



//// BINGHAMTON DEVILS ////  
**GAME NOTES**  
 //// ROCHESTER AMERICANS ////



# Binghamton Devils vs Rochester Americans

Sunday, February 18, 2018 @ The Blue Cross Arena | AHL Regular Season Game #768

## TODAY'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (26-13-8-5) look to extend their five-game point streak against the Binghamton Devils (14-27-6-3) this afternoon as the North Division rivals meet for the second time in as many days in the back-end of a home-and-home series at The Blue Cross Arena. Today's 3:05 p.m. matinee will conclude Rochester's second three-in-three of the season. All the action can be heard live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

## LAST TIME OUT

- Rochester picked up at least one point for the fifth straight game in the season series with the Devils, who needed all of regulation and 2:08 of overtime to come away with a 1-0 win over the Amerks last night. After 60 minutes of scoreless play, Binghamton's Bracken Kearns netted the lone tally of the night just over two minutes into the extra session to give the Devils their second straight overtime win over the Amerks this month. Rochester, however, maintains a 4-1-2-0 record in the season series while earning points in five of the previous six matchups.
- Despite the loss, the Amerks remain one of the AHL's top teams on the road this season, showing a record of 14-4-8-3 in 29 games away from The Blue Cross Arena. Their four regulation losses are tied for fewest in the AHL.

- Forwards **Kevin Porter** and **Sean Malone** each recorded a team-high three shots on goal for Rochester while goaltender **Adam Wilcox** made his 20<sup>th</sup> start of the season, allowing just one goal for his second straight appearance. The third-year netminder boasts an 8-4-6 record on the season but is winless in his last three starts.

## ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- For the sixth straight year, the Amerks make the trek down the New York State Thruway to play in the home of the Buffalo Sabres on Wednesday, Feb. 21 when they host the intrastate rival Syracuse Crunch in a North Division showdown at the KeyBank Center in downtown Buffalo. The 7:05 p.m. contest will be the sixth of 10 scheduled meetings between the two teams this season and will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

## TEAM & PLAYER NOTES

- The Amerks have collected at least one point in 35 of their last 44 games dating back to Nov. 1, including 13 of their last 17 games since the turn of the New Year.
- Rochester has played in nine games that have gone beyond regulation since Jan. 1. Coming into this afternoon, the Amerks lead the AHL in games decided after regulation with 22, showing a 7-8 mark in overtime while going 2-5 in shootouts.

## 2017-18 REGULAR SEASON



**TOTAL GOALS**  
117-157



**14-27-6-3 (37 points)**

**26-13-8-5 (65 points)**

## AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
C.J. Smith	50	14	25	39	14	6
Seth Griffith	32	11	21	32	18	3
Zach Redmond	44	10	22	32	28	4

  

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	35	18-9-7	2,031	1,004	.923	2.48
Adam Wilcox	20	8-4-6	1,132	499	.911	2.60

## NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 21	vs. Syracuse	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 23	vs. Toronto	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 23	@ Toronto	4 :00 p.m.

## LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Feb. 17	Binghamton	OTL 1-0	19-35	0-1	0-4
Feb. 16	WBS	W 12-3	37-38	6-9	2-3
Feb. 11	Hershey	OTL 3-2	24-33	0-3	4-5

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS	
<b>HOME</b>	12-9-0-2	77	63	26
<b>AWAY</b>	14-4-8-3	80	79	39
<b>TOTALS</b>	26-13-8-5	157	142	65

## DEVILS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Bracken Kearns	50	11	25	36	26	-5
Jacob MacDonald	49	14	21	35	23	-15
Nick Lappin	42	17	12	29	25	-13

  

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Ken Appleby	19	6-10-2	1,078	453	.890	3.12
Mackenzie Blackwood	28	6-15-5	1,569	676	.881	3.48



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- Despite missing his first two games all season due to injury, rookie forward **C.J. Smith** continues to pace the team with 25 assists and 39 points while holding a three-way share for the team-lead with 14 goals in 50 games thus far this season. The Des, Moines, Iowa native currently ranks fourth in scoring among all AHL rookies. His 25 assists are also tied for fourth-most between all first-year skaters and are tied for 17<sup>th</sup> 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 18-9-7 record in 35 games this season. He currently ranks second in the AHL in saves (1,004) and fourth in minutes played (2,031) while being four wins shy of tying for the league-lead in wins (18). The former Swedish Goaltender of the Year and reigning team MVP also ranks seventh and 13<sup>th</sup> amongst all AHL goaltenders with a .923 save percentage and a 2.48 goals-against average, respectively. Wilcox, meanwhile, is 6-2-4 in his last 12 contests and is 3-1-2 through his previous six starts.

- The Amerks own three of the top point-producing defensemen in the AHL in **Zach Redmond**, **Stuart Percy** and rookie **Brendan Guhle**, who returned to the Rochester lineup last Sunday after missing the last six games. Redmond leads all Amerks defensemen with 32 points (10+22) through 44 games, placing him fifth among all AHL defensemen in scoring. The veteran blueliner is also tied for fourth in goals by a defenseman with 10, which is a new career-high. Guhle is fourth in scoring among all AHL rookie blueliners with 24 points (8+16), while his eight goals are third among first-year defensemen. Percy's four goals and 25 points on the season both tie career-highs he set with the Toronto Marlies during the 2013-14 campaign.

#### SCOUTING THE DEVILS

- Following four straight losses, the Devils come into the matchup with a 2-6-1-1 record over their last 10 outings.
- Binghamton has allowed 168 goals this season while scoring 117, which are fewest among all Eastern Conference teams. Of the 117 goals for the Devils, 42 have come in the opening 20 minutes of play.
- Following his overtime-winning goal in last night's 1-0 win against the Amerks, forward Bracken Kearns remains the team's scoring leader with 36 points and 25 assists, in addition to a team-best eight power-play assists, through 50 games this season. The two-time AHL All-Star shows 14 points (4+10) over his last 13 games, which also includes a pair of three-point performances.
- Goaltenders Mackenzie Blackwood and Ken Appleby have shared the majority of the duties this season for the Devils. Blackwood shows a 6-15-5 record in 28 appearances while Appleby carries a 6-10-2 record in 19 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	7	1	6	7	2	1
Kevin Porter	7	2	4	6	2	0
C.J. Smith	6	3	2	5	0	-1

##### GOALTENDER

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	2	2-0-0	120:00	3	.952	1.50
Adam Wilcox	5	2-1-2	303:45	15	.897	2.96

##### BINGHAMTON

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Jacob MacDonald	7	2	5	7	4	-1
Bracken Kearns	7	2	4	6	6	2
Kevin Rooney	7	3	1	4	6	-3

##### GOALTENDER

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA
Mackenzie Blackwood	5	2-1-1	261:55	13	.897	2.98
Ken Appleby	3	1-2-0	161:13	11	.841	4.09

#### 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	OTL	4-3	30-35	2-4	2-3
Feb. 17	OTL	1-0	19-35	0-1	4-4
Feb. 18					
Mar. 23					
Mar. 31					

#### AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. BINGHAMTON: 15-18-0

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

#### SERIES NOTABLES

- The last four 10-plus goal games by the Amerks have all come on home ice, and three of the four have come against different Binghamton-based AHL franchises.
- Feb. 16, 2018 vs. Wiles-Barre/Scranton Penguins
- Nov. 24, 2017 vs. Binghamton Devils
- Dec. 16, 2006 vs. Binghamton Senators
- Mar. 24, 1996 vs. Binghamton Rangers