the Amerks at the BCA...Saturday's contest was just the 10th all-time between the two teams.

Andrew Oglevie developing into one of Sabres' top forward prospects
Buffalo News
By: Bill Hoppe
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Andrew Oglevie thought nothing of that first hit he took three months ago. The Buffalo Sabres' prospect popped up and continued his shift in the Prospects Challenge opener.

But when he returned to the bench that night, a teammate asked the question on everyone's mind.

"Someone was like, 'You all right, Ogs?' And I'm like, 'Why wouldn't I be?' " Oglevie said following a recent practice in Blue Cross Arena. "And then I came back, 'Oh, yeah, I was concussed three times last year.' "

Oglevie, 24, has quickly bounced back from his concussion-riddled rookie season, developing into one of the Sabres' top forward prospects.

The Notre Dame product has scored a team-leading nine goals and 16 points through 21 games with the Americans entering Friday's contest against the Charlotte Checkers.

After injuries and recalls began decimating the Amerks' forward corps, Oglevie emerged as an offensive threat at right wing beside center Kevin Porter and Brett Murray, helping buoy their current 11-game point streak.

Oglevie, who signed with the Sabres as a free agent in 2018, recorded his first American Hockey League hat trick in Saturday's 3-2 road win against the Cleveland Monsters. He has scored seven times in the last seven games.

"He's got the hockey sense, he's got the skills, to play in the NHL," Amerks General Manager Randy Sexton said.

The 5-foot-10, 180-pound Oglevie showcased those skills in his first NHL training camp last year, making a strong impression with the Sabres. It felt like he could earn a recall.

Then a string of concussions stymied Oglevie's rookie year, limiting him to just 28 appearances. He had suffered two by November and missed two and a half months before leaving the lineup for good in late March.

"I got hit a couple more times, on two different occasions, and then I flared up again, the symptoms came back, and the third time they came back for a prolonged amount of time — longer than what is expected for a normal concussion," he said.

Oglevie said he essentially experienced "one big (concussion) that just kept reoccurring."

"A lot of it was neck-related, not so much concussion," he said. "I went to go see a specialist late in the season last year and he helped me fix a lot of things with my neck, which in turn helped my headaches and whatnot.

"So that was a big turning point for me."

Oglevie felt so good he said he "was in full swing" about a month after the season ended.

So Oglevie said he decided he wouldn't "hold anything back" during his training.

"I feel healthy, I feel good, I'm not even going to think about it," he said.

That's why when Oglevie took a lick in the corner Sept. 6 in LECOM Harborcenter, he had to be reminded what had just happened.

For the second consecutive year, instead of going home to California, Oglevie spent the offseason in Buffalo training with the Sabres' staff.

"I really believe the results that we're seeing are as a result of that commitment to be in Buffalo," Sexton said.

Sexton said the Sabres identified three areas — speed, strength and quickness — for Oglevie to focus on during the summer.

"We could see the progress at the development camp (in June), we saw the progress at the rookie tournament, and we've seen the progress here during the regular season," Sexton said. "He's . . . not a real big body, so he's got to be real strong."

Oglevie's maturity — he's older than most second-year pros — helped that progression.

"He's able to keep things in perspective," Sexton said. "One of the challenging things for young players, sometimes they let their minds play tricks on them. They read too much into a decision that an organization makes. They create anxiety for themselves because they think they see signals that don't exist."

"Andrew's maturity allows him to look beyond that and focus on critical things he needs to focus on and not waste one ounce of negative energy or one ounce of anxiety on issues that he can't control that are quite likely not real."

Oglevie's upbeat personality also helped him handle the rough season.

"He's very outgoing and positive," said Amerks forward Sean Malone, Oglevie's roommate. "He always finds a way to make light of most situations."

Oglevie said: "Life gives you lemons, make lemonade. That's the saying. So I was handed some sour lemons, but I tried to do my best to make the best lemonade I could."

Still, Malone, a West Seneca native who endured his own injuries last season, said the concussions took their toll on his friend.

