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Sat. | **November 30, 2024** | 5:00 PM | Upstate Medical University Arena | AHL Game 292 | AHLTV on FloHockey, The Fan Rochester

ROCHESTER AMERICANS GAME NOTES

Blue Cross Arena at the Rochester War Memorial | 1 War Memorial Square | Rochester, NY, 14614 | Amerks.com/Media | @AmerksPR



TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

The Rochester Americans (9-7-3-0) close out their home-and-home series with the Syracuse Crunch (8-7-1-2) as the scene shifts to downtown Syracuse tonight for a 5:00 p.m. rematch at Upstate Medical University Arena. The matchup will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM The Fan Rochester as well as AHLTV on FloHockey.

Tonight concludes a weekend home-and-home series between the Amerks and Crunch, where the both clubs will put a bow on their November slate of play. Tonight also marks the second of 12 meetings between Rochester and Syracuse this season.

It's the first time the two rivals meet in Syracuse since Game 4 of the North Division Semifinals in last year's playoffs, where Rochester avoided defeat as they erased a 3-0 deficit entering the third period before capping an improbable 4-3 overtime win.

HEAD-TO-HEAD RESULTS AGAINST SYRACUSE

The Amerks finished with a 5-5-2-0 record against the Crunch in the regular season, claiming points in six of the seven matchups in Syracuse.

Rochester owns a 3-28-5-2 record against the Crunch dating back to the start of 2016-17 regular season when they score two or fewer goals. On the other hand, when the Amerks score three or more goals over that same span, the club shows a 36-11-5-0 mark.

Dating back to last season, Rochester tallied 16 goals in the opening frame compared to Syracuse's seven, however, the Crunch outscored the Amerks 29-11 in the final 40 minutes of regulation.

The season series has favored the visiting team as nine of the last 13 meetings were won by the road team and seven of the 13 were one-goal dating back to 2023-24.

Isak Rosén (3+7) leads all Amerks dating back to last season against Syracuse as he and **Nikita Novikov** are the only two skaters to appear in all 13 contests. **Devon Levi** shows a 3-2-2 and has made 138 saves in seven contests opposite the Crunch.

The Crunch are unbeaten when leading after the first and second periods.

LAST TIME OUT

Rochester forward **Isak Rosén** factored in on all three goals, including scoring twice, and **Devon Levi** was flawless in stopping all 20 shots he faced to pick up his first professional shutout while leading the Amerks to a 3-0 win over the Crunch last night at Blue Cross Arena.

With the win, Rochester has earned at least one point in 11 of its last 15 games dating back to Oct. 23. Additionally, the Amerks have now blanked Syracuse in each of their last two regular-season meetings dating back to last season.

Rosén (2+1) notched his second three-point game of the season for the Amerks while **Brett Murray** (1+0) also notched his sixth tally, all of which have come on the power-play. **Jack Rathbone**, **Mason Jobst**, **Kale Clague**, **Vsevolod Komarov** and **Konsta Helenius** all registered one assist each to complete the scoring.

In his fourth appearance with Rochester this season, Levi (2-1-1) turned aside all 20 shots he faced, which included 13 in the final period to earn the win and shutout.

2024-25 AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Isak Rosén	16	6	10	16	-2	2
Brett Murray	19	6	6	12	-3	4
Viktor Neuchev	19	2	9	11	-3	6

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Devon Levi	4	2-1-1	90	.900	2.45
Michael Houser	10	4-3-1	212	.898	2.68
Felix Sandström	7	3-3-1	137	.890	2.78

2024-25 CRUNCH OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Derrick Pouliot	18	3	11	14	3	12
Dylan Duke	18	7	5	12	6	19
Niko Huutanan	18	7	5	12	7	29

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Brandon Halverson	10	5-2-3	257	.938	1.67
Matt Tomkins	8	3-5-0	203	.890	3.12

*=Currently with Tampa Bay (NHL)

2024-25 HEAD-TO-HEAD BREAKDOWN

Syracuse Crunch vs Rochester Americans

8-7-1-2	Record	9-7-3-0
3-4-1-2	Last 10 Games	3-4-3-0
4-3-0-2	Home Record	3-5-1-0
4-4-1-0	Road Record	6-2-1-0
1-1	Overtime Record	1-3
1-2	Shootout Record	2-0
6-5-0-1	Record When Scoring First	6-5-1-0
15.4% (17th)	Power-Play	15.5% (T-26th)
79.5% (T-20th)	Penalty Kill	81.8% (22nd)
Nov. 29 @ ROC (3-0 L)	Last Game	Nov. 29 vs SYR (3-0 W)
Joel Bouchard (2nd)	Head Coach	Michael Leone (1st)

2024-25 SERIES BREAKDOWN VS SYRACUSE

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Nov. 29	W	3-0	15-20	2-6	6-6



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LEVI IN ROCHESTER

After starting the season in Buffalo, goaltender **Devon Levi** made his season debut for the Amerks on Nov. 20 at Laval.

