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Binghamton Devils vs. Rochester Americans

Friday, November 24, 2017 @ The Blue Cross Arena, AHL Regular Season Game #260

TONIGHT'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (9-5-2-1) look to get back on the winning track tonight as they take on the intrastate rival Binghamton Devils (6-8-2-0) in the front-end of a home-and-home series at The Blue Cross Arena. Following tonight's 7:05 matchup, the same two teams will meet again on Saturday as the action shifts to the southern tier for a rematch at Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena. Both contests between the North Division rivals can be heard live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

LAST TIME OUT

- Following a back-and-forth battle throughout regulation, the Amerks fell in overtime, 6-5, to the Syracuse Crunch in a game that saw goals from 11 different players. Of the 17 games this season, Rochester has seen seven go beyond regulation play, two of which have been against the Crunch.
- The night was full of firsts on Rochester's end with Amerks rookie forward **Sean Malone** scoring his first pro goal, defenseman **Conor Allen** netting his first goal as an Amerk and **Evan Rodrigues** picking up his first point of the season with an assist. **Linus Ullmark**, who entered the game on a career-long five-game win streak, turned in a solid 43-save effort as Rochester was able to gain a point for the eighth time in its last nine games.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks bring the busy holiday week to a close on Saturday, Nov. 25 with a rematch against the Devils in Binghamton at Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena. The 7:05 p.m. game will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

TEAM & PLAYER NOTES

- Rochester, which plays six of its next eight on the road, enters the weekend locked in a second-place tie in the AHL's North Division standings with the Laval Rocket and trail the Toronto Marlies by just seven points. The Amerks, however, have two games in hand on the Rocket and one on first-place Toronto.
- The Amerks have collected 17 out of a possible 23 points dating back to Oct. 25 and have points in eight of their last nine games.
- Coming off his four-point effort in last Friday's 4-2 win over Hartford, rookie forward **C.J. Smith** leads the Amerks with 16 points (4+12) through 17 games this season. Smith, who had a season-long five-game point streak snapped last month, is tied for fourth among all AHL rookies in points and is currently tied for second with a team-best 12 assists. He's also tied for second among all first-year skaters with eight power-play points.
- Sahir Gill** has moved atop the team's goal-scoring leaders with six

2017-18 REGULAR SEASON



6-8-2-0 (14 points)



9-5-2-1 (21 points)

**TOTAL GOALS
44-53**

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
C.J. Smith	17	4	12	16	6	3
Kyle Criscuolo	14	5	6	11	10	4
Sahir Gill	17	6	4	10	0	-6

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	13	8-3-1	696:15	384	.919	2.93
Adam Wilcox	6	1-2-2	343:26	155	.886	3.39

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 25	@ Binghamton	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 29	@ Utica	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 1	vs. Hartford	7:05 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Nov. 22	Syracuse	OTL 6-5	35-49	2-6	2-2
Nov. 18	Binghamton	L 5-0	18-36	0-7	4-5
Nov. 17	Hartford	W 4-2	31-38	1-5	4-5

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
HOME	5-4-0-0	26	27	10
AWAY	4-1-2-1	27	28	11
TOTALS	9-5-2-1	53	55	21

DEVILS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Nick Lappin	15	10	5	15	4	0
Jacob MacDonald	15	6	8	14	6	-2
Bracken Kearns	16	2	11	13	12	0

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Ken Appleby	5	2-3-0	272:55	114	.891	3.08
Mackenzie Blackwood	11	3-5-2	620:41	254	.888	3.09



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on the season, matching the career-high set last year in Wilkes-Barre/Scranton. 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 17 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 weekend tied for second in points among all AHL rookie defensemen with 10 points (3+7), all of which have come in his last 13 games. His 39 shots are also tops amongst first-year blueliners.
- 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 won a career-best five straight from Nov. 1 to Nov. 17 and seven of his last nine starts dating back to Oct. 25, including a season-high 44-save effort at Utica on Nov. 1. He currently leads the AHL in saves (384) and is tied for fourth in wins (8) while his .919 save percentage is 14th-best among all netminders with at least 300 minutes played.

SCOUTING THE DEVILS

- Binghamton faces the Amerks for the third time this season and comes into the matchup with a 3-6-1-0 record in its last 10. Prior to last week's 5-0 win over the Amerks, the Devils had lost their last six.
- 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.
- Binghamton has scored only 44 goals this season, which is the fewest in the Eastern Conference. Additionally, the Devils have tallied 12 markers while on the power-play with only 63 opportunities on the man-advantage, both fewest in the Eastern Conference.
- Back for his third season in the New Jersey Devils organization, forward Nick Lappin has a team-high 15 points (10+5) in 15 games. Entering tonight, the Geneva, Illinois, native has been limited to just one goal in his last four contests. Lappin brings his team-best 10 goals into the matchup, which ranks third-most among league leaders.
- Following a season-high three-point (1+2) effort in the previous matchup with the Amerks last Saturday night, Binghamton's Jacob MacDonald has moved into second on the team in scoring as he shows 14 points (6+8) through 15 games, in addition to a team-high 43 shots. The 24-year-old currently ranks fifth in the AHL for points by a defenseman.
- Blackwood has carried a majority of the workload so far this season, boasting a 3-5-2 record with a 3.09 goals-against average and a .888 save percentage through 11 appearances. Blackwood, who recorded his fourth-career shutout in last Saturday's 5-0 win against the Amerks, shows a record of 1-5-1 in his last seven appearances while fellow netminder Appleby has a 2-3-0 record in five starts but dropped his last three starts allowing four goals in each contest.

2017-18 SEASON SERIES SCORING LEADERS BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Stuart Percy	2	2	1	3	0	-1
Eric Cornel	2	1	0	1	0	0
Sahir Gill	2	0	1	1	0	-2

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Linus Ullmark	1	1-0-0	60:00	0	1.000	0.00
Adam Wilcox	1	0-1-0	60:00	5	.861	5.00

BINGHAMTON

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Jacob MacDonald	2	1	2	3	0	1
Nathan Bastian	2	0	2	2	0	2
Joe Blandisi	2	0	2	2	0	2

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Mackenzie Blackwood	2	1-1-0	118:44	2	.962	1.01

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	L	5-0	18-36	0-7	4-5
Nov. 24					
Nov. 25					
Jan. 12					
Feb. 3					
Feb. 17					
Feb. 18					
Mar. 23					
Mar. 31					

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. BINGHAMTON: 12-16-0

(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 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 10th-round pick of the Buffalo Sabres in the 1992 NHL Draft.