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ROCHESTER AMERICANS GAME NOTES

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TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

The Rochester Americans (23-11-3-1) set out on the New England portion of their four-game swing through the Atlantic Division tonight when they meet the Providence Bruins (21-13-3-1) for the first time this season at Amica Mutual Pavilion. Game time is slated for a 7:05 p.m. start and will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM The Fan Rochester as well as AHLTV on FloHockey.

The Amerks come into the matchup with the most road wins (16) across the AHL and sit one point behind Laval and Cleveland for first place in the North Division standings with 50 points at the halfway point of the season.

Rochester has scored a division-leading 130 goals, which are fifth-most in the AHL. Additionally, the Amerks have an AHL-best 33 points on the road this season and are 8-2-0-0 over their last 10 away contests.

HEAD-TO-HEAD RESULTS AGAINST PROVIDENCE

Tonight is just the 19th meeting between the Amerks and the Bruins over the last 15 years. Dating back to the 2007-08 campaign, Rochester has gone 6-9-2-1 during that span, including earning seven out of a possible eight points in the last four meetings with Providence. During the 2022-23 season-series, the Amerks posted a 2-0-0-0 mark and outscored the Bruins 9-4 over that span before going 1-1-0-0 last season, which included a 3-2 overtime victory in the last meeting on April 6, 2024.

The Amerks are 2-2-1-1 in their last six visits to Providence compared to a 3-2-0-0 mark on home ice in the last six years.

Dating back to the 2007-08 season, there have been 11 one-goal games between Providence and Rochester, including a 4-3 overtime win for the Amerks back on Nov. 23, 2022 and another 3-2 overtime victory to complete the 2023-24 season series on April 6 of this year.

Mason Jobst, Nikita Novikov, and Isak Rosén all chipped in two assists last season whereas Brett Murray and Anton Wahlberg both scored once.

LAST TIME OUT

The Amerks nearly erased a two-goal deficit in the final period, but ultimately came up short in a 5-4 defeat to the two-time defending Calder Cup champion Hershey Bears in the weekend finale Sunday at Giant Center.

Despite suffering just their fifth regulation loss on the road this season, the Amerks have won 15 of their last 20 contests while earning at least one point in 26 of their last 34 games dating back to Oct. 23. The contest was the 468th all-time meeting between the two league's two cornerstone franchises.

Zachary Metsa added his third tally of the campaign in the middle frame while producing an assist for a multi-point performance while rookie defenseman Vsevolod Komarov scored his first pro goal in the first period. Aleksandr Kisakov scored his third before Noah Östlund capped the goal-scoring late in the contest.

Lukas Rousek, Isak Rosén, Kale Clague, and Brett Murray each turned in assist for Rochester, which earned three out of a possible six points over its first three-game weekend of the season.

Goaltender Michael Houser (4-3-1) made his first AHL appearance since Nov. 23 and 11th of the season. The veteran netminder, who began the week in the ECHL, stopped 25 of the 30 shots he faced, which included 14 in the middle period.

2024-25 AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Isak Rosén	35	16	15	31	2	6
Brett Murray	38	17	12	29	6	12
Lukas Rousek	38	6	21	27	10	32

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Devon Levi	17	12-3-2	418	.913	2.33
Felix Sandström	12	7-4-1	279	.897	2.88
Michael Houser	11	4-4-1	237	.891	2.92

2024-25 PROVIDENCE OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Vinni Lettieri*	35	14	21	35	0	12
Georgii Merkulov	35	10	23	33	4	12
Patrick Brown*	37	9	16	25	3	15

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Michael DiPietro	22	14-5-3	570	.930	1.95
Brandon Bussi	17	7-8-1	413	.896	3.01

*=Currently with Boston (NHL)

2024-25 HEAD-TO-HEAD BREAKDOWN

Providence Bruins	Rochester Americans
21-13-3-1.....	Record23-11-3-1
12-6-2-0.....	Home Record7-6-2-1
9-7-1-1.....	Road Record16-5-1-0
6-3-0-1.....	Last 10 Games7-2-0-1
1-3.....	Overtime Record2-3
2-1.....	Shootout Record3-1
16-6-3-0.....	Record When Scoring First13-6-1-0
18.0% (T-14th).....	Power-Play16.6% (22th)
83.6% (12th).....	Penalty Kill82.0% (18th)
Jan. 19 vs SPR (4-0 W).....	Last Game Jan. 19 @ HER (5-4 L)
Ryan Mougengel (4th).....	Head Coach Michael Leone (1st)

2023-24 SERIES BREAKDOWN VS. PROVIDENCE

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Dec. 22	L	6-3	29-23	0-1	2-3
Apr. 6	OTW	3-2	34-35	1-4	2-3



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LEVI READY TO ROC

Devon Levi, who was reassigned earlier this week following his latest NHL call-up, boasts a 12-3-2 record with a 2.33 goals-against-average. He enters the weekend tied for fifth in wins (12) and has won five of his last seven.

