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Rochester Americans @ Binghamton Devils

Saturday, Nov. 18, 2017 @ Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena, AHL Regular Season Game #223

TONIGHT'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (9-4-1-1) close out a busy stretch of three games in four nights tonight as they travel to the southern tier for a North Division showdown against the Binghamton Devils at the Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena. The 7:05 p.m. matchup will be the second of 10 meetings this season and the second in the last four days between the two teams and will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

LAST TIME OUT

- Much like Wednesday's contest, the Amerks jumped out to a 2-0 lead with a pair of goals 2:21 apart and never gave it up as they would go on to a 4-2 win over the Hartford Wolf Pack last night at The Blue Cross Arena.
- With the win, the Amerks improved to 7-1-1-1 in their last 10 games while collecting 16 out of a possible 20 points dating back to Oct. 25. They also hold a record of 5-0-1-1 through their first seven games in the month of November.
- Rookie forward **C.J. Smith** took over the team-lead in scoring as he notched a career-high four points with his third and fourth goals of the season and a pair of helpers. **Colin Blackwell** tallied two assists on the night as **Brendan Guhle** and **Hudson Fasching** added their third and fourth markers of the season, respectively. Goaltender **Linus Ullmark** pushed his win streak to a personal-best five games as he made 36 saves on the night.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks remain on the road on Wednesday, Nov. 22 for a pre-Thanksgiving Day matchup with the Syracuse Crunch at the War Memorial Arena. Game time is slated for a 7:00 p.m. start and will be broadcast live on Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

TEAM & PLAYER NOTES

- Rochester enters the contest sitting just two points back of the first-place Toronto Marlies for the top spot in the AHL's North Division standings. The Amerks have earned points in seven straight games to open the month of November, marking the team's longest stretch since an eight-game run to open the month of April during the 2013-14 campaign, and have collected 16 out of a possible 20 points dating back to Oct. 25.
- Coming off his four-point effort in last night's win over Hartford, Smith leads the Amerks with 15 points (4+11) through his first 15 games of the season. Smith, who despite seeing his season-long five-game point streak snapped last Saturday in Belleville, currently ranks third among all AHL rookies in points and assists and continues to lead all first-year skaters with eight power-play points.

2017-18 REGULAR SEASON



5-8-1-0 (11 points)



9-4-1-1 (20 points)

**TOTAL GOALS
38-48**

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
C.J. Smith	15	4	11	15	6	6
Kyle Criscuolo	14	5	6	11	10	4
Sahir Gill	15	6	4	10	0	-3

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	12	8-3-0	634:32	341	.924	2.65
Adam Wilcox	6	1-1-2	283:26	124	.892	3.18

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 22	@ Syracuse	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 24	vs. Binghamton	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 25	@ Binghamton	7:00 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Nov. 17	Hartford	W 4-2	31-38	1-5	4-5
Nov. 15	Binghamton	W 3-0	36-31	2-5	1-1
Nov. 11	Belleville	OTL 5-4	23-40	1-3	3-3

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS
HOME 5-4-0-0	26	27	10
AWAY 4-0-1-1	22	17	10
TOTALS 9-4-1-1	48	44	20

DEVILS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Nick Lappin	13	9	5	14	2	-1
Bracken Kearns	14	2	10	12	12	-1
Jacob MacDonald	13	5	6	11	6	-3

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Mackenzie Blackwood	9	2-5-1	499:19	214	.877	3.60
Ken Appleby	5	2-3-0	272:55	114	.891	3.08



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- **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 more than half his total offensive output from the 2016-17 campaign through just 15 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 play tonight tied with Hershey's Lucas Johansen for first in scoring among all AHL rookie defensemen with 10 points (3+7), all of which have come in his last 11 games. He's been held scoreless just three times over that span.
- A year after leading the AHL in saves, games and minutes played, Ullmark has picked up right where he left off from last season. The former Swedish Goaltender of the Year and reigning team MVP has won a career-best five straight and seven of his last eight starts dating back to Oct. 25, including a season-high 44-save effort at Utica on Nov. 1. He currently leads the AHL in wins (8) and saves (341) while his .924 save percentage is ninth-best among all netminders with at least 240 minutes played.
- **Kyle Criscuolo** made his NHL debut last night for the Buffalo Sabres a day after earning his first-career NHL recall. He finished the night with one shot over 6:56 of ice in a 3-1 loss at Detroit.

SCOUTING THE DEVILS

- Binghamton hosts the Amerks for the first time this season and are in the midst of a season-long six-game skid. With a 2-8-0-0 record in their previous 10 games, the Devils have fallen to sixth-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 second-fewest goals in the Eastern Conference while on the power-play, Binghamton has only had 54 opportunities with the man-advantage, which is fewest in the AHL this season. The Devils, though, have the fourth-best power-play unit in the Eastern Conference as they have gone 11-for-54 (20.4%) through 14 games.
- Back for his third season in the New Jersey Devils organization, forward Nick Lappin has a team-high 14 points (9+5) in 13 games. Entering tonight, the Geneva, Illinois, native has been held without a point in back-to-back games for the first time all season.
- Blackwood has carried a majority of the workload so far this season, boasting a 2-5-1 record with a 2.60 goals-against average and a .877 save percentage through nine starts. Blackwood has gone winless in his last six appearances while Appleby has a 2-3-0 record and dropped his last three starts.

2017-18 SEASON SERIES SCORING LEADERS BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER						
SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Stuart Percy	1	2	1	3	0	1
Eric Cornel	1	1	0	1	0	0
Sahir Gill	1	0	1	1	0	0
GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	1	1-0-0	60:00	0	1.000	0.00
BINGHAMTON						
SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Brandon Baddock	1	0	0	0	4	0
Nathan Bastian	1	0	0	0	2	-1
Joe Blandisi	1	0	0	0	0	0
GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Mackenzie Blackwood	1	0-1-0	58:44	2	.943	2.04

2017-18 SEASON SERIES GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Nov. 15	W	3-0	36-31	2-5	1-1
Nov. 18					
Nov. 24					
Nov. 25					
Jan. 12					
Feb. 3					
Feb. 18					
Feb. 19					
Mar. 23					
Mar. 31					

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. BINGHAMTON: 12-15-0
(Includes totals carried over from when the franchise was located in Albany)

SERIES NOTABLES

- Devils forward Tim Kennedy could oppose the Amerks for the first time since signing a one-year AHL contract with Binghamton over the summer. Acquired midway through the 2016-17 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 10th-round pick of the Buffalo Sabres in the 1992 NHL Draft
- The Amerks remain the only AHL team that has yet to lose in regulation on the road this season.