

# ROCHESTER AMERICANS HOCKEY CLUB

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Wed. | **Feb. 26, 2025** | 7:05 PM | The Blue Cross Arena | AHL Game 809 | AHLTV on FloHockey, The Fan Rochester

## 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 first-place Rochester Americans (33-14-3-1) close out their season-long five-game homestand tonight when they host the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins (28-13-6-1) at Blue Cross Arena for the only time this season. 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, who come into the matchup having won three straight and 10 of their last 12 games, maintain a three-point lead on Laval and Hershey atop the AHL's standings with 70 points through 51 games.

Rochester, which is also leads the AHL with 178 goals, became just the first team this season to reach the 70-point plateau. After last Saturday's win over Toronto, the Amerks have successfully reached the 70-point mark in each of the last six seasons dating back to 2017-18.

### HEAD-TO-HEAD RESULTS AGAINST THE PENGUINS

After being swept in the two-game season-series in 2017-18, Rochester has gone a near-perfect 9-2-0-1 in the dozen meetings against Wilkes-Barre/Scranton since.

Prior to being shutout 5-0 in the previous meeting back on Nov. 9, one of just six regulation losses on the road this season, the Amerks have not been held scoreless in Pennsylvania since before the 2004-05 campaign.

The Amerks have scored 12 power-play goals in their last 12 games against the Penguins dating back to the start of the 2017-18 season, going 12-for-51 (23.5%) with the man-advantage over that span.

Conversely, Rochester's penalty kill unit has successfully cleared 34 of the 37 shorthanded situations (91.9%) against in that same time frame.

Rochester is first in the AHL with 70 points, while Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, which has three games in hand, are tied for the seventh-best (63). The Amerks lead the AHL in goals (178) whereas the Pens rank fifth (168).

Amerks defenseman **Jack Rathbone** and forward **Jagger Joshua**, who was recently acquired via trade from the Penguins, were teammates last season in Wilkes-Barre/Scranton.

### LAST TIME OUT

A scoreless goaltending duel between **Devon Levi** and Toronto's Artur Akhtyamov finished in a five-round shootout with **Konsta Helenius** converting on the game-winner to lift the Amerks to a 1-0 win over the Toronto Marlies in front of over 8,000 fans Saturday at Blue Cross Arena.

Saturday was the fourth time in the last seven games the Amerks and Marlies played in a one-goal game. Rochester boasts a 5-6-0-2 record against Toronto over the last six seasons in Rochester, while also showing an 11-10-1-2 mark overall since the 2020-21 campaign.

Helenius was the only Amerk to score in the shootout whereas **Isak Rosén**, **Mason Jobst**, **Vsevolod Komarov**, and **Noah Östlund** were turned aside in the shootout victory. **Zachary Metsa**, who entered the game with back-to-back game-winning goals, led all skaters with six shots.

Levi pushed his record to 18-6-2 in 26 appearances with the Amerks this season, which includes a 17-4-1 mark in his last 22 games. The Quebec native has won six of his last eight starts while posting back-to-back shutouts and three in the month of February. With five overall, the Levi is tied for the league lead in shutouts (5) and ranks second in wins (18).

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

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Isak Rosén	48	25	23	48	9	8
Brett Murray	51	23	16	39	12	20
Lukas Rousek	51	6	28	34	8	36

### GOALTENDER

	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Devon Levi	26	18-6-2	629	.918	2.17
Felix Sandström	15	10-4-1	370	.900	2.90
Michael Houser	13	5-4-1	276	.893	2.91

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

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Emil Bemström	42	21	24	45	6	38
Ville Koivunen	48	16	28	44	3	40
Boris Katchouk	46	18	22	40	13	44

### GOALTENDER

	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Tristan Jarry	10	6-4-0	253	.917	2.31
Filip Larsson	17	8-4-3	474	.922	2.54
Joel Blomqvist*	15	7-5-3	435	.910	2.93

\*=Currently with Pittsburgh (NHL)

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

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton vs Rochester Americans

28-13-6-1	<b>Record</b>	33-14-3-1
17-5-2-1	<b>Home Record</b>	13-8-2-1
11-8-4-0	<b>Road Record</b>	20-6-1-0
5-2-2-1	<b>Last 10 Games</b>	8-2-0-0
3-6	<b>Overtime Record</b>	4-3
1-1	<b>Shootout Record</b>	4-1
24-3-4-1	<b>Record When Scoring First</b>	19-6-1-0
23.4% (1st)	<b>Power-Play</b>	19.1% (12th)
84.2% (9th)	<b>Penalty Kill</b>	85.3% (4th)
Feb. 23 @ PRO (5-4 OTL)	<b>Last Game</b>	Feb. 22 vs TOR (1-0 SOW)
Kirk McDonald (1st)	<b>Head Coach</b>	Michael Leone (1st)

### 2024-25 SERIES BREAKDOWN VS. WILKES-BARRE

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Nov. 9	L	5-0	36-28	0-2	1-2



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## ROSÉN TO THE OCCASION

With nine goals and 17 points in his last 12 outings, **Isak Rosén** enters the final week of the month second in the AHL in goals (25) and second in points (48) through 48 games this season.

The third-year pro has already surpassed last year's mark of 20 goals in an astonishing 22 fewer games and is on pace to become the first Amerk to reach 30-goal mark since fellow Swede Victor Olofsson in 2018-19.

Coming off his three-assist effort in Saturday's win over Belleville, Rosen has recorded seven multi-point outings since the turn of the new year, including three straight games with two goals.

Named the AHL Player of the Week for period ending Feb. 2, Rosén leads all Amerks in goals (25), points (48), unassisted tallies (5), power-play assists (12) and is tied for the lead in shots (123). The two-time AHL All-Star selection has been held without a point just eight 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.



## 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 34 points (5+29) while being the only defenseman to appear in all 51 games.

Metsa has points in nearly half of his 51 contests, which included stringing together an assist in five straight games for the first time in his career. He's totaled 20 points (4+16) since Dec. 22, and tallied game-winning goals in back-to-back games for the first time in his professional career.

The second-year blueliner's 34 points are eighth-most amongst all AHL defenseman, eight back of Syracuse's Derrick Pouliot and within two of former teammate and current Belleville Senator Jeremy Davies.

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



## LEVI NAMED PLAYER OF THE WEEK

The American Hockey League announced earlier this week that **Devon Levi** has been selected as the Howies Hockey/AHL Player of the Week for the period ending Feb. 23, 2025.

Levi was perfect in two starts last week, stopping all 56 shots he saw in 125 minutes of work and denying all five shootout attempts he faced as well. His back-to-back shutouts came during a perfect three-win week on home ice for the Amerks, who vaulted to the top of the American Hockey League standings with 33 wins and 70 points on the season.

Coming off back-to-back regulation losses for the first time in his AHL career, Levi made 26 saves on Wednesday night to backstop Rochester to a 4-0 win over Cleveland. Then on Saturday, he blanked Toronto with 30 saves over regulation and overtime before keeping the Marlies off the board in five rounds of the shootout, lifting the Amerks to a 1-0 victory.

Levi, who's also in consideration for Goaltender of the Month for February, now has a record of 18-6-2 in 26 games this season, ranking third in the league with a 2.17 goals-against average, sixth with a .918 save percentage and tied for first with five shutouts and second with 18 wins.

He's won six of his last eight starts, including shutout performances in three of his last four wins. The 23-year-old Quebec native also represented the Amerks at the 2025 AHL All-Star Classic earlier this month.



# DEVON LEVI



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