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Sat. | Mar. 1, 2025 | 7:00 PM | Upstate Medical University Arena | AHL Game 836 | AHLTV on FloHockey, The Fan Rochester

ROCHESTER AMERICANS GAME NOTES

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TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

The Rochester Americans (34-14-3-2) keep their talents to the road for the second game of the a four-game road-swing tonight as they face the Syracuse Crunch (22-18-7-4) at Upstate Medical University Arena. Game time is slated for a 7:00 p.m. start and 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 11 games and are four points ahead of the Laval Rocket for first place in the North Division and lead the entire AHL with 73 points.

Rochester has scored a league-leading 185 goals, which is seven more than the next closest team (Calgary). The Amerks currently lead the AHL in road wins (20) and run the AHL's third-ranked penalty kill at 85.2%. On the road, Rochester owns the fourth-best power-play with a 21.2 success rate.

HEAD-TO-HEAD RESULTS AGAINST SYRACUSE

Rochester is ahead 5-3-0-0 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 3-30-5-2 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 20 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 6-4-2 with 314 saves in 12 career games against Syracuse.

LAST TIME OUT

Facing a 2-0 deficit early in the third period, the Amerks scored a pair of goals, including **Noah Östlund's** with 1:25 left in regulation, to force the game beyond regulation before the club's comeback came short in a 3-2 shootout lost to the Utica Comets at Adirondack Bank Center.

Along with Östlund finding the back of the opposition's net for the ninth time this season, fellow rookie **Konsta Helenius** also notched his ninth. **Nicolas Aubé-Kubel**, **Zachary Metsa**, **Kale Clague**, and **Lukas Rousek** all added one assist apiece in Rochester's sixth shootout of the campaign.

Rochester's penalty kill went a perfect one-for-three as their man-down situations continue to impress. Over the last 14 games, the Amerks have extinguished 46 of their 48 power-plays faced.

The Amerks finished the road portion of the season-series with the Comets by posting a 5-0-0-1 record in Utica and dating back to the start of the 2023-24 slate, show a 17-4-1-1 mark overall.

Goaltender **Michael Houser** suffered just his third defeat inside Adirondack Bank Center as he owns a 7-2-1 record in 10 appearances.

2024-25 AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Isak Rosén	50	26	24	50	11	8
Brett Murray	51	23	16	39	12	20
Lukas Rousek	53	6	29	35	8	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	14	5-4-2	292	.893	2.83

2024-25 SYRACUSE OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Derrick Pouliot	50	7	33	40	10	24
Conor Sheary	39	13	22	35	10	14
Dylan Duke	41	15	9	24	6	37

GOALTENDER

	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Brandon Halverson	30	13-9-7	700	.914	2.29
Matt Tomkins	22	9-9-4	563	.911	2.54

2024-25 HEAD-TO-HEAD BREAKDOWN

Syracuse Crunch vs Rochester Americans

22-18-7-4	Record	34-14-3-2
10-8-4-4	Home Record	14-8-2-1
12-10-3-0	Road Record	20-6-1-1
4-4-2-0	Last 10 Games	7-2-0-1
2-4	Overtime Record	4-3
0-2	Shootout Record	4-2
13-7-4-0	Record When Scoring First	20-6-1-0
14.9% (T-30th)	Power-Play	18.8% (14th)
83.2% (12th)	Penalty Kill	85.2% (3rd)
Feb. 28 vs WBS (2-0 L)	Last Game	Feb. 28 @ UTC (3-2 SOL)
Joel Bouchard (2nd)	Head Coach	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
Feb. 14	L	5-1	24-28	0-4	3-3



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ROSEN TO THE OCCASION

With 10 goals and 18 points in his last 14 outings, **Isak Rosén** enters the first day of March second in the AHL in goals (26) and second in points (50) through 50 games this season.

The third-year pro has already surpassed last year's mark of 20 goals in an astonishing 21 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 shots (136). The two-time AHL All-Star selection has been held without a point just 10 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.



OSTI, OSTI, OSTI

Noah Östlund was among Rochester's top point-producers in the month of February. The rookie forward has tallied nine goals and 21 points on the season, with 12 of his points (6+6) coming over the last four weeks.

The Stockholm, Sweden, native 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 18 points (8+10) over his last 18 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 is tied for 10th across all AHL forwards.

Östlund, who turns 21 in 11 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.



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.

DEVON LEVI



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