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Rochester Americans @ Binghamton Devils

Saturday, March 31, 2018 @ Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena | AHL Regular Season Game No. 1013

TONIGHT'S GAME

- The Rochester Americans (32-20-11-6) bring the month of March to a close tonight when they travel to the southern tier to meet up with the Binghamton Devils (23-35-7-4) at Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena. The 7:05 p.m. contest will be the 10th and final meeting between the North Division rivals this season and can be heard live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

LAST TIME OUT

- Second-year forward **Colin Blackwell** capped a career-high four-point night, scoring just 12 seconds into overtime to lead the Amerks to a 4-3 overtime win in the final game of a four-game homestand against the Charlotte Checkers last night at The Blue Cross Arena.
- Blackwell tallied a pair of goals and two assists to extend Rochester's point streak to three games and give the Amerks their seventh game in which they earned at least one point of the last eight on home ice. **Zach Redmond** buried his 15th goal of the season to go along with his 30th helper of the year while **Alexander Nylander** lit the lamp for the seventh time this season. Redmond has 10 points (3+7) over his last eight games to regain the team lead in scoring with 45 points in 61 games. In his first home start of the season and third appearance of the slate, goaltender **Jonas Johansson** earned his first victory of the year as he made 18 saves.

ROAD AHEAD FOR AMERKS

- The Amerks usher in the final month of the regular season on Wednesday Apr. 4 at 7:30 p.m. when they travel to Place Bell to close out their season series with the Laval Rocket. All the action can be heard live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester.

AMERKS PUNCH PLAYOFF TICKET

- The Amerks officially punched their ticket to the postseason with a 4-2 win over the Springfield Thunderbirds last Saturday, marking the team's first playoff berth since 2014 and the fifth time in the last nine years that Rochester will advance to the postseason. On Sunday evening, the Utica Comets became the fourth and final team from the North Division to lock up a playoff spot, joining the Amerks, Syracuse Crunch and league-leading Toronto Marlies.
- The race to the finish will determine the seeding for the Calder Cup Playoffs among North Division teams, who are separated by a total of 20 points. Toronto remains atop the AHL standings with a league-best 49 wins and 100 points while Syracuse maintains a 12-point lead over Rochester. Utica, meanwhile, sits just one point back of the Amerks coming into the weekend. The top team in the North Division will take on the fourth-place seed while the second and third-place teams will square off in the best-of-five opening round.

2017-18 REGULAR SEASON



TOTAL GOALS
172-209



23-35-7-4 (57 points)

32-20-11-6 (81 points)

AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Zach Redmond	61	15	30	45	36	9
C.J. Smith	54	17	26	43	16	7
Kevin Porter	63	16	24	40	20	-12

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Linus Ullmark	42	20-11-10	2,461	1,199	.923 2.44
Adam Wilcox	28	11-7-7	1,595	695	.903 2.82

NEXT THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Time
Apr. 4	@ Laval	7:30 p.m.
Apr. 6	vs. Belleville	7:05 p.m.
Apr. 7	vs. Toronto	7:05 p.m.

LAST THREE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Mar. 30	Charlotte OTW	4-3	29-21	1-3	1-2
Mar. 28	Utica	OTL 3-2	33-22	2-4	4-6
Mar. 24	Springfield W	4-2	35-22	1-6	6-6

YEARLY RECORD	GF	GA	POINTS
HOME 16-12-3-3	105	93	38
AWAY 16-8-8-3	104	105	43
TOTALS 32-20-11-6	209	199	81

DEVILS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Jacob MacDonald	68	18	33	51	31	-21
Nick Lappin	58	30	17	47	35	-14
Bracken Kearns	67	14	29	43	32	-2

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	SVS	SV%	GAA
Ken Appleby	24	9-12-2	1,381	565	.898 2.78
Mackenzie Blackwood	32	7-17-6	1,810	769	.882 3.41