"It's kind of scary. Your future's kind of unknown," he said. "But, yeah, I think we were both kind of hurt last year. So we kind of found a way to make light of the situation. I think he did a really good job of persevering."

Oglevie said he leaned on his roommates — Malone, Amerks defenseman Will Borgen and winger C.J. Smith — for support. The coaching staff and management also helped by allowing him to take road trips when he was healthy enough.

"It was a whole new group of guys, and they didn't want me to feel quarantined," Oglevie said. "They did a good job of helping me out and I tried to stay around them as much as I could."

Leier on the mend

Amerks forward Taylor Leier, out all season after undergoing offseason shoulder surgery, started full-contact practice this week. Sexton said Amerks don't have a timetable for Leier's return.

"It's imminent," he said. "We just want to make sure that when we turn him loose, because he's got a little of that Tasmanian devil in him, that he's fully healed and ready and go and can absorb it. Barring a setback, it won't be long."

With his mom visiting from Sweden, Amerks' Johansson gives her reason to smile
Pickin' Splinters
By: Kevin Oklobzija
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That Ulrica Johansson is getting to spend a little time with her son, Jonas, in December is surely enough of a treat in itself.

When you live 3,800 air miles away from Rochester, you don't get to prepare many home-cooked meals for your hockey-playing son.

But Jonas made his mother's trip from Galve, Sweden, even more special by posting his first career American Hockey League shutout Friday night as the Rochester Americans blanked the visiting Charlotte Checkers 4-0.

"You work hard every day to reach success, so obviously it feels good," Johansson said after the Amerks ran their point streak to 12 games (10-0-1-1) by upending the defending Calder Cup champions.

His mother made a visit last season but never got to see Jonas play. This time, she saw him play perhaps his best game as an Amerk with at least six terrific stops among his 26 saves.

The Checkers blitzed the Amerks in the first period, unleashing an unrelenting speed-based attack. They outshot the Amerks 8-1 through the first 10 minutes and created at least two no-way-they-can't-score chances.

Yet somehow Johansson made those saves, the first by kicking out his left leg to rob Max McCormick just 18 seconds into the game and the second by lifting skyward while in a crouch to block with his right shoulder a shot by Jake Bean at 9:50.

"He saved us in the first period," said captain Kevin Porter, who scored the second goal. "It was mostly because of him that we won."

Sean Malone, off a strong play by Dalton Smith, Brady Vail and Eric Cornel scored the other goals as the Amerks improved to 15-3-2-2, the best record in the AHL's Eastern Conference.

They haven't lost in regulation since Oct. 30, 38 days ago.

"We're playing well right now, we have some confidence, a little bit of a swagger," Porter said.

That they're without five of their top nine forwards to either injury or recall hasn't mattered because they're getting secondary scoring nearly every game.

Vail's goal was his first since his recall from ECHL Cincinnati six games ago. His last AHL goal came with the Amerks in 2016-17. And his only other AHL goal was scored for the Hamilton Bulldogs in 2012-13.

Cornel's goal was his fourth and Malone scored his fifth.

"There's nothing better than getting secondary scoring," coach Chris Taylor said.

Well, getting great goaltending might be better. Andrew Hammond made 20 saves in a 4-0 home victory over the Toronto Marlies. On Friday it was Hammond who secured the puck during the post-game celebration so Johansson would have a souvenir.

The Amerks have recorded back-to-back shutouts for the first time since 2012-13, when Nathan Lieuwen won 3-0 at San Antonio on March 24 before David Leggio blanked Syracuse 1-0 on home ice three days later.

"The way they're playing, it gives us confidence to make mistakes," Porter said.

The Amerks were intent on not making mistakes in the third period in order to ensure Johansson the shutout.

"Everybody talked on the bench, make sure we protect our goaltender for the last 10 minutes," Taylor said. "To me, that makes a special team."

