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Tonight's Game: Binghamton @ Rochester

Feast turns to famine for Rochester Americans

Buffalo News

By: Amy Moritz

After putting up 12 goals in a rout of Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Friday, the Rochester Americans couldn't crack the scoreboard on Saturday.

Bracken Kearns scored at 2:08 of overtime to give the Binghamton Senators a 1-0 win over the Amerks in Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena Saturday night.

The Amerks lead the American Hockey League in games that have gone past regulation. This was their 22nd overtime game and ninth since Jan. 1.

It was their eighth overtime loss this season and Rochester slips to 26-13-8-5 overall. The last time Rochester won an overtime game was Jan. 27 when they defeated the Belleville Senators, 4-3.

The Amerks seemed to use up all their offense in the win on Friday. Binghamton held a 33-17 advantage in shots during regulation and Amerks backup goalie Adam Wilcox turned them all aside. Sean Malone, Kevin Porter, and Brendan Guhle each had three shots on goal for Rochester.

It was a stark contrast to Friday night when 10 players had multi-point nights in Rochester's 12-3 win.

But even with the overtime loss, the Amerks still collected a point. And those points are keeping them in the conversation for the AHL playoffs for the first time in three years. The Amerks entered Saturday's slate of games tied with Utica for second in the North Division and in seventh place in the Eastern Conference.

Rochester has collected at least one point in 35 of its last 44 games dating back to Nov. 1, including 13 of its last 18 games since the turn of the New Year.

In Saturday's loss, Wilcox finished with 34 saves, including helping Rochester to fight off four Binghamton power plays. The Amerks had the man-advantage only once during the game, at the end of the second period with carry-over time into the third when the Devils were called for too many men on the ice.

Binghamton and Rochester meet again at 3 p.m. Sunday in BlueCross Arena, the final of a three-games-in-three-days stint for the Amerks. They stay home to host Syracuse (Feb. 21) and Toronto (Feb. 23).

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Ken Appleby, Bracken Kearns Lead BDeviils Win Over Amerks

All About The Jersey

By: Jeff Ulmer

Forward Bracken Kearns took a short pass from defenseman Jacob MacDonald at center ice then turned on the jets into the offensive zone and let loose a snipe from just inside the circle that landed top shelf, far corner past goaltender Adam Wilcox for the game winner as the Binghamton Devils defeated the Rochester Americans 1-0 in overtime on Saturday at The Floyd.

It was Kearns' 11th goal and team-leading 36th point of the season in what turned out to be one of the best overall games of the season for the BDeviils. Starter Ken Appleby (6-10-2-2, 3.12 GAA, 0.890 SV%) was brilliant in net stopping 19 Amerks' shots and earned his 2nd shutout of the season as he helped his team snap a four game losing streak.

It was a goaltending dual that went beyond regulation as Wilcox and Appleby battled, including the five minute three-on-three action. The last time the two rivals met also resulted in a Devils win, again in OT 4-3 on Feb 3rd on home ice. The two clubs will meet again on Sunday afternoon in Rochester.

Appleby was sharp in the opening period as he stopped Sahir Gill on a breakaway and came up with a quick toe save on Seth Griffith, two of his six saves that helped set the tone the rest of the night, as Binghamton played hard and didn't give up in front of the large crowd. Especially in the final twenty minutes, as the Devils with all kinds of pressure but Wilcox bailed out his teammates as he came up with some big saves of his own during the man advantage for the Devils that kept it scoreless.

Binghamton outshot Rochester in all three periods and ended up with 35 compared to 19 for the Amerks as they were even up with two apiece in the OT session.

Line-Ups

Forwards; Kearns-Kennedy-Speers, Lucia-Rooney-Bertschy, Latta-Mandat-Bastian, Baddock-Penny-Thomson. Defensemen; Strait-Jacobs, MacDonald-Santini, White-Kapla. In Goal; Ken Appleby Back up; Mackenzie Blackwood. Scratches; Brandon Gignac (inj.), Austin Cangelosi, Yaroslav Dyblenko, Kevin Morris and Jake Walman. Kearns, Latta and Rooney with the A's.

