

# ROCHESTER AMERICANS HOCKEY CLUB

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Friday | March 7, 2025 | 7:00 PM | Place Bell | AHL Game 863 | 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: BATTLE FOR SUPREMACY

It's a battle between the top two teams in the American Hockey League tonight as the Rochester Americans (34-14-3-3) venture north of the border to begin a weekend set against the Laval Rocket (35-15-2-1) at Place Bell. The 7:00 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 at least one point in 13 of their last 15 games dating back to Jan. 25 and sit just one point ahead of Laval for first place in the North Division and the entire AHL with 74 points.

Rochester has scored the second-most goals in the AHL (188), trailing only Coachella Valley, which has played two more games than the Amerks. The Amerks currently lead the AHL in road wins (20) while the Rocket have the second-most points on home ice in the Eastern Conference at 38.

### HEAD-TO-HEAD RESULTS AGAINST ROCKET

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 14-5-1-0 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 in eight games during the 2023-24 campaign while currently showing a 2-2-1-0 record through the first five games this season, with both wins coming in Place Bell back on Nov. 20 and Dec. 11.

Throughout his career, Amerks captain **Mason Jobst** has been able to use the Rocket's jet fuel for his own momentum, amassing eight goals and 16 points against Laval through 22 career games against them.

Goaltender and Quebec native **Devon Levi** has made four career starts against Laval, earning a win in three appearances. In his first three contests versus the Rocket, Levi allowed just three combined goals before allowing four tallies on 11 shots in 36 minutes in the previous meeting on Feb. 16.

Both teams have near-perfect records when leading after the first period: Rochester is 20-3-0-1 while Laval is 17-4-0-0 in that regard.

### LAST TIME OUT

The Amerks were unable to hold on to 2-0 and 3-2 leads as a late rally from the Syracuse Crunch led to shootout where the club fell on the wrong end of a 4-3 final Saturday night at Upstate Medical University Arena.

Despite coming up short in the shootout for the second straight night, the Amerks have points in six straight games, going 4-0-0-2 over that span. Rochester has gone to the shootout in three of its last four games while showing a 1-2 mark over that span. The Amerks have not gone back-to-back games that required a shootout since the 2022-23 campaign.

Rochester continued its dominance on the penalty kill, successfully clearing off 6-of-7 man-down situations. Over the last 15 games, the Amerks have extinguished 53 of 55 shorthanded scenarios and have the second-best penalty kill in the league with an 85.5% success rate.

Rookie forwards **Anton Wahlberg** and **Noah Östlund** scored in the first period before **Jagger Joshua** netted his first as an Amerk late in the third. **Riley Fiddler-Schultz**, **Graham Slaggert**, **Zachary Metsa**, **Josh Dunne**, **Vsevolod Komarov**, and **Konsta Helenius** all tallied **Devon Levi** made 33 saves through 65 minutes, then an additional two stops in the shootout.

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

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Isak Rosén	51	26	24	50	10	10
Brett Murray	51	23	16	39	12	20
Zachary Metsa	54	5	31	36	14	12

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Devon Levi	28	19-6-3	690	.919	2.19
Felix Sandström	15	10-4-1	370	.900	2.90
Michael Houser	14	5-4-2	292	.893	2.83

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

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Alex Barré-Boulet	46	14	31	45	9	34
Laurent Dauphin	45	18	21	39	16	34
Josh Roy	44	18	15	33	2	10

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Cayden Primeau	15	13-2-0	356	.908	2.37
Connor Hughes	23	12-9-2	553	.908	2.53

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

Laval Rocket	Rochester Americans
35-15-2-1..... <b>Record</b> .....	34-14-3-3
18-6-1-1..... <b>Home Record</b> .....	14-8-2-1
17-9-1-0..... <b>Road Record</b> .....	20-6-1-2
4-4-2-0..... <b>Last 10 Games</b> .....	7-2-0-1
7-2..... <b>Overtime Record</b> .....	4-3
3-1..... <b>Shootout Record</b> .....	4-3
24-8-1-0..... <b>Record When Scoring First</b> .....	20-6-1-1
18.2% (18th)..... <b>Power-Play</b> .....	18.9% (15th)
80.6% (21st)..... <b>Penalty Kill</b> .....	85.2% (2nd)
Mar. 5 vs UTC (5-1 W)..... <b>Last Game</b> ....	Mar. 1 @ SYR (4-3 SOL)
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
Feb. 11	L	5-2	36-23	0-3	2-2



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## ROSEN TO THE OCCASION

With 10 goals and 18 points in his last 15 outings, **Isak Rosén** enters the weekend tied for third in the AHL in goals (26) and fourth in points (50) through 51 games this season.

The third-year pro has already surpassed last year's mark of 20 goals in an astonishing 20 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 last 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 11 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 10 goals and 22 points on the season, with 13 of his points (7+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 19 points (9+10) over his last 19 games. The first-year pro's reliability in both the defensive and offensive zone shows, as Östlund leads all Rochester forwards in plus/minus (+14). His plus/minus also is third across all AHL first-year forwards.

Östlund, who turns 21 in four days, was taken 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 Rosén** was taken in the first round of the 2021 Draft.

## LEVI EARNS TOP GOALTENDER HONORS FOR FEBRUARY

A week after earning AHL Player of the Week honors, **Devon Levi** was recognized again for his overall performance during the month of February as the league's top goaltender.

Levi made seven starts in February and allowed a total of 11 goals on 175 shots, good for a 5-2-0 record, a 1.66 goals-against average and a .937 save percentage. He also posted three shutouts while leading Rochester atop the AHL standings in the process.

Levi made 29 saves in a 4-0 win over Belleville on Feb. 7, and turned aside 21 of 22 shots to help the Amerks to a 5-1 win in Cleveland on Feb. 11. After getting pulled in the second period of a loss to Laval on Feb. 16, Levi responded with back-to-back shutouts, making 26 saves in a 4-0 win over Cleveland on Feb. 19 and stopping 30 shots in regulation and overtime plus all five shootout attempts to earn a 1-0 win over Toronto on Feb. 22. Levi closed out the month by registering 28 saves in a 5-2 win over Wilkes-Barre/Scranton on Feb. 28.

Levi currently has a record of 19-6-3 in 28 games for Rochester this season, ranking fourth in the league with a 2.19 goals-against average, fifth with a .919 save percentage and tied for first with five shutouts. The 23-year-old native of Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Que., represented the Amerks at the 2025 AHL All-Star Classic last month, and has made nine NHL appearances with Buffalo in 2024-25 as well.



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