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TONIGHT'S GAME: Syracuse @ Rochester

After health scares, Blackwell now reaching new heights with Amerks

Rochester First

By: Prescott Rossi

With nine goals in his last seven games, Amerks center Colin Blackwell is playing the best hockey of his pro career.

"I don't take the game for granted anymore," said Blackwell after practice on Tuesday. "The game has been taken away from me, so I go out there and treat every shift like it's going to be my last."

The journey has hardly been easy. During his sophomore season at Harvard, Blackwell suffered a concussion in a game against Brown. He didn't suit up again for the Crimson for nearly two years.

"I was in a dark place, no doubt about it, but I had unbelievable support from my parents, and extended family, friends," said Blackwell.

Blackwell spent last season with the San Jose Sharks' AHL affiliate before becoming a free agent. He went through the summer without receiving an offer from another team. The Sabres invited Blackwell to their prospect camp in September only because another player went down with an injury, but that opportunity gave Blackwell a chance to stand out.

"There was the first time where I think the coaching staff was able to see the potential of what I was capable of doing and showing that I'm confident in a bunch of different situations," said Blackwell.

There were still more hurdles to climb after camp. Blackwell opened the season on a tryout contract with the Amerks and had to impress again. After eight games, the Amerks offered Blackwell a full-time contract for the rest of the season.

"He just brings energy. He's a spark plug out there," said Amerks head coach Chris Taylor. "It rubs off on other guys. It rubs on draft picks. 2nd round, 1st, 3rd, doesn't matter, look at how he's playing. That's how you want to play, next thing you know, Colin is probably going to get an NHL contract."

With his health concerns behind him and his pro career established, Blackwell is eager to help the Amerks go far in the playoffs.

"Everybody is going to run into some roadblocks in life but it's kind of how you are going to overcome those road blocks," said Blackwell. "I'm looking forward to the playoff push that we can make here and three games left, so we have to make a few statement games moving forward."

The Rochester Americans host Syracuse on Wednesday at 7:05 in the Amerks penultimate home game of the season.

Amerks' Paetsch mourns for families back home in Humboldt bus tragedy

Pickin' Splinters

By: Kevin Oklobzija

As Blue Cross Arena at the War Memorial went silent on Saturday night to pay respect for the victims of the junior hockey bus crash in the Canadian province of Saskatchewan, the magnitude of the tragedy hit Nathan Paetsch much harder.

The bus carrying the Humboldt Broncos Tier II junior team collided with a tractor-trailer in near Tisdale, Sask., near the intersection of two highways late Friday afternoon. Of 29 passengers on the bus, 15 died. The other 14 were injured.

Humboldt has a population of around 5,900. That's where Paetsch was born, on March 30, 1983. He grew up about 25 miles north, in LeRoy, essentially the distance from Le Roy, N.Y., to Rochester. There's no hospital in LeRoy, which doesn't have 500 residents.

"My heart breaks for those parents, those families, those kids," Paetsch said late Saturday night after the Amerks 6-5 overtime victory over the Toronto Marlies. "Everyone's in mourning.

"It's just awful. It's hard to speak about."

Paetsch has made Spencerport home for more than a decade, going back the start of his pro career with the Amerks. But the rest of his family is back in Saskatchewan. His parents, Brenda and Rick, still live in LeRoy. His grandmother, Anne Bendig, lives in Humboldt. He has friends in Humboldt and phoned one on Saturday.

"Everybody knows everybody there," Paetsch said. "I grew up watching the Humboldt Broncos. I think the first higher-level hockey game I ever saw was in Humboldt. I went to the Broncos hockey camp when I was a little kid.

"It's been a tough day."

Sabres send eight to Amerks with playoffs around the corner

Rochester First

By: Tobias Motyka

The Amerks just got a big boost ahead of what they hope will be a long playoff run.

Excuse me, eight big boosts.

All of these players are impact players for the Amerks, who had been playing with Buffalo for differing periods of time. Their collective return to Rochester will provide a big boost to an Amerks team that has been playing fairly well of late, most recently in a 6-5 overtime win over Toronto in a possible first round playoff preview.

The challenge for Amerks coach Chris Taylor will be figuring out how many of these players fit in for the stretch run. But given their talent, it's a good problem to have.

Rochester closes out the regular season with three games this week, the next coming Wednesday night against Syracuse. The Calder Cup playoffs begin the following week. Rochester will play either Syracuse or Toronto in the first round.

