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Fri. | **Feb. 7, 2025** | 7:05 PM | Blue Cross Arena | AHL Game 683 | AHLTV on FloHockey, The Fan Rochester, CW Rochester

ROCHESTER AMERICANS GAME NOTES

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TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

The Rochester Americans (27-12-3-1) return from the annual AHL All-Star break tonight in search of their fifth straight win -- and sixth on home ice -- as they host the Belleville Senators (18-15-1-4) in a North Division showdown at The Blue Cross Arena. The 7:05 p.m. matchup 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 (18) across the AHL and sit just one point behind Laval for first place in the North Division standings with 58 points through 43 games season.

Rochester has scored a division-leading 151 goals, which are second-most in the AHL. Additionally, the Amerks have an AHL-best 37 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 BELLEVILLE

Friday is meeting four of eight on the season series against Ottawa's AHL affiliate. The Amerks have gone 2-1-0-0 thus far against Belleville, including a sweep of the Sens in their most recent encounter Dec. 13-14 north of the border during which Rochester outscored Belleville 15-6 in back-to-back meetings.

Brett Murray leads all skaters with four goals in three games opposite the Sens this season after scoring twice in back-to-back games for the first time in his pro career. Two of Murray's goals that weekend came on the power-play. More than half of the AHL All-Star's 20 goals this season have come on the man-advantage.

This will be the first time the Senators are back in the Flower City since Oct. 11, when the Amerks had their party spoiled in a season-opening 3-2 loss.

The Senators roster includes a pair of familiar faces to Rochester with Jeremy Davies and Malcolm Subban. Davies spent the last two seasons in an Amerks jersey, accumulating 58 points (23+35) over 132 games Subban, meanwhile, posted personal-bests in wins (20) and appearances (39) before helping the Amerks to the Eastern Conference Finals in 2023.

LAST TIME OUT

The Amerks erased a one-goal deficit in each period before **Isak Rosén** (1+0) delivered the game-winner just 29 seconds into overtime to seal a 4-3 come-from-behind victory over the Syracuse Crunch this past Saturday at Upstate Medical University Arena.

With the win, the Amerks improved to 40-11-5-0 when they score three or more goals against the Crunch dating back to the 2016-17 campaign.

Rosén (1+0), who's currently on NHL recall with the Sabres, ranks second in the AHL in goals (23) this season. He has seven goals and eight points over his last four games while helping Rochester to four straight wins.

Mason Jobst and **Noah Östlund** each contributed with a goal and assist while **Lukas Rousek** (0+2) also logged a multi-point effort. **Brett Murray** (1+0), **Zachary Metsa** (0+1), **Kale Clague** (0+1), and **Anton Wahlberg** (0+1) all totaled one point each to close out the scoring.

Goaltender **Felix Sandström**, also currently with Buffalo, extended his win-streak to a career-high six games by way of matching a season-best 36 saves, which included 21 in the third period. The 28-year-old netminder, who has won nine of his last 12 appearances, has defeated Belleville, Bridgeport, Hartford, Lehigh Valley, Syracuse, and Utica over his current win streak.

2024-25 AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Isak Rosén*	40	23	16	39	5	8
Brett Murray	43	20	16	36	11	18
Zachary Metsa	43	3	29	32	12	10

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Devon Levi	20	14-4-2	493	.913	2.33
Felix Sandström*	14	9-4-1	341	.900	2.89
Michael Houser	11	4-4-1	237	.891	2.92

*=Currently with Buffalo (NHL)

2024-25 SENATORS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Stephen Halliday	37	11	20	31	-13	21
Jeremy Davies	28	5	25	30	3	26
Garrett Pilon	36	5	23	28	-1	23

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Leevi Merilainen	13	7-2-2	256	.901	2.43
Malcolm Subban	11	6-4-1	232	.882	3.07
Michael Simpson	10	4-3-0	190	.880	3.45
Mads Sogaard	8	0-5-1	133	.858	3.69