Random Post Game Notes

Blake Pietila was called up before tonight's game, as he joined Nick Lappin and John Quenneville for New Jersey. Goaltender Eddie Lack still remains with the Devils and earned the 4-3 win over Tampa Bay on Saturday.

Team plays better in front of Appleby and it showed despite the lack of offense this club has. Blackwood has been streaky as I prefer a more steady Appleby to get the nod on Sunday.

First time I've seen the two forwards in Mario Lucia (4 shots) and Christoph Bertschy (5 shots) in action since the trade for defenseman Viktor Loov. Both didn't look out of place and had regular

minutes, including the PP as the team ended up with four and for their fifth straight game they failed to score a goal.

Defensemen Michael Kapla with a really bad turnover late in the middle frame led to a semi-breakaway by Justin Bailey, but Appleby poked the puck loose to come to the aid of his defense. Kapla and Brian Strait have been hard to watch at times this season.

The refs let them play as there were some big hits highlighted by Ryan Penny, as he delivered a punishing body check to defenseman Zach Redmond early in the first that sent him crashing to the ice, much to the delight of the fans.

Amerks came into the game having scored a dozen goals in Friday's 12-3 thumping over the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins at home. I don't know if they took the BDevils too lightly, but I do know that Binghamton was ready and came through with a 60 minute effort while missing some key pieces on the offense. Regardless, it was a fun night to be a part of.

Amerks earn point but are shut out by Binghamton

C&C WorldWide

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Amerks score early and often in a 12-3 win

Buffalo News

By: Amy Moritz

You get a point. And you get a point. And you get a point.

Everybody gets at least one assist tonight.

Well, except for Eric Cornel. He was the lone skater in the Rochester Americans lineup who did not register a point in the Amerks 12-3 win over the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins in Blue Cross Arena Friday night.

It was the most goals scored in a game in the American Hockey League season, surpassing the 10 goals the Amerks scored on Nov. 24 in a win over Binghamton.

The Amerks were the first AHL team score 12 goals in a game since Dec. 8, 2002 when Hamilton defeated Cleveland, 15-1. The last time Rochester scored 12 or more goals in a game was April 7, 1985 in a 13-3 win over St. Catharine's.

More importantly for the Amerks, it ends a five-game losing skid.

Seth Griffith led the Amerks with five points -- two goals and three assists. Alexander Nylander finally had a breakout game with two goals and two assists while Kyle Criscuolo also had a four-point night (two goals, two assists). It was the first time Nylander has scored since Dec. 15.

Other goal scorers for Rochester included defenseman Brendan Guhle (one goal, two assists), Adam Krause (one goal, one assist), Zach Redmond (one goal, one assist), Matt Tennyson (one goal, one assist), Sean Malone, and Stuart Percy.

Taylor Fedun, Hudson Fasching, and Justin Bailey each recorded two assists.

Linus Ullmark made 35 saves on the night that Marty Biron was inducted into the Amerks Hall of Fame. Rochester travels to Binghamton Saturday then returns to Blue Cross Arena to host the Devils at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Amerks score a dozen as they blowout the Penguins at home

Rochester First

By: Staff Report

A total of 10 different Rochester Americans (26-13-7-5) skaters recorded multi-point efforts as the Amerks exploded for a 12-3 win over the first-place Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins (30-14-3-1) to snap a season-long five-game winless streak Friday at The Blue Cross Arena.

The 12 goals by the Amerks marks the first time Rochester has scored 12 or more goals in a game since April 7, 1985 in a 13-3 win over St. Catharines. Additionally, the dozen goals is the most by any American Hockey League team since Dec. 8, 2002 (Hamilton 15, Cleveland 1).

The Amerks have collected at least one point in 34 of their last 43 games dating back to Nov. 1, including 12 of their last 17 games since the turn of the New Year. Additionally, the victory is Rochester's first win in The Blue Cross Arena since Jan. 12.

