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**GAME NOTES**  
 //// ROCHESTER AMERICANS ////



# Rochester Americans @ Binghamton Devils

Saturday, February 3, 2018 @ Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena | AHL Regular Season Game #670

## TONIGHT'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (25-11-5-5) travel to the southern tier for the third time this season tonight as they meet up with the intrastate rival Binghamton Devils (12-23-6-3) at the Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena. The 7:05 p.m. matchup will be the sixth of 10 meetings between the two teams this season and will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

## LAST TIME OUT

- In front of the largest crowd since the 2014-15 season when 10,641 packed The Blue Cross Arena, the Amerks returned home following the AHL All-Star break as they hosted the league-leading Toronto Marlies on Hometown Heroes Night. A crowd of 9,836 was on hand to witness one of the most-highly anticipated games of the season despite the Amerks dropping a 4-2 decision to the Marlies.
- Despite the loss, however, the Amerks have earned points in 31 of their last 37 games dating back to Nov. 1 and suffered just their first regulation loss at The Blue Cross since Dec. 30 as they show a record of 3-1-0-1 during that span.
- Rochester native and 39-year-old veteran **Brian Gionta** scored his first goal as an Amerk in his debut in the red, white and blue after signing a one-game professional tryout earlier in the week. It was the final tune-up for Gionta, who departs next week to captain the U.S. national team at the upcoming 2018 Winter Olympics. PyeongChang, South Korea.

- Arvin Atwal** also booked his first-career AHL tally for Rochester while goaltender **Linus Ullmark** made 27 saves but took the loss. The Swedish netminder has gone winless gone in his last six outings.

## ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- Rochester returns home to The Blue Cross Arena on Wednesday, Feb. 7 as they host the Belleville Senators at 7:05 p.m. for the fifth of eight scheduled meetings between the two North Division foes. The contest can be heard live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

## TEAM & PLAYER NOTES

- The Amerks enter tonight with a 14-3-5-3 in 25 games away from The Blue Cross Arena this season. Rochester's three regulation losses are fewest in the AHL while its 14 wins are third-most in the league this season.
- Rochester has played in 19 games that have gone beyond regulation, which are most in the American Hockey League. Binghamton has played in 10 overtime games this season, showing a 1-6 mark in the extra frame while going 0-3 in shootouts this season.
- Fresh of being named the MVP of the 2018 AHL All-Star Challenge,

## 2017-18 REGULAR SEASON



**TOTAL GOALS**  
107-137



**12-23-6-3 (33 points)**

**25-11-5-5 (60 points)**

## AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
C.J. Smith	46	14	25	39	12	8
Kevin Porter	40	12	16	28	20	-6
Zach Redmond	38	8	20	28	24	5

## GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA	
Linus Ullmark	32	17-8-6	1,851	912	.926	2.37
Adam Wilcox	17	8-3-4	951:05	410	.905	2.71

## NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 7	vs. Belleville	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 10	@ Lehigh Valley	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 11	@ Hershey	5:00 p.m.

## LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Feb. 2	Toronto	L 4-2	28-31	0-3	0-2
Jan. 27	Belleville	OTW 4-1	40-24	2-7	3-5
Jan. 26	Toronto	L 2-0	35-38	1-3	3-3

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
<b>HOME</b>	11-8-0-2	65	58	24
<b>AWAY</b>	14-3-5-3	72	66	36
<b>TOTALS</b>	25-11-5-5	137	124	60

## DEVILS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Jacob MacDonald	43	13	20	33	23	-16
Bracken Kearns	44	10	22	32	24	-7
Nick Lappin	38	17	11	28	21	-10

## GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA	
Ken Appleby	16	5-8-2	896:43	381	.888	3.21
Mackenzie Blackwood	25	5-13-3	1,391	599	.878	3.58



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rookie forward **C.J. Smith** continues to lead the Amerks in all offensive categories with 14 goals, 25 assists and 39 points while being one of just two skaters to appear in all 46 games thus far this season. His plus-eight on-ice rating is also tops among all active Rochester skaters. The Des Moines, Iowa, native currently ranks third in scoring among all AHL rookies and is tied for 13<sup>th</sup> overall among the league's top point-getters. His 25 assists are second-most between all first-year skaters and are tied for 13<sup>th</sup>-most in the league.

