

# ROCHESTER AMERICANS HOCKEY CLUB

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Fri. | **February 14, 2025** | 7:05 PM | The Blue Cross Arena | AHL Game 708 | AHLTV on FloHockey, The Fan Rochester

## ROCHESTER AMERICANS GAME NOTES

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### TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

The Rochester Americans (29-12-3-1) return home to begin a three-in-three weekend tonight when they host the Syracuse Crunch (19-16-7-4) in an intrastate 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 surging Amerks come into the matchup riding a six-game win streak, the third such streak of the season, and sit just one point back of Laval for first place in the North Division standings with 62 points through 45 games.

Rochester has scored a division-leading 160 goals, which are third-most in the AHL behind only Calgary and Colorado. Additionally, the Amerks have an AHL-best 39 points on the road this season while also owning an 8-1-0-1 mark in their last 10 home games, including a 6-0-0-1 mark since Dec. 20.

### HEAD-TO-HEAD RESULTS AGAINST SYRACUSE

Rochester is ahead 5-2-0-0 in the season series after sweeping the Crunch in a home-and-home to close out the month of November, splitting a two-game set before Christmas and turning in a pair of wins heading into the All-Star break.

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 the 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 40-11-5-0 mark.

**Isak Rosén** (9+8) leads all Amerks in scoring against the Crunch dating back to last season, having appeared in all 19 games in that span. Rosén, who capped the 4-3 come-from-behind overtime win back on Feb. 1, has tallied two of his five game-winning goals against the Crunch this season.

Goaltender **Devon Levi** is 6-3-2 with 262 saves in 11 career games against Syracuse.

### LAST TIME OUT

The Amerks scored five straight unanswered goals, including a pair from forward **Nicolas Aubé-Kubel**, to earn their sixth straight win with a dominant 5-1 victory over the Cleveland Monsters Tuesday night at Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse.

The win improved the Amerks to 6-0-1-0 in their last seven trips to Ohio dating back to last season. Additionally, the Amerks, who have outscored Cleveland 27-15 through the first six games this season, closed out the road portion of the season series with a perfect 4-0-0-0 record, a feat last achieved in 2019-20 when Rochester claimed all three road contests against the Monsters.

Along with Aubé-Kubel (2+0) logging a multi-point effort, his first with Rochester, **Anton Wahlberg** (0+2) and **Brendan Warren** (0+2) both notched two assists in the win. **Brett Murray** and **Tyson Kozak** each scored in the first and third periods, respectively, before **Isak Rosén** added Rochester's fifth tally of the night.

Goaltender **Devon Levi**, who's started five of the last six games, claimed his 16th win of the season, moving him into fifth in the AHL in that category.

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

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Isak Rosén	42	24	16	40	7	8
Brett Murray	45	21	16	37	13	20
Zachary Metsa	45	3	29	32	12	10

### GOALTENDER

	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Devon Levi	22	16-4-2	543	.919	2.16
Felix Sandström	14	9-4-1	341	.900	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	45	6	30	36	10	22
Conor Sheary	34	11	19	30	8	12
Dylan Duke	37	13	9	22	5	28

### GOALTENDER

	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Brandon Halverson	27	12-7-7	631	.914	2.28
Matt Tomkins	20	7-9-4	502	.903	2.74

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

Syracuse Crunch vs Rochester Americans

19-16-7-4.....	<b>Record</b> .....	29-12-3-1
8-7-4-4.....	<b>Home Record</b> .....	10-6-2-1
11-9-3-0.....	<b>Road Record</b> .....	19-6-1-0
3-5-2-0.....	<b>Last 10 Games</b> .....	7-2-0-1
2-7.....	<b>Overtime Record</b> .....	3-3
2-4.....	<b>Shootout Record</b> .....	3-1
13-2-3-2.....	<b>Record When Scoring First</b> .....	17-6-1-0
14.8% (31st).....	<b>Power-Play</b> .....	17.5% (T-19th)
81.8% (20th).....	<b>Penalty Kill</b> .....	84.3% (8th)
Feb. 12 @ TOR (5-4 OTL)...	<b>Last Game</b> .....	Feb. 11 @ CLE (5-1 W)
Joel Bouchard (2nd).....	<b>Head Coach</b> .....	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
Feb. 1	OTW	4-3	23-39	1-4	4-4



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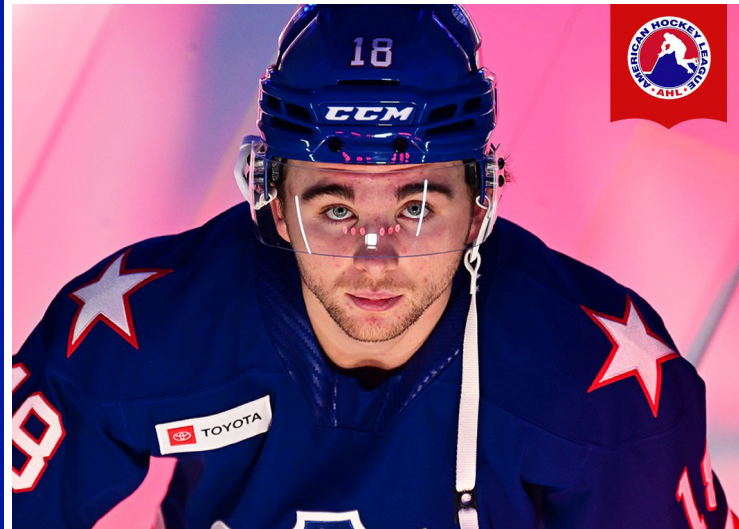
## ROSEN TO THE OCCASION

With eight goals and nine points in his last six outings, **Isak Rosén** enters the weekend with the second-most goals (24) in the AHL, just two back of Toronto's Alex Steeves. The third-year pro has already surpassed last year's mark of 20 in an astonishing 26 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 10 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 January with 12 points (9+3) in 11 games.

Named the AHL Player of the Week for period ending Feb. 2, Rosén currently leads all Amerks in shots (109), goals (24), points (40), unassisted tallies (5) and is second in power-play assists (9). The two-time AHL All-Star selection has also recorded at least one point in 24 of his 42 contests this season and has been held without a point just six times since Christmas.

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.



## MURRAY SPECIAL

Eleven of **Brett Murray's** 21 goals this season have come on the power-play, including five which ended up being the game-winner.

Murray currently leads the AHL in power-play goals and ranks second on the Amerks with 37 points (21+16) through 45 games. He comes into the weekend with points in 14 of his last 20 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. Murray, who represented the North Division alongside teammates **Isak Rosén** and **Devon Levi** at the 2025 AHL All-Star Classic, has also now reached the 20-goal mark for the second time in three years.

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 44 games away from tying Don McSween for 20th on the franchise's all-time



## 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 45 games.

Metsa has points in 23 of his 45 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 fourth-most in league scoring by a defenseman, just four back of Syracuse's Derrick Pouliot and within two of Charlotte's Trevor Carrick and Colorado's Jacob MacDonald.

Metsa, who captained Quinnipiac University to its first-ever NCAA National Championship in 2023, is tied for second amongst all 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.



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