

# ROCHESTER AMERICANS HOCKEY CLUB

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Sunday | **Feb. 16, 2025** | 3:05 PM | The Blue Cross Arena | AHL Game 750 | AHLTV on FloHockey, The Fan Rochester

## ROCHESTER AMERICANS GAME NOTES

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### TODAY'S GAME OVERVIEW

The top spot in the American Hockey League's North Division is up for grabs this afternoon as the Rochester Americans (30-13-3-1) return home to host the Laval Rocket (30-12-2-1) in a battle for first place at The Blue Cross Arena. The 3:05 p.m. matinee 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 having won seven of their last eight games and sit just one point ahead of Laval for first place in the AHL's North Division standings with 64 points through 47 games.

Rochester, which ranks second in the AHL with 165 goals, became just the third team this season to reach the 30-win mark, joining Laval and Hershey. After last night's win at Utica, the Amerks have successfully reached the 30-win mark in each of the last nine seasons dating back to 2015-16.

### HEAD-TO-HEAD RESULTS AGAINST LAVAL

Rochester has picked up at least one point in 18 of its first 24 road games in Laval, going 16-6-2-0 over that span. Conversely, since the start of the 2017-18 campaign, the Amerks have posted a near-perfect 14-4-1-0 mark at The Blue Cross Arena versus Laval, including all four meetings last season.

Rochester has never had a losing season versus the Rocket and have gone 4-3-1-0 in back-to-back seasons. The Amerks posted a 6-2-0-0 mark through eight games during the 2023-24 campaign. Both Rochester and Laval show a 2-1-1-0 record in the head-to-head series this season.

Captain **Mason Jobst** and **Kale Clague** (0+1), who last season led all Amerks skaters and defensemen with 10 and seven points, respectively, have combined for one point through the first four games this season.

Goaltender and Quebec native **Devon Levi** has made two career appearances against Laval, earning the win in both contests. After allowing one goal and making 32 saves in a 3-1 win victory on Feb. 3 2024, the second-year netminder turned aside 26 of 27 in a 2-1 overtime victory on Nov. 20.

Both teams have near-perfect records when leading after the first period: Rochester is 18-3-0-0 while Laval is 14-4-0-0 in that regard.

### LAST TIME OUT

**Isak Rosen's** team-leading 25th goal of the season tied Saturday's game late in the third period to force overtime before rookie **Noah Östlund** completed the 4-3 come-from-behind win 1:49 into the extra frame as the Amerks edged out the Utica Comets at Adirondack Bank Center to find their way back into win column.

The Amerks, who improved to 9-1-0-0 through the first 10 games of the season series with the Comets, have won 15 of the last 16 road games since the start of the 2023-24 campaign.

Along with **Rosén** (1+2) and **Östlund's** (1+1) multi-point efforts, **Lukas Rousek** (0+3), and **Kale Clague** (0+2) all finished with multi-assist performances in the overtime victory. **Rosén** leads all players with seven goals and 13 points in the 10 games versus Utica, while **Rousek** tops both teams with 10 assists.

Goaltender **Felix Sandström** improved to 10-4-1 through his first 15 games with Rochester while winning each of his last seven appearances. Dating back to win at Utica on Nov. 1, the Swedish netminder boasts an impressive 10-2-1 mark while holding each opponent under three goals in all 10 wins.

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

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Isak Rosén	44	25	18	43	6	8
Brett Murray	47	21	16	37	10	20
Lukas Rousek	47	6	28	34	9	36

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Devon Levi	23	16-5-2	566	.916	2.25
Felix Sandström	15	10-4-1	370	.900	2.90
Michael Houser	11	4-4-1	237	.891	2.92

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

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Alex Barré-Boulet	38	10	25	35	5	26
Jared Davidson	42	16	13	29	19	35
Laurent Dauphin	40	14	15	29	10	30

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Cayden Primeau	11	10-1-0	254	.910	2.23
Connor Hughes	19	10-7-2	437	.907	2.47

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

**Laval Rocket** vs **Rochester Americans**

30-12-2-1	<b>Record</b>	30-13-3-1
15-5-1-1	<b>Home Record</b>	10-7-2-1
15-7-1-0	<b>Road Record</b>	20-6-1-0
8-2-0-0	<b>Last 10 Games</b>	7-3-0-0
7-2	<b>Overtime Record</b>	4-3
3-1	<b>Shootout Record</b>	3-1
19-7-1-0	<b>Record When Scoring First</b>	17-6-1-0
17.2% (24th)	<b>Power-Play</b>	18.0% (18th)
82.3% (16th)	<b>Penalty Kill</b>	84.8% (4th)
Feb. 14 @ PRO (5-1 L)	<b>Last Game</b>	Feb. 15 @ UTC (4-3 OTW)
Pascal Vincent (1st)	<b>Head Coach</b>	Michael Leone (1st)

### 2024-25 SERIES BREAKDOWN VS. LAVAL

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Nov. 13	OTL	3-2	31-25	0-4	2-4
Nov. 16	L	4-1	26-18	0-3	2-2
Nov. 20	OTW	2-1	39-27	1-4	5-5
Dec. 11	W	3-1	29-26	1-4	2-2



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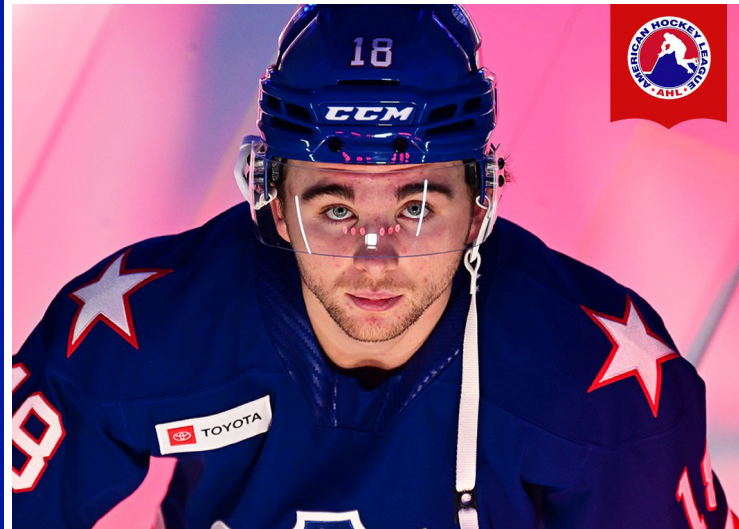
## ROSEN TO THE OCCASION

With nine goals and 12 points in his last eight outings, **Isak Rosén** enters the weekend with the second-most goals (25) in the AHL, just three 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 seven 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 (115), goals (25), points (43), unassisted tallies (5) and is tied for first in power-play assists (10). The two-time AHL All-Star selection has also recorded at least one point in 25 of his 44 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 MAKING HIS MARK

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 47 games. He comes into the weekend with points in 14 of his last 22 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.

Today, Murray will become just the 27th forward in franchise history to appear in at least 306 games with the club, passing Phil Varone (306), who did so during the 2015-16 campaign. He's also 42 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 32 points (3+29) while being the only defenseman to appear in all 47 games.

Metsa has points in 23 of his 47 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 tied for six-most in league scoring by a defenseman, seven back of Syracuse's Derrick Pouliot and within two of former teammate and current Belleville Senators' Jeremy Davies.

Metsa, who captained Quinnipiac University to its first-ever NCAA National Championship in 2023, is tied for third 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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