2024-25 HEAD-TO-HEAD BREAKDOWN

Belleville Senators	Rochester Americans
18-15-1-4.....	Record 27-12-3-1
9-8-1-2	Home Record 9-6-2-1
9-7-0-2	Road Record 18-6-1-0
5-5-0-0	Last 10 Games 6-3-0-1
3-1	Overtime Record 3-3
3-4	Shootout Record 3-1
6-3-0-3	Record When Scoring First 16-6-1-0
17.7% (18th).....	Power-Play 18.3% (14th)
77.8% (26th).....	Penalty Kill 83.4% (14th)
Feb. 1 vs UTC (4-3 OTW) ...	Last Game ... Feb. 1 @ SYR (4-3 OTW)
David Bell (2nd).....	Head Coach Michael Leone (1st)

2024-25 SERIES BREAKDOWN VS. BELLEVILLE

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 11	L	3-2	24-31	0-5	4-6
Dec. 13	W	7-4	34-31	1-2	2-4
Dec. 14	W	8-2	34-31	3-6	2-2



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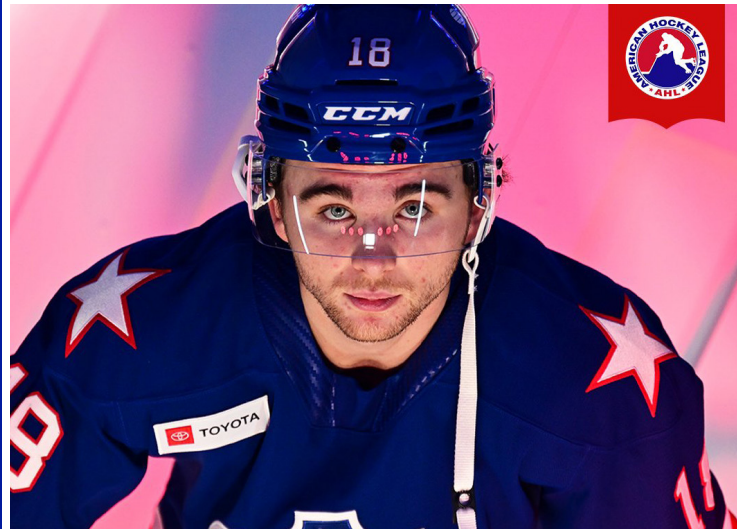
ROSEN TO THE OCCASION

After another game-clinching-goal performance Saturday against Syracuse, **Isak Rosén** enters the weekend with the second-most goals (23) 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 2018-19.

The Stockholm, Sweden, native is just 11 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.

Named the AHL Player of the Week for period ending Feb. 2, Rosén leads all Amerks in shots (105), goals (23), points (39), game-winning goals (5), unassisted tallies (4) and is tied for first in power-play assists (9) while recording at least one point in 23 of his 40 contests this season.

A first-round choice (14th overall) by Buffalo in the 2021 NHL Draft, Rosén has totaled nine appearances and nine shots with the Sabres to date, including two this season.



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 32 points (3+29) while being the only defenseman to appear in all 43 games.

Metsa has points in 23 of his 43 contests, which included stringing together an assist in five straight games for the first time in his career. He's totaled 16 points (2+16) 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 32 points are third-most in league scoring by a defenseman, just two back of Charlotte's Trevor Carrick and two ahead of Belleville's Jeremy Davies.

Metsa, who captained Quinnipiac University to its first-ever NCAA National Championship in 2023, also leads all AHL players with 29 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

Eleven of **Brett Murray's** 20 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 35 points (20+16) through 43 games. He comes into the weekend with points in 13 of his last 19 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.

Earlier this week, Murray represented the North Division alongside teammates **Isak Rosén** and **Devon Levi** at the 2025 AHL All-Star Classic, finishing with two points (1+1) and three shots during the tournament.

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 Jan. 29 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 46 games away from tying Don McSween for 20th on the franchise's all-time games played list (348).



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