The 22-year old netminder split his first full rookie season between Buffalo and Rochester in 2023-24 by combining to post a 26-14-6 mark in 49 appearances. The Quebec native also showed a 2-3 record in five Calder Cup Playoffs with the Amerks.

In Game 3 of the North Division Semifinals against Syracuse, Levi turned aside 60 of 62 shots he faced in the double-overtime victory. Levi was the first Amerks goaltender to make 21 or more saves in a single period during a Calder Cup Playoff game since **Tyler Plante** stopped all 23 shots he faced on April 21, 2010 against Abbotsford.

Levi, who showed a 16-6-4 record in 26 appearances with the Amerks, held the opposition to three or fewer goals in each game over a six-game win streak between March and April 6. He totaled 188 saves on 201 shots while boasting an impressive 2.17 goals-against average and a .935 save percentage over that span.

Levi earned the start in 24 of the last 34 games with Rochester since being reassigned on Jan. 20, including five straight to open February. He won nine of his last 11 starts and 11 of 13 dating back to the start of March.

His career-high 52-save performance in the Amerks overtime win at Toronto on Feb. 19 were the most by an Amerks goaltender since **Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen** had 54 in a 2-1 win at Syracuse on Feb. 25, 2022.

Levi, who finished the season tied for fourth among all rookie netminders with a .927 save percentage, has held the opposition to three or fewer goals in all but six of his 30 appearances. He boasts a record 18-2-4 in those games.

Levi won the Mike Richter Award, given annually to the top goaltender in men's college hockey, for the second straight year following the 2022-23 season. Levi is the only two-time winner in the award's history.

He led the nation again with a .933 save percentage, one year after he set the second-best mark in NCAA history with a .952 save percentage. He tied for third in the nation in both shutouts (6) and saves (1,183). Levi's 16-career shutouts are a Northeastern University school record.

During last night's 3-0 win over Syracuse, Levi stopped all 20 shots he faced, which included 13 in the final period of regulation, to earn his first professional shutout. It marked the first time he blanked an opponent since he made 32 saves in a 4-0 win over Massachusetts on Feb. 25, 2023 with Northeastern University.



NO METSA'IN AROUND

Second-year defenseman **Zachary Metsa** enters the weekend tied for third on the team in scoring and first amongst all Rochester's blueliners with 11 points (1+10) through his first 19 games.

Metsa has points in six of his last 15 games, which included stringing together consecutive multi-point games for the first time in his career, logging five assists in that span and punctuated by a three-assist effort in the win over Hartford on Nov. 8.

The second-year blueliner's 11 points tie him for 11th-most in league scoring by a defenseman.

Last season, the Delafield, Wisconsin, native logged seven goals and 24 points and was named the team's co-Rookie of the Year with Viktor Neuchev.

Metsa, who captained Quinnipiac University to its first-ever NCAA National Championship in 2023, is also tied for ninth amongst all AHL defensemen with 10 assists, five of which have come on the power-play.

SCOUTING THE CRUNCH

The Crunch, who finished third in the North Division last season, come into the matchup with points in five of their last seven games dating back to Nov. 13. With an 8-7-1-2 mark through its first 18 contests in 2024-25, Syracuse currently sits in fifth place in the division but have a game in hand over Rochester.

Syracuse is led offensively by defenseman and 2016 Stanley Cup champion Derrick Pouliot, who tops all Crunch skaters in both assists (11) and points (14) through his first 18 games with Syracuse. The 30-year old blueliner is tied for third and fifth amongst all AHL defensemen in assists and points, respectively.

A veteran of 358 AHL games with Syracuse, Texas, San Jose, Henderson, Lehigh Valley, San Antonio and Wilkes-Barre, Pouliot is one of only two defensemen to lead his respective team in scoring this season.

The Amerks go up against the AHL's top goaltending duo in Matt Tomkins (3-5-0) and Brandon Halverson (5-2-3), who have split the goaltending duties for the Crunch. Halverson currently leads all AHL netminders with a 1.67 goals-against average and is third with a .938 save percentage, while being one of four goaltenders with multiple shutouts (2) on the season.



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