Former AHL All-Star Seth Griffith led the Amerks as he notched his first five-point (2+3) night with Rochester and first since Jan. 29, 2016 as a member of the Providence Bruins while both Alexander Nylander and Kyle Criscuolo each bagged their first-career four-point (2+2) performances. Rookie defenseman Brendan Guhle tallied a personal-best three points (1+2) while Matt Tennyson, Zach Redmond and Adam Krause all scored a goal to along with an assist. Hudson Fasching, Justin Bailey and Taylor Fedun each recorded a pair of helpers while first-year forward Sean Malone completed the scoring. Goaltender Linus Ullmark stopped 35 of 38 shots on the night to extinguish his five-game winless streak. The Swedish netminder carries an 18-9-6 record in 35 games this season.

Greg McKegg, Cody Wydo and Jarrett Burton all lit the lamp for Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, which has dropped two of its last three games. Casey DeSmith started the night in the crease but stopped 10 of 14 before being replaced by former Amerk Anthony Peters, who allowed eight goals in 37 minutes.

After scoring three goals in a span of 2:09, the Amerks carried a 3-0 lead into the first intermission break. Griffith and Redmond each reached the 10-goal mark of the season while Krause tallied his second of the slate.

"I liked our start," said Amerks head coach Chris Taylor. "We had a couple of tough practices and a few days off leading into the weekend. It can be tough on the home team with a ceremony before a game, but I thought we responded the right way. "

Rochester rode the wave of energy and pushed the lead to 5-0 at the 5:34 mark of the middle frame before the Penguins responded with a pair of tallies two minutes apart. However, rookies Guhle and Malone found the back of the net to make it a 7-2 lead going into the final frame.

"Tonight was big overall for the team's confidence," said Griffith, who was named the game's first star. "We realize that goals will not be that easy to score every game, so tomorrow night against Binghamton is a rebound game for us."

“It was an emotional win,” Criscuolo said. “We had a lot of guys who played with Wilkes-Barre last year and returned a few guys to the lineup. Therefore, a lot of players had that extra jump, so it was a big win for us as we have been in a bit of a rut lately.”

The Penguins scored their final goal of the night from McKegg before Rochester scored five unanswered goals, including a pair of markers by Criscuolo and three power-play tallies to give the Amerks a 12-3 victory.

Rochester’s power-play unit finished the night with a season-high six goals while recording double-digits in shots in each of the three periods with the win. The team is now second in the Eastern Conference with the man-advantage on home ice this season

Blackwell's return provides major spark in Amerks' 12-3 rout

Pickin' Splinters

By: Kevin Oklobzija

Colin Blackwell had just one assist for the Rochester Americans in Friday's night's 12-3 annihilation of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins, yet he may very well have played the biggest role of anyone on the ice.

The second-year winger delivered a mammoth body check on the game's second shift that left defenseman Lukas Bengtsson injured and the rest of the Penguins focused on anything but smart hockey.

The result was a three-goal first-period for the Amerks, followed by a four-goal second, a five-goal third and had chanting along the way "... eight, nine, 10; we want 11."

When's the last time that ever happened at Blue Cross Arena at the War Memorial. For a Knighthawks lacrosse game, probably. For Amerks hockey? Who knows. The franchise hadn't scored a dozen goals since a 13-3 win against the St. Catharines Saints on April 7, 1985.

"This was a big game for a lot of reasons," said Amerks center Kyle Criscuolo, who scored two goals and assisted on two while linemate Seth Griffith scored two and set up three.

The Amerks ended a five-game losing skid and they broke out of the slump against the best team in the Eastern Conference (30-14-3-1).

Once in a battle for the North Division lead, the Amerks (26-13-7-5) have fallen 11 points behind the Toronto Marlies and have been caught by the Utica Comets for second. The rousing victory in front of 6,215 fans on Hall of Fame night can maybe provide a lasting spark.

