

# ROCHESTER AMERICANS HOCKEY CLUB

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Sat. | **Feb. 1, 2025** | 5:00 PM | Upstate Medical University Arena | AHL Game 673 | AHLTV on FloHockey, The Fan

## 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 (26-12-3-1) continue their stretch of 11 straight games against North Division opponents when they face the Syracuse Crunch (18-15-5-4) in the second half of a home-and-home series at Upstate Medical University Arena. The matchup will be the seventh of 12 meetings between the two teams 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 (17) across the AHL and sit just one point behind Laval for first place in the North Division standings with 56 points through 42 games season.

Rochester has scored a division-leading 147 goals, which are second-most in the AHL. Additionally, the Amerks have an AHL-best 35 points on the road this season and have a 5-0-0-1 mark in the last six contests at home.

### HEAD-TO-HEAD RESULTS AGAINST SYRACUSE

Rochester is ahead 4-2-0-0 in the season series after sweeping the Crunch in a home-and-home to close out the month of November, spitting a two-game set before Christmas and logging a 4-1 win last night.

Prior to the 5-2 defeat back on Dec. 18, the Amerks had won four straight meetings against the Crunch dating back to last season and blanked Syracuse twice over that span, including **Devon Levi's** first pro shutout in a 3-0 win back on Nov. 29.

Rochester owns a 3-29-5-2 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 39-11-5-0 mark.

**Isak Rosén** (8+8) leads all Amerks in scoring against the Crunch dating back to last season as he and **Nikita Novikov** are the only two skaters to appear in all 18 contests. Goaltender **Devon Levi** is 6-3-2 with 262 saves in 11 contests against Syracuse.

### LAST TIME OUT

On the strength of his third consecutive two-goal game, **Isak Rosén** propelled the Amerks to a 4-1 victory over the Crunch last night at The Blue Cross Arena.

With the win, the Amerks improved to 39-11-5-0 when they score three or more goals against the Crunch dating back to the 2016-17 season.

Additionally, the club improved to 5-0-0-1 over the last six home games and 4-2-0-0 through the first six games of the season series against Syracuse.

Rosén (2+0), who is now second in the AHL in goals (22) this season, recorded his 15th and 16th points (8+8) against Syracuse over his last 18 games since the start of 2023-24.

**Brett Murray** (1+1) also notched two points, which included his league-leading 11th power-play goal of the slate. Ty Tullio (1+0) scored his first goal with Rochester while **Riley Fiddler-Schultz** (0+1), **Zachary Metsa** (0+1), and **Noah Östlund** (0+1) capped off the scoring with one point each.

Goaltender **Devon Levi** upped his record to a 14-4-2 mark through his 20 appearances with Rochester this season. The netminder, who has helped the Amerks to at least one standing point in 36 of his 46 games since making his debut in December of 2023, made 27 saves.

### 2024-25 AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Isak Rosén	39	22	16	38	3	6
Brett Murray	42	19	16	35	10	18
Lukas Rousek	42	3	28	31	11	10

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Devon Levi	20	14-4-2	493	.913	2.33
Felix Sandström	13	8-4-1	305	.897	2.89
Michael Houser	11	4-4-1	237	.891	2.92

### 2024-25 SYRACUSE OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Derrick Pouliot	41	5	28	33	11	20
Conor Sheary	30	9	15	24	7	12
Jesse Ylönen	42	8	14	22	1	16

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Brandon Halverson	25	12-7-6	604	.921	2.12
Matt Tomkins	17	6-8-3	443	.900	2.87

### 2024-25 HEAD-TO-HEAD BREAKDOWN

Syracuse Crunch vs Rochester Americans

18-15-5-4.....**Record** .....26-12-3-1

8-6-3-4.....**Home Record** ..... 9-6-2-1

10-9-2-0.....**Road Record** ..... 17-6-1-0

3-6-0-1.....**Last 10 Games** .....6-3-0-1

2-5.....**Overtime Record** ..... 2-3

2-4.....**Shootout Record** ..... 3-1

12-1-2-2.....**Record When Scoring First** .....16-6-1-0

14.1% (30th).....**Power-Play**..... 18.2% (T-13th)

81.7% (19th).....**Penalty Kill**.....83.0% (14th)

Jan. 31 @ ROC (4-1 L).....**Last Game**..... Jan. 31 @ ROC (4-1 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
Nov. 30	SOW	3-2	47-15	1-7	5-6
Dec. 18	L	5-2	33-28	0-3	2-2
Dec. 20	W	3-1	26-23	0-5	5-5
Jan. 11	L	6-2	30-35	0-0	3-6
Jan. 31	W	4-1	23-28	1-2	3-3



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## ROSEY BLOSSOMING IN THE FLOWER CITY

After another two-goal performance Friday against Syracuse, **Isak Rosén** enters the first day of February with the second-most goals (22) in the AHL, just one back of Toronto's Alex Steeves. The third-year pro has already surpassed last year's mark of 20 in an astonishing 28 fewer games and is on pace to become the first Amerk to reach 30-goal mark since Victor Olofsson in 2918-19.

The Stockholm, Sweden, native is just 12 points back of his 50-point (20+30) campaign from 2023-24 that saw him tie **Mason Jobst** for the team lead. January was kind to Rosén, as the winger finished the month with 12 points (9+3) in 11 games.

Rosén enters the weekend leading all Amerks in shots (100), goals (22), points (38) and is tied for first in power-play assists (9), game-winning markers (4), first goals and unassisted tallies while recording at least one point in 22 of his 39 contests this season.

In 172 career contests with the Amerks, Rosén has totaled 56 goals and 69 points for 125 points while also adding 10 points (6+4) in 19 Calder Cup Playoff appearances since the start of the 2022-23 campaign.

As first-round pick (14th overall) of the Sabres in 2021, Rosén has recorded eight shots in eight career games with the Buffalo Sabres, beginning with his NHL debut on Nov. 25, 2023.



## MURRAY SPECIAL, MR. 300 AND ALL-STAR

Eleven of **Brett Murray's** 19 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 34 points (19+16) through 42 games. He comes into the weekend with points in 12 of his last 18 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.

The AHL announced Tuesday the addition of Murray to the 2025 AHL All-Star Rosters. Murray will represent the North Division alongside teammates **Isak Rosén** and **Devon Levi** for the upcoming 2025 AHL All-Star Classic

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.

On Wednesday against Utica, Murray became just the 28th forward in franchise history to appear in at least 300 games with the club and first since Phil Varone (306) did so during the 2015-16 campaign. He enters tonight 47 games away from tying Don McSween for 20th on the franchise's all-time games played list (348).



## NO METSA'IN AROUND

Defenseman **Zachary Metsa** enters the contest third on the team in scoring and first amongst all Rochester blueliners with a career-best 31 points (3+28) while being the only defenseman to appear in all 42 games.

Metsa has points in 22 of his 42 contests, which included stringing together an assist in five straight games for the first time in his career. He's totaled 15 points (2+15) 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 31 points are third-most in league scoring by a defenseman, just three back of Charlotte's Trevor Carrick.

Metsa, who captained Quinnipiac University to its first-ever NCAA National Championship in 2023, is tied for first amongst all AHL defensemen and first overall with 28 assists.

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



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