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TEAM AND PLAYER NOTES

- Last night's game against Charlotte was the 28th this season that went beyond regulation for the Amerks. The AHL record for the most overtime games in a season stands at 29, set by the 2006-07 Milwaukee Admirals. Coming into tonight, Rochester leads the AHL in games decided after the third period with 28, showing a 8-10 mark in overtime while going 3-6 in shootouts.
- Zach Redmond**, who reached the 40-point mark for the first time in his professional career earlier this month, comes into the weekend with points in seven of his last eight games after scoring his 15th goal of the season last night to take over the team lead in scoring. He's now just three goals away from tying the single-season franchise record for the most goals by a defenseman of 18 set by Amerks Hall of Famer **Rick Pagnutti** during the 1972-73 campaign. In 61 games so far this season, the veteran blueliner has recorded career-highs in all offensive categories with 15 goals, 30 assists and 45 points, placing him fourth in scoring among all AHL defensemen. He's also tied for second in goals by a defenseman with 15, including a team-best eight power-play tallies, and ranks tied for fourth among all defensemen in assists. Additionally, Redmond has the third-most shots among any other defenseman this season with 168, 10 of which came against Utica on Wednesday night.
- Despite missing the last three games due to injury, rookie forward **C.J. Smith** continues to pace the team with 17 goals while leading all Amerks forwards in points (43) in 54 games this season. The 2018 AHL All-Star scored his first hat trick earlier this month in Hartford, becoming the first Amerks rookie to score three goals in the same game since Tim Schaller at Toronto on Apr. 5, 2014. Smith is currently seventh in scoring among all AHL rookies while his 26 assists rank ninth-most between all first-year skaters.
- With 10 points (3+7) over his last 14 games, veteran forward **Kevin Porter** ranks third on the team in scoring with 40 points (16+24) in 63 contests this season. Rochester's team captain is also second on the team in goals with 16 and is on pace to record the first 20-goal season of his pro career after scoring 19 during the 2013-14 campaign in his previous stint with Rochester. He reached the 40-point mark for the second straight season on Wednesday with an assist.

SCOUTING THE DEVILS

- The Devils enter the contest with a 4-5-0-1 record over their last 10 contests. Binghamton also comes into the matchup having dropped six of its last nine matchups dating back to a 5-3 setback at Lehigh Valley on Mar. 11.
- With 11 points (3+8) over his last 11 contests, defenseman Jacob MacDonald has regained the team-lead in both assists (33) and points (51) while appearing in all but one game for Binghamton. The 2018 AHL All-Star currently leads all AHL defensemen in scoring and is second in shots (169) while ranking third among league blueliners in assists (33).

AMERKS-DEVILS 2017-18 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Sahir Gill	9	2	6	8	2	2
Stuart Percy	9	3	3	6	2	1
C.J. Smith	7	3	3	6	0	-1

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Linus Ullmark	3	2-0-1	184:56	4	.957	1.30
Adam Wilcox	6	2-2-2	359:40	19	.893	3.17

BINGHAMTON

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Jacob MacDonald	9	2	6	8	6	-2
Nick Lappin	7	5	1	6	4	0
Bracken Kearns	9	2	4	6	6	3

GOALTENDER

GP	REC	MIN	GA	SV%	GAA	
Mackenzie Blackwood	5	2-1-1	261:55	13	.897	2.98
Ken Appleby	4	2-2-0	226:13	12	.870	3.18

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	SOL	2-1	23-31	0-4	5-5
Feb. 23	L	4-2	33-31	1-4	2-5
Mar. 31					

AMERKS ALL-TIME RECORD VS. BINGHAMTON: 15-19-1

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

SERIES NOTABLES

- Goaltender Eddie Lack has handled the much of the netminder duties for the Devils as of late as he has started nine of the last 12 games, including the last three. Lack shows a record of 7-8-4 in 19 games this season split between Binghamton and Stockton.
- Binghamton has allowed 220 goals this season while scoring 172, which are fewest among all Eastern Conference teams. Of the 172 goals for the Devils, 59 have come in the opening period.
- 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 Entry Draft.

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