

ROCHESTER AMERICANS HOCKEY CLUB

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Friday | **Feb. 28, 2025** | 7:00 PM | Adirondack Bank Center | AHL Game 824 | AHLTV on FloHockey, The Fan Rochester

ROCHESTER AMERICANS GAME NOTES

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TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

After a 4-1-0-0 homestand, the Rochester Americans (34-14-3-1) take their talents back to the road beginning Friday night as they challenge the Utica Comets (19-24-4-2) at Adirondack Bank Center. Game time is slated for a 7:00 p.m. start and will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/95.0 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 are three points clear of the Laval Rocket for first place in the North Division and lead the entire AHL with 72 points.

Rochester has scored a league-leading 183 goals, which is nine more than the next closest team (Calgary). The Amerks currently lead the AHL in road wins (20) and run the AHL's fourth-ranked penalty kill at 85.5%. On the road, Rochester owns the second-best power-play at 22.2%.

HEAD-TO-HEAD RESULTS AGAINST UTICA

The Amerks have pounded on the Comets over the last two seasons, thwarting Utica away with a 17-4-1-0 mark since the start of the 2023-24 season. This season, Rochester has outscored Utica 44-24, and in the third period alone, the Amerks have dismantled the Comets by a 20-7 margin, rallying to top Utica twice in previous games.

The Amerks have won 15 of the last 16 games on the road against the Comets, the only exception being a 6-0 loss back on Nov. 11, 2023. The Amerks posted an 8-3-1-0 record through the 12-game season series during the 2023-24 campaign.

Isak Rosén (7+6), **Mason Jobst** (4+4), **Riley Fiddler-Schultz** (4+3), **Anton Wahlberg** (4+1), **Viktor Neuchev** (3+5) **Brett Murray** (3+5), **Konsta Helenius** (3+1), and **Nikita Novikov** (3+1) all have scored at least three goals against Utica this season. **Kale Clague** (2+6) and **Brendan Warren** (2+0) both have scored twice while **Lukas Rousek** (1+10) and **Zachary Metsa** (0+7) have combined for 17 assists opposite the Comets this season.

Goaltenders **Michael Houser**, **Felix Sandström**, and **Devon Levi** have combined to allow 24 goals versus the Comets, each earning at least two victories. Houser shows a 1.61 goals-against-average while Levi and Sandström have a mark of 2.52 and 2.69.

LAST TIME OUT

Rochester closed out its season-long five-game homestand on a high note, racing out to a 3-0 lead before going on to top the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins by a 5-2 final Wednesday night at The Blue Cross Arena.

Rosen, **Noah Östlund**, and **Nicolas Aube-Kubel** each scored a goal and an assist, while **Devon Levi** stopped 28 shots to secure his third straight win and 19th overall this season. With the win, the Amerks ended their homestand showing a 4-1-0-0 record, outscoring the opposition 18-10. With Laval losing earlier on Wednesday, the Amerks enter Friday three points clear of the Rocket for first in the North Division.

Rochester's penalty kill went a perfect two-for-two as their man-down situations continue to impress. Over the last 13 games, the Amerks have extinguished 44 of their 46 power-plays faced.

The Amerks ended their season series against Wilkes-Barre/Scranton with a 1-1-0-0 mark for the second consecutive season. The Penguins were the Amerks' first non-divisional opponent in 11 games. Following Wednesday, the red, white, and blue face four straight in the North Division over the course of their four-game road trip.

2024-25 AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Isak Rosén	49	26	24	50	11	8
Brett Murray	51	23	16	39	12	20
Lukas Rousek	52	6	28	34	7	36

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Devon Levi	27	19-6-2	657	.919	2.16
Felix Sandström	15	10-4-1	370	.900	2.90
Michael Houser	13	5-4-1	276	.893	2.91

2024-25 UTICA OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Nolan Foote	44	16	18	34	-3	27
Brian Halonen	42	19	10	29	6	39
Ryan Schmelzer	49	14	14	28	-8	53

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Isaac Poulter	26	11-9-5	633	.903	2.76
Jeremy Brodeur	3	2-0-0	60	.909	2.35