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The only difference was goaltender Jonas Johansson, who was perfect in stopping all 26 shots he faced to earn his first AHL shutout while also collecting his 100th pro win. The 4-0 win served as the first of back-to-back meetings between the two clubs and also helped Rochester take over the top spot in the AHL's North Division standings.

The victory also pushed Rochester's point streak to 12 straight games (10-0-1-1), their longest since a 14-game run from Jan. 16 to Feb. 11 during the 2004-05 campaign. Additionally, the Amerks have now picked up points in 17 of the last 19 contests overall, going 13-2-2-2 over that span, while also earning 34 out of a possible 44 points through their first 22 contests of the season.

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Winger Steven Lorentz registered a team-high four shots for Charlotte, which suffered its second shutout in the last three games. Netminder Alex Nedeljkovic (4-7-1) stopped 27 shots of 31 in the defeat.

After overcoming a two-man disadvantage midway through the opening frame following consecutive tripping penalties, Smith dug the puck out from behind the Charlotte goaltender. His initial shot was denied, but the rebound caromed right to Malone and the Buffalo native banged it in for his fifth of the campaign with 2:15 left in the period.

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Amerks blank Checkers: Extend point streak to 12 games

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Another game. Another win for the Rochester Americans.

The Amerks shutout the defending Calder Cup champions in impressive fashion Friday night at the Blue Cross Arena.

Jonas Johansson stopped all 26 shots he faced to register the first shutout of his career.

It's also the second straight shutout for the Amerks.

With the win, Rochester has now picked up at least a point in 12 straight games. The Amerks have not lost in regulation since October 30th.

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Back-to-back shutouts move Amerks to top of division

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Oglevie Making Up For Lost Time This Season

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Step one: An immediate or on-ice assessment needs to be made that consists of checking for any red flags, looking for obvious observable signs, going through the memory assessment Maddocks questions, an examination of the Glasgow Coma Scale, a cervical spine assessment and doing an off-ice assessment on the athlete's concussion background.

Step two: It's time for a symptom evaluation where the athlete rates their symptoms based on how they feel post-injury. On a scale that ranges from none to severe, the athlete will give a rating on neck pain, dizziness, confusion and more in order for the doctor to correctly diagnose the situation at hand.

Step three: A cognitive screening evaluates the brain's processing and thinking function after a head injury. This screening ranges from figuring out if the athlete knows exactly where they are at, immediate memory capability and concentration when trying to repeat phrases and digits given to them to remember at that point in time.

Step four: Neurological screenings test the patient's ability to read aloud and follow instructions without difficulty, being able to look side-to-side or up-and-down with double-vision or moving their head and neck or having the patient perform the finger nose coordination test normally along with a balance examination.

Step five: The doctor will have the patient go back to step three and ask some of the same questions that were asked during the cognitive screening. This delayed recall should be performed five minutes after the initial immediate recall section.

Step six: It's time for the doctor to evaluate each section of the test and decide on the athlete's symptoms that have been presented to them.

So, let's take some time and imagine each step of this process after taking a big hit during a hockey game. You're led off the ice, taken to a small examination room in the back hallway and thrown into a series of tests that are going to dictate whether or not you'll be back out on the ice playing the game that you love any time soon. A process you had to endure not once, not twice, but three times while embarking on your first season in the pros.

The best way to describe Andrew Oglevie's rookie campaign last year? Exhausting.

Just nine days after making his professional debut with the Rochester Americans on Oct. 5, the rookie forward was sidelined for the next six games with his first concussion of the 2018-19 season. Upon his return to the lineup on Nov. 2, Oglevie would then see time in the next 10 tilts before suffering his second concussion of the year.

"This was the first time I had ever been out for an extended period of time, especially with a concussion. I've had previous concussions, but I haven't had them consecutively like that in such a short period of time," said Oglevie.

After his second concussion of last year's campaign, Oglevie was out for an even more extended period of time, missing 29 games from Dec. 1 to Feb. 12. Following his second recovery, Oglevie got back into the Rochester lineup with a purpose, notching nine points (4+5) in his last 14 outings of the year with three multi-point efforts over that time.