- The Amerks are led by the goaltending duo of AHL All-Star **Linus Ullmark** and third-year netminder **Adam Wilcox**. Ullmark has carried the majority of the workload between the pipes, boasting a 17-8-6 record in 32 games this season. He currently ranks second in the AHL in both saves (912) and minutes played (1,851) while being one win shy of tying for the league-lead in wins (17). The former Swedish Goaltender of the Year and reigning team MVP also ranks sixth and 10<sup>th</sup> amongst all AHL goaltenders with a .926 save percentage and a 2.37 goals-against average, respectively. Wilcox, meanwhile, is 7-1-2 in his last 10 contests, including a season-best three straight wins.

- The Amerks own three of the top point-producing defensemen in the AHL in **Zach Redmond**, **Stuart Percy** and rookie **Brendan Guhle**. Redmond, who leads all Amerks defensemen with 28 points (8+20) through 38 games, is tied for sixth in goals by a defenseman with eight, matching a career-high. Additionally, Redmond's 28 points rank fifth among all AHL defensemen in scoring. Guhle is tied for third in scoring among all AHL rookie blueliners with 21 points (7+14), while his seven goals are also third among first-year defensemen. Percy's 24 points (3+21) through just 39 games bring him within one point of tying a career-high he established in his first full season with the Marlies during the 2013-14 campaign.

#### SCOUTING THE DEVILS

- Following an overtime and shootout loss, the Devils come into the matchup with a 1-6-2-1 record over their last 10 outings.
- Binghamton has allowed 150 goals this season while scoring 107, which are fewest among all Eastern Conference teams. Of the 107 goals for the Devils, 41 have come in the opening 20 minutes of play.
- Following his second-period power-play goal in a 3-2 shootout loss to Belleville, defenseman Jacob MacDonald has taken over the team's scoring lead with 33 points (13+20), in addition to a team-best 118 shots, through 43 games this season. The 2018 AHL All-Star shows seven points (2+5) over his last 11 games after starting the season with 22 points through his first 21 games.
- Goaltenders Mackenzie Blackwood and Ken Appleby have shared the majority of the duties this season for the Devils. Blackwood shows a 5-13-5 record in 25 appearances while Appleby carries a 5-8-2 record in 16 games. Newcomer Eddie Lack, who was acquired by New Jersey on Dec. 30 from the Calgary Flames, has gone 0-2-1 in his last three outings and holds a 3-4-3 in 10 games this season between the Stockton Heat and Binghamton.

#### AMERKS-DEVILS 2017-18 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

##### ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Sahir Gill	5	0	6	6	2	1
C.J. Smith	5	3	2	5	0	0
Stuart Percy	5	2	3	5	2	-1

##### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Linus Ullmark	2	2-0-0	120:00	3	.952	1.50
Adam Wilcox	3	2-1-0	181:31	10	.867	3.31

##### BINGHAMTON

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Jacob MacDonald	5	1	4	5	4	-4
Kevin Rooney	5	3	1	4	6	-3
Bracken Kearns	5	1	3	4	6	0

##### GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Mackenzie Blackwood	4	1-1-1	201:21	10	.896	2.98
Ken Appleby	2	0-2-0	99:05	11	.780	6.66

#### 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	W	10-3	29-32	3-4	3-5
Nov. 25	OTW	4-3	32-19	1-7	4-5
Jan. 12	W	5-2	32-20	1-4	2-2
Feb. 3					
Feb. 17					
Feb. 18					
Mar. 23					
Mar. 31					

#### AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. BINGHAMTON: 15-16-0

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

#### SERIES NOTABLES

- The last three 10-goal games by the Amerks have all come on home ice against a different Binghamton-based AHL franchise.
  - Nov. 24, 2017 vs. Binghamton Devils
  - Dec. 16, 2006 vs. Binghamton Senators
  - Mar. 24, 1996 vs. Binghamton Rangers
- Rochester enters tonight's tilt with the Devils, showing a successrate of 29.1 percent (7-for-24) while on the powerplay through five games this season.