With season over, Sabres send eight back to Amerks

Buffalo News

By: John Vogl

While hockey is over for the Sabres, it will continue for eight of their players.

Buffalo has sent forwards Nick Baptiste, Alexander Nylander and Kevin Porter; defensemen Brendan Guhle, Casey Nelson and Matt Tennyson; and goaltenders Linus Ullmark and Adam Wilcox back to Rochester.

The Amerks have three regular-season games remaining (Wednesday, Friday and Saturday) and have clinched a spot in the American Hockey League playoffs.

Nelson played the most games with Buffalo, recording three goals and eight points in 37 games while skating 18:46 per night.

Baptiste recorded four goals and six points in 33 games while averaging 9:58.

"I think I've played good hockey," the winger said of his first extended NHL look. "Obviously, I'd like to produce a little more, but when you're in situations where you might be in limited minutes or there's guys that are out there that are veteran players in certain situations, you've got to just do the necessary things to stay up there.

"I've been using my speed to draw a couple penalties, be physical."

Guhle, the Sabres' top defense prospect, had five assists in 18 games while skating 18:06. Tennyson had no points in 15 games, including one during his latest recall.

Nylander scored his first NHL goal Friday, his only point in three games. Porter was scratched throughout his three-game recall.

Ullmark was set to handle the bulk of the goaltending duties down the stretch, but the birth of his first child and a concussion limited his appearances. He went 1-2 with a .935 save percentage and 2.00 goals-against average in five outings.

Wilcox made his NHL debut Saturday, replacing Chad Johnson after one period in Florida. Despite stopping all 14 shots he faced, the Panthers scored an empty-net goal to credit Wilcox with the loss in a 4-3 decision.

Amerks' Nathan Paetsch wants to help Humboldt 'It's home'

Olean Times Herald

By: Bill Hoppe

Humboldt, the small Saskatchewan town reeling from a crash that killed 15 members of its beloved junior hockey team, is home for Americans defenseman Nathan Paetsch.

While Paetsch lived about 20 minutes away in tiny LeRoy, he was born in Humboldt, developed into an NHL talent playing minor hockey there and still has family in and around the town of about 5,900.

On Friday, a bus carrying the Humboldt Broncos to a Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League playoff game collided with a tractor-trailer on a rural highway. The crash injured the other 14 people on board.

Humboldt, Paetsch said, is a “very close” community.

“It’s a hockey town, it’s always been a great hockey city and a great community,” Paetsch told the Times Herald following Saturday’s 6-5 overtime win against the Toronto Marlies inside Blue Cross Arena. “It’s just sad. One of my closest friends growing up, she’s a high school teacher there, and obviously she’s devastated.

“It’s just a time difficult for everybody around home. It’s just a tragedy.”

Paetsch wants to “help out any way I possibly can.”

“That’s home,” he said.

Sabres' Porter thinks the team's future is bright

WGR 550

By: Paul Hamilton

Kevin Porter played in the Sabres organization from 2012 through 2014. He played 43 games in Buffalo and 98 games in Rochester. Porter is 32 and he's been around. Jason Botterill brought him into Pittsburgh to help the young kids and to provide depth for the big club. Now that he's with Buffalo, Porter said it's nice to see guys like Brendan Guhle, Casey Nelson, Nick Baptiste and Linus Ullmark up and doing well, "I think it's pretty cool, they've been playing pretty well down there and then to come up here and play a lot of minutes in important situations is pretty cool."

Many more players have gotten time in Buffalo including Justin Bailey, Taylor Fedun, Hudson Fasching, Alex Nylander, Seth Griffith, Evan Rodrigues, Danny O'Regan, Kyle Criscuolo and Zach Redmond.

All those players are learning under head coach Chris Taylor. Porter thinks they really benefit from Taylor's pro experience, "He played the game for a long time and he knows the game really well, so I think he's great at teaching, he understands what players are going through, traveling and the hardships of hockey, so he's been really great down there."

The Amerks haven't had much playoff success lately, but this year they're back in. Porter said that experience for the kids will be invaluable, "They get that experience, there's going to be four, five, six, seven guys from that team coming up here and if they're used to losing, it's going to continue up here, but if we can go down there and get on a long playoff run and hopefully win a Calder Cup, that experience down there is going to translate up here."

