



//// BINGHAMTON DEVILS ////  
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## Binghamton Devils vs. Rochester Americans

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 @ The Blue Cross Arena, AHL Regular Season Game #209

### TONIGHT'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (7-4-1-1) begin a stretch of three games in four nights tonight as they host the Binghamton Devils (5-6-0-1), the new primary affiliate of the New Jersey Devils, for the first time in franchise history at The Blue Cross Arena. The 7:05 p.m. matchup will be the first of 10 meetings between the North Division rivals this season and will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester. The game will also be televised live locally on MSG.

### LAST TIME OUT

- After 40 minutes of play, it appeared the Amerks were going to complete the two-game sweep over the Belleville Senators, but the hosts scored three unanswered goals to complete the 5-4 comeback in overtime Saturday night at Yardmen Arena.
- Despite the loss, however, the Amerks have earned 10 out of a possible 12 points in their first six road games while showing a record of 4-0-1-1 away from The Blue Cross Arena this season.
- Forwards **Sahir Gill** (2+0) and **Kevin Porter** (0+2) paced the Amerks offense with multi-point efforts while **Steve Moses** and **Dalton Smith** capped off the scoring as Rochester was able to earn at least one standings point for the fifth straight game.

### ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks are back in action on Friday, Nov. 17 when they take on the Hartford Wolf Pack on Military Appreciation Night at The Blue Cross Arena. Game time is slated for a 7:05 p.m. start and can be heard live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

### TEAM & PLAYER NOTES

- Rochester enters the contest trailing the Toronto Marlies by just six points for the top spot in the AHL's North Division standings and is tied for eighth in the league overall. The Amerks return home after claiming three out of a four possible points last weekend during their two-game set with the Belleville Senators and have collected 12 of 16 dating back to their 4-3 overtime win over Laval on Oct. 25. They come into the week joining the Tucson Roadrunners as the only two AHL teams that have yet to lose in regulation on the road this season.
- Kyle Criscuolo** (5+6) and **C.J. Smith** (2+9) remain tied for the team lead in scoring with 11 points each through 13 games this season. A Calder Cup winner last year in Grand Rapids, Criscuolo shows nine points (4+5) over his last eight games dating back to Oct. 25, a stretch which also featured a career-long five-game point streak. Smith, meanwhile, paces all Rochester skaters and ranks fourth amongst all AHL rookies with nine assists, six of which have come on the power-play. Smith, who despite seeing his season-long five-game assist streak come to an end Saturday in Belleville, is tied for fifth in scoring

### 2017-18 REGULAR SEASON



**TOTAL GOALS**  
44-41



**5-6-1-0 (11 points)**

**7-4-1-1 (16 points)**

### AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Kyle Criscuolo	13	5	6	11	10	4
C.J. Smith	13	2	9	11	6	3
Sahir Gill	13	6	3	9	0	-3

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	10	6-3-0	514:45	274	.913	3.03
Adam Wilcox	6	1-1-2	283:26	124	.892	3.18

### NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 17	vs. Hartford	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 18	@ Binghamton	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 22	@ Syracuse	7:00 p.m.

### LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Nov. 11	Belleville	OTL 5-4	23-40	1-3	3-3
Nov. 10	Belleville	W 4-2	30-40	0-5	4-6
Nov. 4	Utica	SOL 3-2	24-38	1-7	8-9

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS
<b>HOME</b> 3-4-0-0	19	25	6
<b>AWAY</b> 4-0-1-1	22	17	10
<b>TOTALS</b> 7-4-1-1	41	42	16

### DEVILS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Nick Lappin	11	9	5	14	2	2
Bracken Kearns	12	1	10	11	10	2
Jacob MacDonald	11	4	5	9	6	-1

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Ken Appleby	4	2-2-0	213:53	100	.909	2.81
Mackenzie Blackwood	8	2-4-1	440:35	181	.866	3.81



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among all first-year skaters and leads the group with seven power-play points.