Or maybe Blackwell will. He'd been out since Jan. 12, missing 13 games. It's not a coincidence that the Amerks were 3-5-3-2 without him in the lineup.

"That's the biggest thing, the grit, the intensity he brings," coach Chris Taylor said.

He welcomed himself back with a monster check on Bengtsson as the two chased a loose puck into the left corner in the WBS zone. Bengtsson arrived first but had to know Blackwell was coming at full speed and was only two strides away.

Bengtsson bravely, but not wisely, chose to swat the puck with one hand to safety behind the net. In doing so, however, he left himself exposed for the big hit and Blackwell's full-force shoulder check sent the defenseman airborne into the corner boards.

No penalty was called and Bengtsson needed to be helped off the ice. The Penguins, primarily Patrick McGrath, spent the rest of the period seeking justice — to no avail.

“Blacky got us going with that big hit,” Griffith said. “They were rattled at the get-go and we took advantage of them running around trying to make big hits.”

Indeed, foolish penalties by the Penguins enabled the Amerks to turn a 2-0 lead into a 5-0 blowout by the 5:34 mark of the second period. By the end of the game, the Amerks power play was 6-for-9.

“I watched the hit, it was clean,” said Taylor, who was an assistant coach last season for Wilkes-Barre/Scranton. “That hit motivated our guys. We haven’t had those types of hits for a while.

“We talk about it all the time, we need to finish our hits. I coached Lukas last year; he’s a good kid and you don’t want him to be hurt. But it was a good hit.”

Four players in the Amerks lineup also played for the Penguins last season: Kevin Porter, Adam Krause, Stuart Percy and Sahir Gill. Percy and Krause each scored goals.

“It was an emotional win for us, with a lot of guys coming from there last year,” Criscuolo said.

Biron’s night: Martin Biron was inducted into the Amerks Hall of Fame in pre-game ceremonies. Biron played his first two pro seasons with the Amerks, starting in 1997-98, and was the AHL’s first-team All-Star and goalie of the year in 1998-99.

He fought back tears on three occasions during his on-ice speech: when he thanked his parents, when he thanked his wife, children and in-laws, and again when he thanked the fans. “You guys helped me get to where I am today,” he said.

Olympic hockey has an Amerks feel

Pickin' Splinters

By: Kevin Oklobzija

When it comes to men's hockey, and women's for that matter, the 2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympics have a distinct Rochester Americans feel.

There are nine former Amerks playing in the Games, while three others with ties to Rochester's American Hockey League team are coaching.

The United States team has four players: goalie David Leggio, defensemen Noah Welch and Bobby Sanguinetti and right winger Brian Gionta (OK, he only played one game as an Amerk, but he has practiced with the team all season and is a Greece native).

Derek Roy, Eric O'Dell and Marc-Andre Gragnani are playing for Team Canada, Michal Repik plays for the Czech Republic and Mikhail Grigorenko is on the Olympic Athletes from Russia (OAR).

Former Amerks goalie Robb Stauber coaches the USA women's team, former Amerks (and Sabres) head coach Ron Rolston is an assistant for the men's team and Craig Ramsay, who worked as a liaison between the Amerks and Sabres 25 years ago, is the coach for Slovakia's men's team.

Amerks end 5-game skid with stunner over WBS

C&C WorldWide

By: Craig Potter

It will be a Rochester Americans Hall of Fame night to be remember.

Following the ceremony that saw former goalie Martin Biron become the 62nd player inducted into the Rochester Americans Hall of Fame, the Amerks erupted for 12 goals, the most goals ever allowed in Penguins franchise history, to end a 5-game winless streak with a 12-3 thrashing of WBS before 6,215 fans at the Blue Cross Arena.

Colin Blackwell turned his return to the lineup into a statement as he delivered a solid check on Penguins defenseman Lukas Bengtsson in the left corner that sent the player to the locker room for the remainder of the contest.

“I liked our start,” said Amerks head coach Chris Taylor. “We had a couple of tough practices and a few days off leading into the weekend. It can be tough on the home team with a ceremony before a game, but I thought we responded the right way.”

