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Saturday | **January 25, 2025** | 6:00 PM | XL Center | AHL Game 614 | AHLTV on FloHockey, The Fan Rochester

ROCHESTER AMERICANS GAME NOTES

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TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

The Rochester Americans (23-12-3-1) close out their four-game trek through the Atlantic Division at XL Center tonight when they take on the Hartford Wolf Pack (18-18-2-1) at 6:00 p.m. The matchup will be the second and final meeting between the two teams this season 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 three points behind Laval 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 7-3-0-0 over their last 10 away contests.

HEAD-TO-HEAD RESULTS AGAINST HARTFORD

Dating back to the 2017-18 campaign, Rochester has earned wins in 10 of the last 14 contests against Hartford while also recording at least one point in 15 of the previous 18 exchanges, going 12-3-1-2 over that span. The Amerks are also a perfect 6-0-0-0 on home ice in that same stretch.

In seven of the last 15 meetings, the visiting team has come away with the victory. Additionally, eight of the previous 13 encounters have been one-goal games, which include both matchups last season.

The Amerks used a two-goal run in the first period and scored three unanswered in the second in a 6-3 victory over Hartford earlier this season. **Isak Rosén** (1+2) and **Zach Metsa** (0+3) both led the Amerks with a three-point outing while **Lukas Rousek** and **Graham Slaggert** each notched a pair of assists. **Brett Murray**, **Jiri Kulich**, **Josh Dunne**, **Viktor Neuchev**, and **Konsta Helenius** all scored one goal each.

Netminders **Felix Sandström** and **Michael Houser** split the goaltending duties, combining to make 25 saves back on Nov. 8, 2024. Sandström earned the victory, but Houser finished the contest stopping 11 of the 13 shots he faced, helping Rochester claim its 2,500th win in franchise history.

LAST TIME OUT

The Amerks could not find a way to solve the Providence Bruins, falling on the wrong side of 3-0 score Friday night at Amica Mutual Pavillion.

Despite suffering just their sixth regulation loss on the road this season and third shutout, the Amerks have won 15 of their last 21 contests while earning at least one point in 26 of their last 35 games dating back to Oct. 23. The contest was the 19th in the last 15 years between two clubs.

Defensemen **Zachary Metsa** (5) and **Jack Rathbone** (4) combined for nine of Rochester's 29 shots while **Isak Rosén** led the forwards with three for the Amerks, who suffered a regulation loss on the road in back-to-back games for the first time March of 2024. Additionally, the Amerks have not been held without a point in two games or more since Nov. 23-Nov. 27, 2024.

Goaltender **Devon Levi** (12-4-2) took the defeat in the crease for just the fourth time in regulation through his first 18 appearances with the Amerks. The Quebec native, who finished 26 saves, turned aside his first 19 shots through the first 38 minutes of play. Additionally, dating back to the Jan. 11 loss in Syracuse, it marked the first time in Levi's AHL career he has taken a regulation loss in back-to-back appearances as he owns a 15-4-2 record in 21 starts outside the Flower City.

2024-25 AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Isak Rosén	36	16	15	31	2	6
Brett Murray	39	17	12	29	6	12
Lukas Rousek	39	6	21	27	9	32

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Devon Levi	18	12-4-2	444	.914	2.31
Felix Sandström	12	7-4-1	279	.897	2.88
Michael Houser	11	4-4-1	237	.891	2.92

2024-25 HARTFORD OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Alex Belzile	36	12	24	36	7	69
Benoit-Olivier Groulx	35	10	20	34	0	34
Adam Sýkora	38	8	12	20	-5	4

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Dylan Garand	20	12-6-2	559	.924	2.29
Louis Domingue	17	5-11-1	492	.893	3.47

2024-25 HEAD-TO-HEAD BREAKDOWN

Hartford Wolf Pack	Rochester Americans
18-18-2-1	Record23-12-3-1
12-6-2-0	Home Record7-6-2-1
9-7-1-1	Road Record16-6-1-0
5-5-0-0	Last 10 Games6-3-0-1
6-2	Overtime Record2-3
1-1	Shootout Record3-1
15-3-1-1	Record When Scoring First13-6-1-0
16.1% (24th)	Power-Play16.2% (23rd)
80.5% (23rd)	Penalty Kill82.6% (16th)
Jan. 19 vs HFD (4-3 L)	Last Game Jan. 24 @ PRO (3-0 L)
Grant Potulny (1st)	Head Coach Michael Leone (1st)

2024-25 SERIES BREAKDOWN VS. HARTFORD

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Nov. 8	W	6-3	35-28	2-4	1-1



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LEVI READY TO ROC

Devon Levi, who was reassigned earlier this week following his latest NHL call-up, boasts a 12-4-2 record with a 2.31 goals-against-average. He enters the weekend tied for fifth in wins (12) and has won five of his last eight.

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 44 games with Rochester, dating back to his debut with the team last December. He is 15-4-2 in 20 career road games with Rochester, which includes a near-perfect 7-2-0 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 13 of his last 18 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 11 of his last 15 games and has stopped 352 of the 384 shots he's faced over that span, good for a 2.11 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 Hartford having recorded a point in six of his last eight 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 10 of his last 12 games.

Captain **Mason Jobst** collected three assists in the first three games of the road trip and now has nine points (5+4) over his last nine 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 190 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 39 games.

Metsa has points in 19 of his 39 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 fifth 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 39 games. He comes into the weekend with points in 10 of his last 15 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 298 games as an Amerk, Murray is two 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 50 games away from tying Don McSween for 20th on the franchise's all-time games played list (348).



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