Having only appeared in 28 games last year, Oglevie found himself missing the last 11 games of the 2018-19 regular season as well as the Calder Cup Playoffs due to suffering yet another concussion. Although an unfortunate way to end his first year in the pros, the Amerks forward finally had the summer to recover and find out how to prevent this ongoing issue by meeting with a concussion specialist in order to figure out the exact problem.

It was exactly what he needed for Oglevie to figure out how to prevent a rerun of his rookie year when preparing for his second season in the Flower City over the last summer.

"I was feeling good probably two weeks after the season ended. I was able to start skating right away and I didn't really take any time off. I did a lot of skating, lifting, lots of neck strengthening, lots of upper back and shoulder work just to make sure my neck and everything was stable so that I could take these hits and not be able to feel the symptoms."

Fast forward nearly eight months later and two months down in the Amerks current campaign and this second-year forward is putting in work and making himself known here in Rochester, easily becoming a fan favorite. Currently, Oglevie is one of just three skaters on the Amerks roster that has appeared in all 21 games so far this season. In those 21 games, Oglevie has made up for lost time, surpassing his goal (5), assist (5) and point (10) total from last season while leading the team with nine goals and 16 points.

Entering this week, Oglevie was riding a career-long seven-game point streak, which included goals in five of six games over that span. But on top of his previous point streak, skating in every game and surpassing his statistics from last year, the Amerks forward notched his first professional hat trick, lifting the team to a 3-2 victory over the Cleveland Monsters on Nov. 30 and being the first to achieve this feat for the club this year.

One thing Oglevie can admit to is that he came into this year with a chip on his shoulder, wanting to prove to people what exactly he could do when coming into a season healthy and feeling better than before.

"I think I said it once earlier this season, but I do want to prove that I'm still here just because people might have forgotten, or people might not have seen me play a whole lot last year. The 'still here' campaign is going on for me right now and I'm just happy to be contributing to the team."

Well Andrew Oglevie, you most certainly have our attention.

Aquin Scores First AHL Goal
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Former Charlottetown Islanders left-winger Pascal Aquin scored his first AHL goal Wednesday.

He scored 3:15 into the first period as the host Rochester Americans defeated the Toronto Marlies 4-0.

The 22-year-old Le Gardeur, Que., native has a goal and two assists in eight games with the Americans this season after playing one game with them last season. He had 27 goals and 32 assists for 59 points and 81 penalty minutes in 68 games with the ECHL's Cincinnati Cyclones in 2018-19, his first year of pro hockey.

Aquin played two seasons with the Islanders, helping them make it to the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League semifinal both years.

Amerks blank Marlies 4-0 on home ice
Rochester First
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Two first period goals and a strong outing from goaltender Andrew Hammond helped the Rochester Amerks on their way to a 4-0 victory over the Toronto Marlies Wednesday night at the Blue Cross Arena.

The win pushed Rochester's point streak to 11 games, their first such streak since the 09-10 season. Furthermore, the Amerks have now picked up 16 points in their last 18 outings — good for second place in the north division and fourth in the whole AHL with 32 points.

Curtis Lazar and Casey Fitzgerald both recorded their second and third multi-point games of the season, respectively, with a goal and an assist each. Zach Redmond opened the scoring on the night with his third of the year while second-year forward Pascal Aquin netted his first career AHL goal.

Hammond (8-1-2), who appeared in his 200th pro game, picked up his first point as an Amerk while earning his third shutout of the season. In his last seven starts, Hammond has posted five wins, three shutouts, a 1.32 goals-against average and a .950 save percentage.

The Amerks continue their four-game homestand on Friday, Dec. 6 when they host the defending Calder Cup champion Charlotte Checkers at 7:05 p.m. in the first of back-to-back meetings at The Blue Cross Arena.

The Saturday night game against the Checkers is also Star Wars night at the Blue Cross Arena.