- Coming off his two-goal outing Saturday in Belleville, forward **Sahir Gill** has moved atop the team's goal-scoring leaders with six on the season, matching the career-high he set last year in Wilkes-Barre/Scranton. More impressively, the former Boston University standout reached the six-goal mark in 31 fewer games and has already recorded half his total offensive output from the 2016-17 campaign through just 13 appearances this season for Rochester. He also shares the team lead with two power-play tallies.

- Brendan Guhle** remains Rochester's top-scoring blueliner and enters the week tied with Bridgeport's Sebastian Aho and Hershey's Lucas Johansen for tops in scoring among all AHL rookie defensemen with nine points (2+7), all of which have come in his last nine games. He's been held scoreless just twice over that span.

- A year after leading the AHL in saves, games and minutes played, reigning team MVP **Linus Ullmark** has picked up right where he left off from last season. The former Swedish Goaltender of the Year has won five of his last six starts dating back to Oct. 25, including a season-high 44-save effort at Utica on Nov. 1, and boasts a 6-3-0 record with a 3.03 goals-against average and a .913 save percentage. He leads all netminders with two shootout wins and currently ranks fifth in saves (274) through 10 games this season.

### SCOUTING THE DEVILS

- Binghamton makes its first trip of the season to Rochester in the midst of a four-game skid after dropping both ends of a two-game set against the Toronto Marlies by identical 4-1 scores. With a 4-6-0-0 record in their previous 10 games, the Devils have fallen to fifth-place in the AHL's North Division.

- The Devils, who relocated to Binghamton during the offseason following eight years in Albany, return 13 players from last season, including top point-getter John Quenneville and the goaltending tandem of Mackenzie Blackwood and Scott Appleby.

- Despite having scored the fewest goals in the Eastern Conference while on the power-play, Binghamton has only had 45 opportunities with the man-advantage, which is fewest in the AHL this season. The Devils, though, have the seventh-best power-play unit in the Eastern Conference as they have gone 8-for-45 (17.8%) through 12 games.

- Back for his third season in the New Jersey Devils organization, forward Nick Lappin has a team-high 14 points (9+5) in 11 games, good enough for 17<sup>th</sup> in the AHL. The 25-year-old enters play tonight riding a four-game point streak where he has notched seven points (4+3) dating back to Nov. 4.

- Blackwood has carried a majority of the workload so far this season, boasting a 2-4-1 record with a 3.81 goals-against average and a .866 save percentage through eight starts. Blackwood has gone winless in his last five appearances while Appleby has a 2-2-0 record and dropped his last two starts.

### 2016-17 SEASON SERIES SCORING LEADERS BREAKDOWN

#### ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Cole Schneider	8	2	3	5	6	1
Tim Kennedy	6	2	2	4	2	3
Evan Rodriuges	4	1	3	4	4	-1

#### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Linus Ullmark	6	2-4-0	356:25	16	.918	2.69
Jonas Johansson	1	1-0-0	59:57	1	.964	1.00

#### BINGHAMTON (Albany)

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
John Quenneville	6	2	6	8	0	2
Joe Blandisi	6	3	3	6	14	4
Carter Camper	6	1	5	6	2	1

#### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Mackenzie Blackwood	3	2-1-0	177:51	3	.943	1.01
Ken Appleby	4	2-2-0	238:43	14	.868	3.52

### 2017-18 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
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- Nov. 15
- Nov. 18
- Nov. 24
- Nov. 25
- Jan. 12
- Feb. 3
- Feb. 18
- Feb. 19
- Mar. 23
- Mar. 31

### AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. BINGHAMTON: 11-15-0

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

### SERIES NOTABLES

- Devils forward Tim Kennedy opposes the Amerks for the first time since signing a one-year AHL contract with Binghamton over the summer. Acquired midway through the 2016-17 season by Rochester, the 10-year pro appeared in 47 games last season, notching 29 points (4+25) and has totaled 36 points (4+32) over two separate stints with the Amerks.
- Binghamton head coach Rick Kowalsky, the 2015-16 AHL Coach of the Year, was a 10<sup>th</sup>-round pick of the Buffalo Sabres in the 1992 NHL Draft