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Sat. | **Oct. 26, 2024** | 7:00 PM | Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse | AHL Game 87 | AHLTV on FloHockey, The Fan Rochester

ROCHESTER AMERICANS GAME NOTES

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TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

The two youngest head coaches in the American Hockey League lead their respective teams into battle tonight as Michael Leone and the Amerks (2-3-0-0) meet Trent Vogelhuber and the reigning North Division champion Cleveland Monsters (2-3-0-0) in the second leg of a home-and-home series at Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse.

The North Division rivals will meet eight times in the season series with tonight serving as the second game of a home-and-home. The two clubs will meet three more times in 2024, two of which will come in November.

The Monsters and Amerks finished tied in standings points with 88 at the end of last season, though Cleveland edged out Rochester in a tiebreaker to secure the first seed in the division entering playoffs.

2024-25 AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Viktor Neuchev	5	1	4	5	2	2
Isak Rosén	5	2	2	4	2	2
Nikita Novikov	5	1	3	4	4	10
Tyson Kozak	5	3	0	3	3	4

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Michael Houser	3	2-1-0	64	.928	1.69
Felix Sandström	2	0-2-0	45	.865	3.60

2024-25 MONSTERS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Luca Del Bel Belluz	5	3	3	6	2	0
Trey Fix-Wolansky	5	2	4	6	2	4
Roman Ahcan	5	4	0	4	-1	6

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Zach Sawchenko	3	1-1-0	62	.861	3.92
Jet Greaves	2	0-2-0	55	.833	7.60

2024-25 HEAD-TO-HEAD BREAKDOWN

Cleveland Monsters vs Rochester Americans

2-3-0-0	Record	2-3-0-0
0-0-0-0	Home Record	1-2-0-0
2-3-0-0	Road Record	1-1-0-0
2-3-0-0	Last 10 Games	2-3-0-0
0-0	Overtime Record	0-0
0-0	Shootout Record	0-0
1-0-0-0	Record When Scoring First	2-3-0-0
13.6% (19th)	Power-Play	0.0% (T-31st)
72.0% (29th)	Penalty Kill	90.9% (5th)
Oct. 23 @ ROC (6-1 L)	Last Game	Oct. 23 vs. CLE (6-1 W)
Trent Vogelhuber (3rd)	Head Coach	Michael Leone (1st)

2024-25 SERIES BREAKDOWN VS CLEVELAND

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 23	W	6-1	49-26	0-3	5-5

HEAD-TO-HEAD RESULTS AGAINST CLEVELAND

Rochester boasts a 43-21-8-4 record against Cleveland over the last 11 years dating back to the start of the 2011-12 campaign and has earned at least one point in 34 of the last 50 games overall.

The Amerks have scored at least one power-play goal in 16 of the 31 games (20-for-104) against Cleveland since the 2020-21 slate. Despite the club killing off 97-of-127 penalties during that same span, they have successfully cleared its last 11 over the last three games.

Amerks third-year forward **Isak Rosén** has recorded one point in 19 of his last 27 games dating back to last season, going only consecutive games without a point just once. He recorded a career-high four points (2+2) to help the Amerks earn a win over Cleveland at Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse back on Nov. 18.

Felix Sandström shows a 3-0-0 mark in four appearances against Cleveland, winning each of his last three games. **Michael Houser**, who made one appearance with Cleveland during the 2016-17 slate, is 1-2-0 in four appearances.

Josh Dunne spent his four years as a pro with Cleveland from 2020-24, tallying 65 points (36+29) in 134 career games.

LAST TIME OUT

The Amerks erupted for a season-high six goals and 49 shots as they cruised to a 6-1 win over the Monsters Wednesday at The Blue Cross Arena.

Including tonight's contest, the Amerks have scored the first goal in each of their first six games this season and eight of nine dating back to the end of the 2023-24 campaign. The club has also jumped out to three straight multi-goal leads. Rochester has also outshot its opponents in 10 of the last 11 periods and in four of the first five contests of the campaign overall.

Nikita Novikov (0+2) recorded two points to help Rochester to its first home win of the campaign and second overall. **Isak Rosén**, **Graham Slaggert**, **Mason Jobst**, **Tyson Kozak**, and **Noah Östlund** all scored one goal apiece. **Lukas Rousek**, **Olivier Nadeau**, who made his season debut, **Kale Clague**, **Viktor Neuchev**, **Brett Murray**, **Konsta Helenius** and **Anton Wahlberg** each added an assist.