On the heels of his second shutout in eight days, the 23-year-old Levi has guided the Amerks to standings points in 34 of his 43 games with Rochester, dating back to his debut with the team last December. He is 15-3-2 in 19 career road games with Rochester, which includes a near-perfect 7-1-0 mark this season.

Last Friday night's shootout loss to Lehigh Valley was the just the fifth time Levi faced 30 or more shots this season. The Sabres' prospect has faced fewer than 30 shots in 12 of his last 17 starts this season, while seeing less than 30 pucks just seven times in 2023-24.

Levi, who along with **Isak Rosén** was named to the 2025 AHL All-Star roster, saw his six-game win streak snapped on Dec. 18, which matched a career-high. He hasn't allowed more than two goals in 10 of his last 14 games and has stopped 326 of the 355 shots he's faced over that span, good for a 2.13 goals-against average and a .921 save percentage.

Levi is one of 16 AHL goaltenders with multiple shutouts this season and one of just five netminders with multiple assists, trailing only Cal Petersen and Spencer Martin, who are tied for the scoring lead amongst all AHL goaltenders with three points this season.



GETTING THE JOB(ST) DUNNE

Josh Dunne skates into Providence having recorded a point in six of his last seven games, which featured a six-game point streak (1+5) to begin the new year. More impressively, the fifth-year pro has produced an even or better on-ice rating in nine of his last 11 games.

Captain **Mason Jobst** collected three assists in the first two games of the road trip and now has nine points (5+4) over his last eight contests, with four of those being multi-point performances dating back to Dec. 28. The Ohio State University product has notched 120 points (48+72) in 189 career games with the Amerks since the start of the 2021-22 campaign.

Collectively, Dunne (6+9) and Jobst (8+12) have posted 15 and 20 points, respectively, while being two of only six Amerks to have appeared in every game for Rochester this season.



NO METSA'IN AROUND

Defenseman **Zachary Metsa** enters the contest tied for third on the team in scoring and first amongst all Rochester blueliners with a career-best 27 points (3+24) while being the only defenseman to appear in all 38 games.

Metsa has points in 19 of his 38 contests, which included stringing together an assist in five straight games for the first time in his career. He's totaled 11 points (2+9) since Dec. 22, punctuated by his second three-assist effort of the campaign in the win over Springfield back on Jan. 3.

The second-year blueliner's 27 points are third-most in league scoring by a defenseman, just four back of Charlotte's Trevor Carrick.

Metsa, who captained Quinnipiac University to its first-ever NCAA National Championship in 2023, is tied for second amongst all AHL defensemen and tied for third overall with 24 assists.

Last season, the Delafield, Wisconsin, native logged seven goals and 24 points in 54 games, earning co-Rookie of the Year honors.

MURRAY SPECIAL AND MR. 300

Nine of **Brett Murray's** team-leading 17 goals this season have come on the power-play, including four which ended up being the game-winner.

Murray currently leads the AHL in power-play goals and ranks second on the Amerks with 29 points (17+12) through 38 games. He comes into the weekend with points in 10 of his last 14 games, including multi-goal efforts in back-to-back outings and goals in three straight games for the first time in his professional career. Murray has reached the 20-point mark in all six seasons with the Amerks since joining Rochester ahead of the 2019-20 campaign and has scored at least 17 goals in each of the last three years.

Prior to scoring his first even strength goal of the season in December against Utica, Murray was the only AHL player with at least six goals this season to have scored all his goals on the power-play.

With the exception of his rookie season, the veteran forward has recorded at least six power-play goals in five of his first six professional seasons, which includes a new career-high (9) through the first 31 games of this season.

Coming into tonight having played 297 games as an Amerk, Murray is three games away from becoming just the 24th forward in franchise history to appear in at least 300 games with the club and first since Phil Varone did so during the 2015-16 campaign. He's also 51 games away from tying Don McSween for 20th on the franchise's all-time games played list (348).



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