As a result, the Penguins lost their composure throughout the night, racking up 64 minutes in penalties as the Amerks notched half of their total on the power play. Rochester finished 6-for-9 with the man advantage.

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The Penguins entered the game with the fourth fewest goals allowed in the AHL.

Griffith paced the hosts with 5 points on 2 goals and 3 assists.

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Two other players also recorded 2 goals, Kyle Criscuolo, who also had 2 assists apiece to finish with 4 points.

“It was an emotional win,” said Criscuolo. “We had a lot of guys who played with Wilkes-Barre last year and returned a few guys to the lineup. Therefore, a lot of players had that extra jump, so it was a big win for us as we have been in a bit of a rut lately.”

Alex Nylander also recorded 2 goals and 2 assists. It was the breakout game the Amerks have been hoping for from him in the year-and-a-half he has been with the team. Time will tell if he can continue it.

Justin Bailey, Taylor Fedun, and Hudson Hasching each collected 2 assists as only Kevin Porter and Eric Cornel did not pick up a point in the contest.

Linus Ullmark recorded 35 saves in winning his 18th game of the campaign, but he was overlooked for consideration for one of the three stars of the game because of the offensive output.

Marty Biron HoF induction

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*NOTES – The Amerks lost leading scorer C.J. Smith on Tuesday with a lower body injury. He is expected to be out 4-6 weeks as he was leading the team in goals (14), assists (25) and points (39)... Rochester has played a league-high 21 games that went beyond regulation...The Amerks travel to Binghamton to play the Devils Saturday night, then come home to face Binghamton again at 3:05 pm Sunday.

Amerks score 12 in front of newest Hall of Famer Marty Biron

13Wham

By: Staff Report

The Amerks were having a good night even before the puck dropped on Friday, welcoming former goalie Martin Biron into the team's Hall of Fame

But once the game started, the night got even better.

The Amerks scored three in the first, four in the second, then five in the third, defeating the Wilkes-Barre-Scranton Penguins 12-3.

The 12 goals were the most in an AHL game in more than fifteen years.

Rochester got a win it desperately needed. Coming into the game, the Amerks had lost five in a row and 10 of 12, freefalling down the AHL standings. This win, at least for a night, got them on track.

Seth Griffith led the way on a high-powered night for Rochester with two goals and three assists. Kyle Criscuolo and Alex Nylander each had four point nights, with two goals and two assists each. Defenseman Brendan Guhle had his best game since returning from injury, with a goal and two assists.

The Amerks will look to build on this performance Saturday night in Binghamton, before returning home Sunday to take on the Devils once again.

Marty Biron inducted into Amerks Hall of Fame

Spectrum News

By: Staff Report

Popular goalie Martin Biron was inducted into the Rochester Americans Hall of Fame on Friday prior to the Amerks game against Wilkes Barre/Scranton.

Biron, now a broadcaster for the Buffalo Sabres, played parts of four seasons in Rochester, his best season coming in 1998-99 where he won 36 games with a 2.07 goals against average.

Coming to Rochester as a 20-year old, Biron remarked on how much the area means to him from broadcaster and fellow Amerks Hall of Famer Don Stevens helping his parents to learn English through the radio broadcast to staying with his future in-laws in Rochester during the off-season.

Biron is the 62nd inductee to the Amerks Hall of Fame.

Rochester routs Penguins

Scranton Times-Tribune

By: Tyler Piccotti

The Rochester Americans came into Friday night a desperate team with losses in 10 of their last 12 games.

They played like it against the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins, who wound up with a dubious team record.

Seth Griffith, Alex Nylander and Kyle Criscuolo all scored twice, and the Amerks rolled to a 12-3 rout at Blue Cross Arena. The dozen goals were the most allowed in one game by the Penguins.

The loss also dropped the Penguins to 30-14-3-1 and knocked them out of first in the Atlantic Division.