Goaltender **Michael Houser** (2-1-0) took a shutout into the final 20 minutes of regulation and made 25 saves in his third appearance of the campaign while also earning the win.



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WILD WEDNESDAY RECAP

With **Graham Slaggert's** first-period shorthanded goal Wednesday night, it marked Rochester's second straight home game (**Anton Wahlberg**-1st period) and fifth in the last six (**Brandon Biro** both in the second period and **Jiri Kulich**-second period) dating back to last season the club scored while on the penalty kill. Slaggert's tally was also the second shorthanded goal of his career, with the other coming back on Dec. 28, 2022.

Fourteen of Rochester's 18 skaters had at least one point while all but two registered at least one shot on goal with **Jack Rathbone** logging a game-high seven. It was two shy from matching his personal-best on March 1, 2024, also versus Cleveland.

Rochester's six goals and 49 shots Wednesday both marked a season-highs. Last season, the Amerks went a perfect 9-0-0-0 when they scored six or more goals, two of which came against Cleveland.

The 22 shots in the second period and 49 overall were Rochester's most in a game since the club posted 26 and 50, respectively, on Oct. 27, 2019 in a 2-1 overtime loss against Springfield. The Amerks' season-high in shots in 2023-24 were 41 back on April 12 in a 6-3 loss to Belleville while they posted 19 in the opening frame on Oct. 27, 2023 in a 7-4 victory over Laval.

The Amerks had 40 shots entering the final period of regulation for the first time since prior to 2015-16.



CAPTAIN JOBST

The Amerks announced the team's leadership group last week, consisting of team captain **Mason Jobst** while forwards **Brett Murray** and **Josh Dunne** along with defensemen **Ethan Prow** and **Zach Metsa** will serve as alternates.

The 64th captain in franchise history, Jobst returns for his fourth season in Rochester after signing a two-way contract with the Buffalo Sabres. The 30-year-old forward is coming off an MVP year in 2023-24 which saw him produce career-highs in all offensive categories while leading the team in goals (22) and tying for the overall scoring lead with 50 points in 64 games.

A native of Speedway, Indiana, Jobst has totaled 128 points (56+76) over 230 career American Hockey League games with Rochester, San Jose, Bridgeport and Binghamton.



HELENIUS HEADLINES FIRST-ROUNDERS

Rochester's 26-man opening night roster featured four different first-round selections, including highly touted forward Konsta Helenius, who the Buffalo Sabres took with their 14th overall pick this past summer.

Helenius, who signed a three-year, entry-level deal with the Sabres in July, made his pro North American debut against Toronto on opening night after playing the last two seasons for Jukurit in Finland's top professional league.

A week after making his AHL debut, Helenius would score his first AHL goal in the second period of Rochester's 4-2 loss to the Toronto Marlies.

Helenius had 36 points (14+22) in 51 games last season, marking the fourth-highest single-season total by an under-18 player in Liiga history, behind current NHL forwards Aleksander Barkov, Mikael Granlund, and Kaapo Kakko.

Helenius' performance earned him a spot on Finland's team at the IIHF World Championship in May, which began the day before his 18th birthday. He recorded one assist and a plus-2 rating in four games as the youngest player in the tournament while playing against a number of NHL players.

A TALE OF TWO COACHES

Rochester's Michael Leone and Cleveland's Trent Vogelhuber are the AHL's two youngest active head coaches.

Leone, who turns 37 on Nov. 11, was a former teammate of Vogelhuber's when the two played together with the St. Louis Bandits of the North American Hockey League. Together they won the 2006-07 NAHL championship under two-time Stanley Cup-winning head coach Jon Cooper, who five years later would lead the Norfolk Admirals to a Calder Cup championship in 2012.

Vogelhuber, who turned 36 in July, is in his third season as Cleveland's head coach and seventh overall after joining the Monsters coaching staff as an assistant following his retirement in 2017-18.

He spent most of his seven-year playing career in the AHL, totaling 73 points (28+45) in 267 career games with San Antonio, Lake Erie and Springfield.

Leone, meanwhile, played parts of three seasons in the ECHL with Kalamazoo and Toledo, recording 28 points (10+18) in 99 appearances.



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