2024-25 HEAD-TO-HEAD BREAKDOWN

Utica Comets	Rochester Americans
19-24-4-2	Record 34-14-3-1
9-10-2-2	Home Record 14-8-2-1
10-14-2-0	Road Record 20-6-1-0
5-3-2-0	Last 10 Games 8-2-0-0
2-4	Overtime Record 4-3
0-2	Shootout Record 4-1
13-7-4-0	Record When Scoring First 20-6-1-0
18.2% (16th)	Power-Play 19.3% (12th)
78.2% (25th)	Penalty Kill 85.5% (4th)
Feb. 26 v WBS (5-2 W)	Last Game Feb. 22 @ BRI (4-2 W)

2024-25 SERIES BREAKDOWN VS. UTICA

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 12	W	4-1	40-20	0-5	2-2
Nov. 1	W	8-1	26-19	4-9	4-5
Nov. 2	W	3-2	27-30	0-1	4-5
Nov. 23	L	5-1	36-28	0-1	2-4
Dec. 4	W	3-2	23-23	0-2	2-2
Dec. 27	W	6-3	37-26	0-2	4-4
Dec. 28	W	3-2	36-25	0-0	0-0
Jan. 10	W	5-1	37-30	2-7	4-4
Jan. 29	W	7-4	30-26	1-1	3-3
Feb. 15	W	4-3	29-32	2-3	1-1



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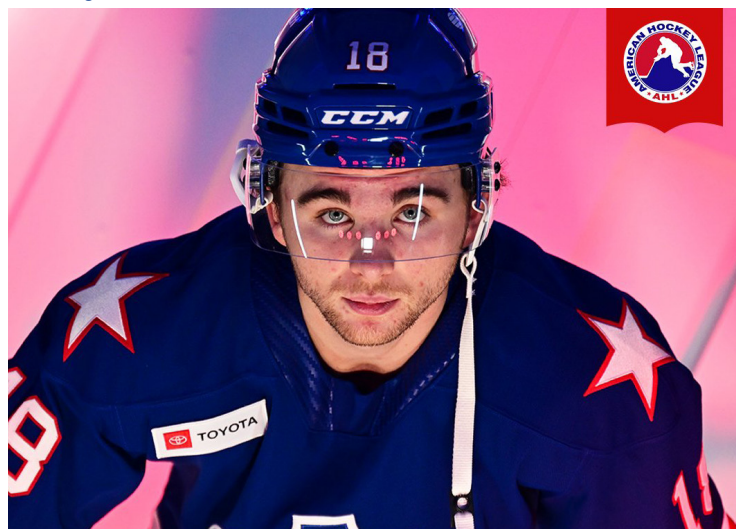
With 10 goals and 18 points in his last 13 outings, **Isak Rosén** enters the final day of February second in the AHL in goals (26) and second in points (50) through 49 games this season.

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 one-goal, one-assist effort in Wednesday's win over Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, Rosen has recorded eight multi-point outings since the turn of the new year.

Named the AHL Player of the Week for period ending Feb. 2, Rosén leads all Amerks in goals (26), points (50), unassisted tallies (5), power-play assists (13) and is tied for the lead in shots (133). The two-time AHL All-Star selection has been held without a point just nine 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.



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.

The 23-year-old followed his performance from last week with a 28-save effort Wednesday night in the team's 5-2 win over the Penguins. Levi made it past the midway point of the game without surrendering a goal. Once he did, his shutout streak ended at a remarkable 159:14.

The Sabres prospect also notched his third assist of the season, becoming the first Amerks' goaltender to tally more than two helpers since Andrew Hammond had three assists in the 2019-20 season.



OSTI, OSTI, OSTI

Noah Östlund has been among Rochester's top point-producers in the month of February. The rookie forward has eight goals and 20 points on the season, with 11 of his points (5+6) coming over the last four weeks.

The Stockholm, Sweden, native has recorded five multi-point games in February, and on Feb. 15th in Utica, the Sabres' prospect scored his first career overtime-winner to lift the Amerks to a 4-3 win over the Comets.

Since Jan. 17, Östlund has amassed 17 points (7+10) over his last 17 games. The first-year pro's reliability in both the defensive and offensive zone shows, as Östlund leads all Rochester forwards in plus/minus (+15). His plus/minus also ranks 10th across all AHL forwards.

Östlund, who turns 21 in 12 days, was plucked in the first round of the 2022 NHL Draft when Buffalo selected him 16th overall. He was drafted 12 spots ahead of **Jiri Kulich** and a year after fellow Swede **Isak Rosen** was taken in the first round of the 2021 Draft.



DEVON LEVI



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