"It happened in Wilkes-Barre and Pittsburgh and you see a lot of those guys that are now there that are fulltime NHL players that had a lot of playoff runs and learned how to win."

Many of the youngsters in Rochester look up to their captain. Porter has played 11 years since leaving Michigan. He said he has a way to lead, "I can be vocal when I need to be. I'm not going to come in and yell and scream every game."

"Hopefully they can watch me and see how hard I work, but if I need to sit a guy down and talk to him, I'll do that. Once in a while you have to come in and yell and scream a little bit and get the guys fired up."

People that have never played sports can't understand why Botterill puts so much emphasis on getting Rochester good. Pittsburgh, Chicago, Boston and Los Angeles have won Stanley Cups by providing a winning atmosphere for many players in the minors. Porter has lived it and he thinks players winning together in the minors, provides a culture for the big club, "That's just a whole different game I think, for them to get that experience and see how hard teams play in the playoffs, I think that'll be a great experience for those guys."

The Sabres worked off-ice on Thursday. The team did say that Linus Ullmark is going to travel with the team to Tampa along with Chad Johnson and Adam Wilcox.

For several Sabres, second chance awaits in Rochester

Sabres.com

By: Jourdon LaBarber

Kevin Porter never put much thought into a recall to Buffalo, although he is happy to be here. The 32-year-old forward was too busy captaining the Rochester Americans, who are preparing to make a run in the Calder Cup Playoffs, to think about a call that was out of his control.

"That was really the main focus," Porter said of the impending playoff run. "I'm happy to be here, come up here and do what I can. It's always great to be back in the NHL. So, I'm not looking too much into it. If I get in the lineup I'm going to play hard, and that's about it."

If Porter dresses for one of Buffalo's last two games in Florida this weekend, it will be his first NHL game since April 9 of last year. Even if he doesn't, he still has the postseason to look forward to in Rochester, and he won't be alone.

The list of Sabres who are eligible to return to the Amerks for their postseason run includes forwards Alex Nylander Nicholas Baptiste; defensemen Brendan Guhle, Casey Nelson and Matt Tennyson; and goaltenders Linus Ullmark and Adam Wilcox.

Nelson's eyes lit up when asked about the thought of a playoff run.

"I want nothing more than to go win a championship," he said. "... I guess you can almost call it a second chance for a few of us to go make some noise in the playoffs."

While the Sabres' season will end upon the conclusion of their game in Florida on Saturday, what happens in Rochester in the coming weeks could one day have an impact on the future of the organization.

Building a winner in the AHL was always part of Jason Botterill's plan, from the moment he was introduced as general manager last May. It's why he brought in leaders like Porter and alternate captain Nathan Paetsch, players he was familiar with from past stops in his career.

Porter may not have played a game in a Sabres uniform this season, but that doesn't mean he hasn't affected the NHL club.

"He spent most of the season in Rochester, but it doesn't mean that he hasn't helped this team," Baptiste said. "From being in Rochester, he's developed so many young guys, myself included."

"... He's a guy that just keeps things light all the time. If things are going tough, he finds a way to lighten everybody up and get things right back on track. I can't say enough about what he's meant, not only to my season but also a lot of the young guys who have continue to come up here."

Porter saw first-hand how playoff experience in the AHL can translate to the NHL during his time in Pittsburgh, when regulars on playoff teams in Wilkes-Barre/Scranton were able to step in and become contributors to Pittsburgh's back-to-back Stanley Cup runs.

The Sabres will finish their season in last place after falling to Ottawa on Wednesday. But knowing the young players on the roster, Porter believes that many of the faces already in the organization can be a part of the turn-around. In that sense, their experience in this playoff run will be invaluable.

"They get that experience down there, there's going to be four, five, six, seven guys from there coming up here," Porter said. "If they're used to losing, it's going to continue up here. If we can get down there and go on a long playoff run and hopefully win a Calder Cup, that experience for them is going to translate up here."

When asked to name an MVP for the Amerks this season, many of the young players in the Sabres dressing room were quick to mention Porter's name. He was flattered by the sentiment, but thinks there's plenty of praise to go around.

"I think there's a lot of good players down there," he said. "We've all been playing well, we've been playing as a team. That's why we're getting to the playoffs and hopefully making a long run."

