

# ROCHESTER AMERICANS HOCKEY CLUB

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Friday | **Feb. 21, 2025** | 7:05 PM | The Blue Cross Arena | AHL Game 774 | AHLTV on FloHockey, The Fan Rochester

## ROCHESTER AMERICANS GAME NOTES

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### TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

The first-place Rochester Americans (31-14-3-1) look to stay atop the American Hockey League tonight when they welcome back the Belleville Senators (21-17-3-4) for 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 having won eight of their last 10 games and sit just one point ahead of both Hershey and Laval for first place in the AHL's standings with 66 points through 49 games.

Rochester, which ranks second in the AHL with 171 goals, became just the third team this season to reach the 30-win mark, joining Laval and Hershey. After last Saturday'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 BELLEVILLE

Friday is the fifth of eight meetings in the season series against Ottawa's AHL affiliate and the second this month. The Amerks have gone 3-1-0-0 thus far against Belleville, including three straight victories following the Senators' lone win of the season series back on opening night. Rochester swept the Sens at CAA Arena back in December when they outscored Belleville 15-6 in back-to-back meetings before earning a 4-0 win on Feb. 7 in the last contest between the two clubs.

**Kale Clague** and **Isak Rosén** both lead all players in the season series with three goals and six points while rookie forward **Konsta Helenius** is first with five assists through the first four games this season.

**Brett Murray** leads all skaters with four goals in four games opposite the Sens this season after scoring twice in back-to-back games for the first time in his pro career. **Zachary Metsa** (0+4) owns a plus-7 on-ice rating, which is best amongst all skaters this season.

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

A pair of goals from rookie **Noah Östlund** (2+0) and another perfect performance from goaltender **Devon Levi** powered the Amerks to a 4-0 victory over the Cleveland Monsters Wednesday at The Blue Cross Arena.

With Wednesday's shutout win coupled with a Laval loss to Manitoba, Rochester jumped into first place overall in the AHL with 66 points while being tied with the Rocket in wins (31). The Amerks, who have won three straight and six of the first seven meetings with the Monsters this season, have earned at least one point in 38 of the last 55 games against Cleveland.

While Östlund and fellow Swede **Isak Rosén** (0+2) both produced multi-point efforts, defenseman **Nikita Novikov** (0+2) also recorded a multi-assist game for Rochester. **Zachary Metsa**, **Brett Murray** scored their fourth and 22nd goals of the season, respectively, while **Ryan Johnson**, **Mason Jobst**, and **Josh Dunne** capped off the win by adding an assist.

Levi pushed his record to 17-6-2 in 25 appearances with the Amerks this season, which includes a 16-4-1 mark in his last 21 games. The Quebec native, who won five of his last seven starts, is one of five goaltenders in the league with four or more shutouts this season.

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

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Isak Rosén	46	25	20	45	8	8
Brett Murray	49	22	16	38	11	20
Lukas Rousek	49	6	27	33	10	36

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Devon Levi	25	17-6-2	599	.915	2.26
Felix Sandström	15	10-4-1	370	.900	2.90
Michael Houser	12	4-4-1	248	.800	2.92

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

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Stephen Halliday	44	15	20	35	-15	21
Garrett Pilon	43	7	27	34	3	27
Jeremy Davies	45	7	27	34	2	28

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Leevi Merilainen	19	10-4-3	412	.912	2.29
Malcolm Subban	12	6-4-2	251	.881	3.06
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** vs **Rochester Americans**

21-17-3-4	<b>Record</b>	31-14-3-1
12-8-1-2	<b>Home Record</b>	11-8-2-1
9-9-2-2	<b>Road Record</b>	20-6-1-0
5-3-2-0	<b>Last 10 Games</b>	8-2-0-0
3-3	<b>Overtime Record</b>	4-3
3-4	<b>Shootout Record</b>	3-1
9-3-2-3	<b>Record When Scoring First</b>	18-6-1-0
17.2% (22nd)	<b>Power-Play</b>	17.6% (20th)
78.3% (26th)	<b>Penalty Kill</b>	85.1% (T-3rd)
Feb. 19 @ UTC (5-2 L)	<b>Last Game</b>	Feb. 19 vs CLE (4-0 W)
David Bell (2nd)	<b>Head Coach</b>	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
Feb. 7	W	4-0	26-29	0-3	4-4



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## ROSEN TO THE OCCASION

With nine goals and 14 points in his last 10 outings, **Isak Rosén** enters the weekend with the second-most goals (25) in the AHL, just four back of Toronto's Alex Steeves. The third-year pro has already surpassed last year's mark of 20 in an astonishing 24 fewer games and is on pace to become the first Amerk to reach 30-goal mark since fellow Swede Victor Olofsson in 2018-19.

The Stockholm, Sweden, native is also tied for fifth in the AHL in scoring with 45 points in 46 games, just five points back of his 50-point (20+30) campaign from 2023-24 that saw him tie **Mason Jobst** for the team lead.

Named the AHL Player of the Week for period ending Feb. 2, Rosén leads all Amerks in goals (25), points (45), unassisted tallies (5), tied for first in power-play assists (10) and tied the lead in shots (119). The two-time AHL All-Star selection has also logged at least one point in 26 of his 46 contests this season and has been held without a point just seven 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** 22 goals this season have come on the power-play, including five which ended up being the game-winner.

Murray currently is tied for the AHL lead in power-play goals and ranks second on the Amerks with 38 points (22+16) through 49 games. He comes into the weekend with points in 15 of his last 24 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.

Murray, who is just the 27th forward in franchise history to appear in at least 308 games with the club, is two goals away from tying Amerks Hall of Famer Steve Langdon for 20th all-time in franchise history. He's also 40 games away from tying Don McSween's mark of 348 games played.



## 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 33 points (4+29) while being the only defenseman to appear in all 49 games.

Metsa has points in nearly half of his 49 contests, which included stringing together an assist in five straight games for the first time in his career. He's totaled 19 points (3+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 33 points are sixth-most amongst all AHL defenseman, six back of Syracuse's Derrick Pouliot and within one of former teammate and current Belleville Senator Jeremy Davies.

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