Turning point

The Penguins lost two of their starting defensemen early in the first period.

First, Rochester's Colin Blackwell delivered a thundering hit on a chase to the corner that sent Lukas Bengtsson airborne and into the boards. He stayed on the ice for a minute or two before receiving help to the bench area.

Then, Chris Summers left after an awkward collision with teammate Daniel Sprong and the Amerks' Griffith.

The latter injury led to a broken play and Rochester goal, while the Penguins repeatedly went after Blackwell to force him to answer for his hit. In any case, they were thrown off their rhythm and quickly fell behind in the game.

Three stars

The aforementioned Nylander, Criscuolo and Griffith were the third through first stars of the game, respectively. Griffith added three assists, and the trio combined for 13 points.

Stat to know

Rochester scored six goals on nine power-play chances. The Penguins tallied 62 penalty minutes without any fighting majors.

Penguin's notes

- Joseph Cramarossa made his debut after being acquired in a trade Wednesday and lined up with Adam Johnson and Greg McKegg. He had one assist, but took a puck to the face late in the game.

- Cody Wydo started after his recall from Wheeling on Thursday and scored a second-period goal.
- Frank Corrado also left in the third period with an injury, and Pat McGrath was given a game misconduct in the first period.

WBS Penguins surrender franchise-worst 12 goals in loss to Rochester Wilkes Barre Times-Leader

By: Derek Levarse

A span of 2 minutes, 11 seconds in the first period was already enough to wreck Wilkes-Barre/Scranton's night.

By the end of the third? It was the most goals ever allowed in Penguins franchise history.

The Penguins lost their composure throughout the night, racking up 64 minutes in penalties in a 12-3 demolition at the hands of Rochester on the road Friday night.

According to the AHL, it was the most goals scored by a team in a single game in more than 15 years, dating back to December 2002.

On top of that, the loss dropped the Penguins out of first place in the Atlantic Division behind Lehigh Valley, which routed Springfield. The Phantoms are now six points ahead of Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (30-14-3-1, 64 points), though the Penguins have four games in hand and trail by percentage points (.673 to .667).

Seth Griffith, Adam Krause and Zach Redmond all scored in rapid succession in the first to drop the Penguins into a deep hole. The pain continued in the second period when Griffith tallied again to chase starting goalie Casey DeSmith, who gave up four goals on 14 shots.

Things didn't improve for backup Anthony Peters, who was beaten on the first shot he faced by Alex Nylander to make it a 5-0 game early in the second. Peters made just 15 saves on 23 shots.

The frustration mounted for the Penguins, who continued to parade to the penalty box during the onslaught. It started early with a heavy hit on defenseman Lukas Bengtsson by Rochester's Colin Blackwell.

Enforcer Patrick McGrath tried to fight Blackwell later in the period but ended up going to the box himself for roughing, and then was assessed a 10-minute misconduct and a game misconduct for "continuing an altercation."

As it was, the Penguins played the rest of the game without McGrath and with just four defensemen as Bengtsson and Chris Summers both left with injuries.

Forward Gage Quinney would also get a 10-minute misconduct in the second period for unsportsmanlike conduct. In the third, Garrett Wilson and Reid Gardiner were tagged with bench minors for unsportsmanlike conduct.

In all, Rochester scored six times with the man-advantage.

Jarrett Burton and recent Wheeling call-up Cody Wydo got the Penguins on the board with back-to-back goals, but Brendan Guhle and Sean Malone answered for the Amerks to keep the game out of reach.

Greg McKegg added a goal for the Penguins in the third. Nylander, Kyle Criscuolo (twice), Stuart Percy and Matt Tennyson closed out the scoring for Rochester.

In his first game with the Penguins after being acquired in a trade with Stockton, Joseph Cramarossa recorded an assist on Burton's goal.

Incredibly, the Penguins outshot Rochester 38-37 in the loss.

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton returns home for a 7:05 p.m. game against Utica on Saturday before traveling to Allentown to face the Phantoms at 5:05 p.m. Sunday.