Sabres will soon replenish Amerks for AHL playoff run

Olean Times Herald

By: Bill Hoppe

Casey Nelson believes the opportunity offers a “second chance.” In a few days, after the Sabres complete their disastrous season, about eight players will return to the AHL and begin the Rochester Americans’ first playoff series in four years.

“We all want nothing more than to win a championship,” the defenseman said Thursday inside KeyBank Center after the Sabres prepared for tonight’s tilt against the Tampa Bay Lightning, the start of a two-game, season-ending road trip.

The Amerks’ solid season quickly became the biggest positive in a Sabres campaign widely regarded as the worst in franchise history. As big club stumbled out of the gate, losing seven of its first eight games, the Amerks roared, winning nine of their opening 15 contests.

But not surprisingly, attrition has hurt the Amerks. The Sabres have experienced injuries all season. They also want to examine some of their best prospects.

That’s why top defenseman Brendan Guhle has earned a 16-game look. Goalie Linus Ullmark, meanwhile, played five times before suffering a concussion. Even winger Alexander Nylander was recalled Tuesday. The former first-round pick endured a miserable start before getting on track in February.

The Sabres’ new regime also wants to reward veterans, so they summoned Amerks captain Kevin Porter, 32, with Nylander. They also recalled defenseman Matt Tennyson on Monday to provide depth.

So by next week, the Sabres should infuse the Amerks with 43 goals, 129 points and Ullmark, an AHL All-Star, and his backup, Adam Wilcox. The goalies have combined for 31 of Rochester’s 34 wins this season.

Nelson, 25, and winger Nick Baptiste, 22, have received the longest looks from the Sabres, becoming regulars during the second half. The Amerks placed both on their clear day roster, meaning they’re eligible for the AHL playoffs.

Very quietly, Nelson has become the Sabres’ biggest surprise, morphing into a defenseman so reliable coach Phil Housley regularly plays him more than 20 minutes.

Baptiste, meanwhile, has played 31 games, compiling four goals and six points in mostly a checking-type role.

“In certain situations, you got to do the necessary things to stay up there,” said Baptiste, who’s in the final season of his entry-level contract. “I think that’s part of the reason for why I’m still up here is that I’ve been able to use my speed, draw a couple penalties, be physical.”

The youngsters' contributions haven't stopped the Sabres from losing. The NHL's worst team often defeats NHL heavyweights by operating as a cohesive unit. It falls apart against weak opponents, showcasing little effort and freelancing.

The Sabres demonstrated zero consistency all season, never winning more than three straight games.

"We'll have some good nights here and there, and then I feel like can't really chain them together as consistently as we want," said Nelson, who has compiled three goals and eight points in 35 games. "You know the good teams win one, two, three, four in a row multiple times ... through the year. That's what it's about is consistency."

Baptiste said the Sabres must "be better as a group." That means trusting the game plan and "be more willing to win for one another."

"That's the biggest thing," he said. "I think we need to understand that individually we're all talented players. When we're a group, that makes us a good hockey team. It's no secret we're in last place, it's a tough place to be. But there's only room for improvement."

"I think if, as a group, we can kind of look ourselves in the mirror and figure out what it is as an individual you can bring to the table to make to be better in a team sense, it'll help us immensely and improve this team."

In the near future, some Sabres will replenish Rochester's roster. None of the organization's prospects homegrown prospects have ever played in an AHL postseason game.

"That's just a whole different game, I think," said Porter, who won the Stanley Cup with the Pittsburgh Penguins in 2016. "For them to get that experience and see how hard teams play and guys play in playoffs, I think that's going to be a great experience."

Some Sabres hope long playoff run awaits in Rochester

Buffalo News

By: John Vogl

The Buffalo Sabres have two games left. Brendan Guhle, Casey Nelson, Nick Baptiste, Alex Nylander, Kevin Porter and Linus Ullmark have as many as 29 remaining.

That's fine by them.

After the Sabres close the NHL season Friday in Tampa Bay and Saturday in Florida, the organization will send the aforementioned players back to Rochester. The Amerks have five regular-season games remaining as a tuneup for the playoffs. They hope the postseason goes on for four rounds.

"We'd all want nothing more than to go win a championship," Nelson said Thursday in KeyBank Center. "You can almost call it a second chance for a few of us to go make some noise in the playoffs."

