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ROCHESTER AMERICANS GAME NOTES

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TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

The Rochester Americans (34-15-3-3) return to the Flower City looking to get back on the winning track tonight as they open a three-game homestand against the Charlotte Checkers (31-17-3-3) 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 earned at least one point in 13 of their last 17 games dating back to Jan. 25 and sit three points behind Laval for first place in the North Division with 74 points.

Rochester has scored the second-most goals in the AHL (192), trailing only Wilkes-Barre/Scranton. The Amerks currently lead the AHL in road wins (20) while the Checkers are tied for fifth in the Eastern Conference with 14 and rank seventh in points outside the Queen City.

HEAD-TO-HEAD RESULTS AGAINST THE CHECKERS

It's the first time Charlotte appears in the Flower City since Dec. 8, 2023. The two teams met twice this past December in the Queen City, where each club skated out of Bojangles' Coliseum with a shutout win. Tonight is the third of four meetings this season, with the series finale coming just nine days from now with on Friday, March 21 at Blue Cross Arena.

Since the start of the 2022-23 season, **Brett Murray** (2+7), **Lukas Rousek** (1+5), and **Isak Rosén** (2+2) have combined for five goals and 19 points against the Checkers. Murray and Rousek have appeared in all 10 games versus Charlotte while Rosén skated in all but one contest.

Netminder **Devon Levi** blanked the Checkers back on Dec. 7, which marked his second in eight days after securing his first pro shutout. Levi became the first Amerks goaltender since Malcolm Subban to shut out Charlotte on Dec. 17, 2022.

Goaltenders **Michael Houser** (6-3-2) and **Felix Sandström** (5-6-0) have each posted a four-win season against Charlotte in their respective careers and together show an 11-10-2 combined record. Houser's (4-0-1) came in 2014-15 with San Antonio while Sandström (4-1-0) was nearly perfect opposite the Checkers during the 2023-24 campaign with Lehigh Valley.

Charlotte's current roster boasts four former Amerks in forwards Rasmus Asplund, Kyle Crisculo, Zac Dalpe and 2018 AHL All-Star Challenge MVP C.J. Smith.

LAST TIME OUT

For a third straight game and second time in less than 24 hours, the Amerks carried a one-goal lead into the third period that they were unable to hold on to. A pair of goals from the Laval Rocket, including the game-winner with 41 seconds remaining in regulation, saw the home team skate away with a 2-1 win Saturday afternoon at Place Bell in the second straight meeting between the AHL's top two teams.

Despite the loss, Rochester has picked up at least one point in 18 of its last 25 road games in Laval, going 16-7-2-0 over that span.

Graham Slaggert scored the lone goal of the contest for Rochester, while **Devon Levi** made 27 saves in his second straight start of the weekend. **Jagger Joshua** posted the assist on Slaggert's goal and now has points in two of his last three games.

The Amerks closed out their four-game road swing going 0-2-0-2, tying their longest winless streak of the season at four games.

2024-25 AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Isak Rosén*	51	26	24	50	10	10
Brett Murray	53	23	17	40	12	20
Zachary Metsa	56	5	32	37	13	14

*currently on NHL recall

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Devon Levi	30	19-8-3	745	.917	2.25
Felix Sandström	15	10-4-1	370	.900	2.90
Michael Houser	14	5-4-2	292	.893	2.83

2024-25 CHARLOTTE OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
John Leonard	54	25	18	43	17	12
Trevor Carrick	50	10	31	41	-3	42
Rasmus Asplund	51	17	19	36	-3	14

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Ken Appleby	21	12-8-1	411	.905	2.05
Kaapo Kähkönen	24	6-16-1	563	.888	3.23

2024-25 HEAD-TO-HEAD BREAKDOWN

Charlotte Checkers vs **Rochester Americans**

31-17-3-3	Record	34-16-3-3
17-11-2-0	Home Record	14-8-2-1
14-6-1-3	Road Record	20-7-1-2
6-3-0-1	Last 10 Games	5-3-0-2
4-3	Overtime Record	4-3
2-3	Shootout Record	4-3
24-4-1-2	Record When Scoring First	20-8-1-1
21.8% (5th)	Power-Play	18.9% (7th)
86.7% (1st)	Penalty Kill	85.6% (2nd)
Mar. 9 vs LV (3-2 L)	Last Game	Mar. 8 @ LAV (2-1 L)
Geordie Kinnear (5th)	Head Coach	Michael Leone (1st)

2024-25 SERIES BREAKDOWN VS. CHARLOTTE

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Dec. 6	L	6-0	19-35	0-4	2-3
Dec. 7	W	3-0	19-30	0-4	2-2



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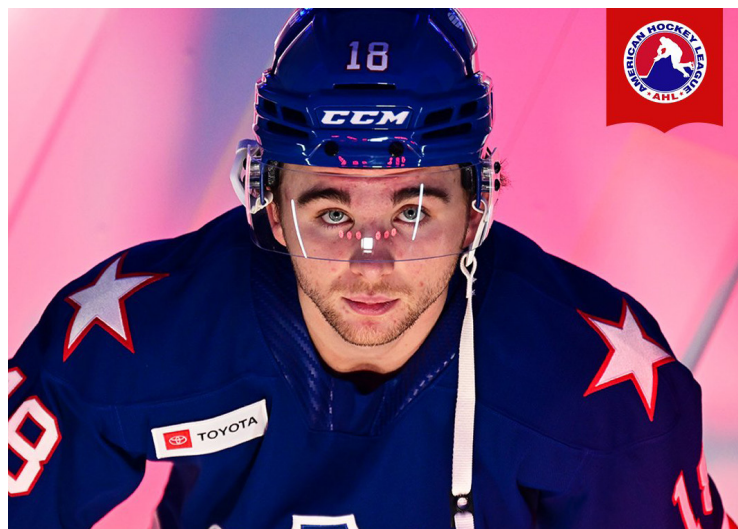
With 10 goals and 18 points in his last 15 outings, **Isak Rosén**, who's currently on recall with the Buffalo Sabres, enters the week tied for third in the AHL in goals (26) and seventh in points (50) through 51 games this season.

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 back on the Feb. 26 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 (6), power-play assists (12) and ranks second in 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 10 appearances and 10 shots with the Sabres to date, including three this season.



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Noah Östlund was among Rochester's top point-producers in the month of February. The rookie forward has tallied 11 goals and 23 points on the season, with 14 of his points (8+6) coming over the last four weeks. He's also found the back of the net in four of his last five games.

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 20 points (10+10) over his last 21 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 is also the seventh-best mark across all AHL first-year forwards.

Östlund, who turned 21 on Tuesday, 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 19-8-3 in 30 games for Rochester this season, ranking fifth in the league with a 2.25 goals-against average, sixth with a .917 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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