Rochester has clinched an American Hockey League postseason spot, but its first-round opponent has yet to be determined. The Amerks (34-20-17) are in third place in the North Division with 85 points, and Utica is in fourth place with 83. The third-place team will play Syracuse (43-20-7) while the fourth-place team will face Toronto (51-18-2).

No matter the opponent, the current Sabres and former/future Amerks see championship potential.

"We have a really good shot at making a good run and some noise," Nelson said. "Hopefully, we'll have the city of Rochester rocking."

The Amerks haven't made the playoffs since 2013-14. Buffalo's minor-league team hasn't won a playoff series since 2010-11, when the prospects played in Portland, Maine.

"It would be great to get some playoff experience," Baptiste said. "It's obviously something I haven't done in a couple years now, and it would be exciting to try and win with a great group of guys down there."

The Amerks have stayed afloat despite a litany of callups, including extended ones. To have Guhle, Nelson, Baptiste and Ullmark return will be a boost now and in the future.

"There's going to be four, five, six, seven guys from that team coming up here," Porter said. "If they're used to losing, it's going to continue up here. But if we can get down there and go on a long playoff run and hopefully win a Calder Cup, that experience for them is going to translate up here. "

Ullmark, who has missed the Sabres' last five games with a concussion, joined the team for its season-ending road trip. It's possible he plays, though Chad Johnson and Adam Wilcox also flew to the Sunshine State.

Fellow goaltender Robin Lehner stayed in Buffalo, so his season is over because of a lower-body injury. Lehner went 14-26-9 with a .908 save percentage and 3.01 goals-against average.

Botterill: 'There's a lot of potential' with our young core
WGR 550
By: Staff Report

Buffalo Sabres general manager Jason Botterill has not made a ton of moves in his first season in Buffalo. For the end of the season though, he's brought up a lot of young players to get a look at such as Casey Mittelstadt, Linus Ullmark, Casey Nelson, Brendan Guhle, and now Alex Nylander.

Here's some of the best from Jason Botterill's visit with Schopp and the Bulldog, including his opinion on Nylander:

On Casey Mittelstadt signing with the Sabres:

"Very proud of how Casey handled the World Juniors. Just wanted him to focus on University of Minnesota. There's always time after the season. It was an abrupt end to the season. Wanted to give him a little time to recover from that. If you're forcing a player to come out, it's not a recipe for success."

On Will Borgen and Mittelstadt getting experience:

"Think it'll be huge for Will to get the development down there. Unique thing with Casey is confirmation that he'd be able to play at World Championships. Casey hadn't played in almost a month. Great experience to play good teams in Nashville in Toronto. All that will set him up for success in September."

On Nylander's development:

"Been very happy with how he's performed in the second half. Excited to watch Nylander & Mittelstadt at development camp because of skill level. Injury really set him back. Second half, even when production hasn't come there's been a willingness from Alex to get into battles and get to the net. Think he's got 17 points in some amount of games, a lot around the net. Similar to Sam Reinhart."

On the "core" of this Sabres' team:

"It's been imperative that this group learn to win games. That was the disappointing thing with Jack's injury. Our group is a young group. Have to learn how to get some confidence and win together. There's no value in losing. Look at Colorado. Worst team last year, picked fourth, now they're in the playoffs."

On the incoming young players:

"We have young players we want to build with. There's a lot of potential there. Huge opportunity to change and take another step. We feel we have players in Rochester pushing for positions. Guys like Guhle and Nelson bringing speed we didn't have. Disappointing here that Ullmark isn't getting games. That's another guy that could take a step next year."

On Casey Nelson becoming a UFA:

"He's important because of his age. There has been improvement in his game this year. We're trying to build a relationship with Casey Nelson and his agency. Feel really good with where we're

at right now. He's playing a lot of minutes right now. Great experience for both him and Guhle right now."

Trade your plastic bag for free Amerks tickets

Spectrum News

By: Staff Report

That leftover plastic grocery bag that's jammed in the kitchen cupboard is worth a free ticket to next week's Amerks game.

Monroe County, the Amerks and Wegmans are teaming up to hold a Refresh Recycle Night in an effort to get customers thinking more about recycling. To earn that free ticket, bring a recyclable item to the county's Ecopark off of Paul Road, during three designated times, to get a ticket voucher in exchange.

In addition, Wegmans will be providing reusable bags for all fans attending next Wednesday night's game against the Syracuse Crunch. Wegmans says the partnership is just another way to get customers thinking about recycling those pesty plastic bags.

"Plastic bags are not this evil thing of the environment if you do the right thing with them," said Jason Wadsworth, Wegmans manager of sustainability. "At Wegmans we're all about making a difference in our communities and this is one more way you can make a difference; if you forget your reusable bag, if you choose to use plastic for other reasons, you can bring that back to Wegmans and we're going to take that bag along with all of the other material like Cheryl [Dinolfo] mentioned; the cereal bag liners, bread bags, overwrap on bottled water, and we're going to make brand new bags out of that."

To earn that free ticket voucher, bring a recyclable item to the Ecopark at 10 Avion Drive from 1 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on April 4, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 7 and from 1 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on April 11.

Monroe Co. makes push to deal with plastic bags

Rochester First

By: Staff Report

Monroe County is teaming up with the Amerks and Wegmans for a renewed push to encourage proper recycling of plastic bags.

They don't belong in the trash or curbside recycling, as they can cause major issues at the recycling plant. They need to be recycled either back at the grocery store, or a recycling plant -- like the Monroe County Eco Park, and if you choose the Eco Park, you may get an extra bonus.

"Anyone that brings a recyclable item here to the Eco-Park either tomorrow, Saturday the 7th, or next Wednesday the 11th of April, you're going to get a free ticket voucher to our game on April 11 against the Syracuse Crunch," explains Rob Minter, Amerks VP of Business Operations.

That game is a big one for the Amerks: It's a potential playoff seeding game against Syracuse.

Recycling could land you with a free Amerks ticket

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By: Staff Report

Helping the environment can help you score a free ticket to next week's Amerks game.

All you have to do is bring a recyclable item to Monroe County's EcoPark off of Paul Road during three designated times to get a ticket voucher for Refresh Recycling Night at the Blue Cross Arena.

Additionally, Wegmans is offering people a convenient option for recycling plastic bags.

"You can bring that back to Wegmans, and we're going to take that bag with all other material -- cereal bag liners, bread bags, overwrap on bottled water -- and we're going to make brand new bags out of that," said Jason Wadsworth, manager of sustainability for Wegmans. "Now, when you bring your bags to the EcoPark, we're going to collect that as well. We'll bring it back to our facility, bale it and we're going to make brand new Wegmans bags."

Amerks, MC partner for Refresh Recycling Night
C&C World Wide
By: Staff Report

The Rochester Americans and Monroe County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo announced today the return of Refresh Recycling Night on Wednesday, April 11 when the Amerks take on the Syracuse Crunch at the Blue Cross Arena. The game will feature ticket deals and a recycling-themed giveaway.

“Teaming-up with the Amerks is a great way to highlight the importance of recycling, which protects taxpayers and the environment by keeping unnecessary waste out of landfills,” said Dinolfo. “Safeguarding this region’s unrivaled natural resources also helps support our ongoing work to attract more jobs and investment to Monroe County. I thank the Amerks for their partnership, and I encourage fans to exchange their plastic bags and other recyclables at our Ecopark to score free tickets to the game on April 11.”

Reducing consumption of plastic bags is the best environmental option for residents, so fans attending the game will receive a commemorative reusable shopping bag as a postgame handout. Additionally, any fan that brings a recyclable item to the Monroe County Ecopark on one of the following dates will receive a free ticket voucher to the Refresh Recycling Night game:

Wednesday, April 4
Saturday, April 7
Wednesday, April 11

“The Rochester Americans are excited to renew their partnership with Monroe County Executive Dinolfo and her staff in the Department of Environmental Services on this very worthwhile initiative,” said Rob Minter, Vice President of Business Operations for the Amerks. “Refresh Recycling Night provides yet another opportunity to not only help raise awareness for improving recycling measures here in our community, but also rewards County residents for doing their part with the chance to attend next Wednesday’s Amerks game.”

Refresh Recycling Night will remind residents to recycle their plastic bags properly, either by reuse or by bringing them to a retailer, supermarket or the Ecopark. Plastic bags should not be thrown in the garbage and should not be recycled in curbside bins.

The Ecopark is an innovative partnership between Monroe County and Waste Management. Located at 10 Avion Dr. in the town of Chili, the facility is open on Wednesdays from 1-6:30 pm., and on Saturdays from 7:30 am to 1 pm. For a full list of acceptable items, associated fees and necessary appointments, please visit www.ecoparkmcny.com.