

ROCHESTER AMERICANS HOCKEY CLUB

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ROCHESTER AMERICANS GAME NOTES

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TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

The Rochester Americans (41-20-4-3) and first-place Laval Rocket (44-18-3-2) meet for the eighth and final time in the regular season as the North Division rivals close out their season series tonight at Blue Cross Arena. The divisional matchup will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM The Fan Rochester, beginning at 7:05 p.m. tonight, as well as AHLTV on FloHockey. The contests will also be televised locally on CW Rochester.

Both teams have secured home-ice advantage through the North Division Semifinals, but the race for first continues as the Amerks hold 89 standings points, ranking four back of Laval at 93. The Rocket also have a game in hand on Rochester coming into the weekend.

Rochester has scored the most goals in the Eastern Conference (230) and is one of only two North Division teams (Laval) with 200 or more goals while also sitting tied with Hershey for first in the league in road wins (23).

HEAD-TO-HEAD RESULTS AGAINST ROCKET

Rochester has picked up at least one point in 18 of its first 26 road games in Laval, going 16-8-2-0 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.

Prior to this 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 2-4-1-0 record through the first seven 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 nine goals and 17 points through 24 career games against Laval.

Goaltender and Quebec native **Devon Levi** has made six 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 nine tallies in the his last three games.

Both teams have near-perfect records when leading after the first period: Rochester is 24-4-0-1 while Laval is 22-4-0-0 in that regard. Additionally, the Amerks show a 30-4-2-1 mark when showing a lead entering the final period of regulation whereas the Rocket are 26-3-0-1. Lastly, they also have posted double digits in wins (ROC-14) (LAV-10) in three-goal games.

LAST TIME OUT

The Amerks carried a 2-0 lead into the third period but ultimately were unable to stop a desperate Belleville Senators team from scoring four straight unanswered goals in the final frame to a come away with a 4-2 win Wednesday night at Blue Cross Arena.

With the loss, Rochester fell to 41-20-4-3 on the season, continuing to hold onto second place in the North Division and third overall in the AHL with 89 points entering the final four games of the regular season.

Forwards **Riley Fiddler-Schultz** and **Brett Murray** each scored for Rochester, with Fiddler-Schultz posting his second straight multi-point game (1+1) against the Senators.

Goaltender **Devon Levi** made 33 saves and managed to keep Belleville off the scoreboard through the first two periods. The second-year pro continues to lead the Eastern Conference with 24 wins.

2024-25 AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Isak Rosén	59	28	27	55	7	10
Brett Murray	62	26	21	47	13	29
Zachary Metsa	66	6	38	44	16	16

GOALTENDER

	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Devon Levi	39	24-11-4	974	.920	2.19
Felix Sandström	18	12-5-1	432	.898	2.83
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	60	21	37	58	14	42
Laurent Dauphin	59	25	29	54	22	52
Sean Farrell	63	18	23	41	5	10

GOALTENDER

	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Cayden Primeau	24	19-2-2	573	.924	2.00
Connor Hughes	29	15-12-2	682	.905	2.58

2024-25 HEAD-TO-HEAD BREAKDOWN

Laval Rocket vs Rochester Americans

44-18-3-2.....	Record	41-20-4-3
23-8-2-1.....	Home Record	18-11-3-1
21-10-1-1.....	Road Record	22-9-1-2
6-2-1-1.....	Last 10 Games	6-3-1-0
7-3.....	Overtime Record	4-4
3-2.....	Shootout Record	5-3
30-8-2-1.....	Record When Scoring First	25-10-2-1
19.1% (T-9th).....	Power-Play	18.8% (13th)
83.3% (11th).....	Penalty Kill	85.7% (3rd)
Apr. 6 @ ABB (4-3 L).....	Last Game	Apr. 9 vs BEL (4-2 L)
Pascal Vincent (1st).....	Head Coach	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. 16	L	5-2	36-23	0-3	2-2
Mar. 7	L	4-3	25-32	1-2	4-4
Mar. 8	L	2-1	24-29	0-3	2-2



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AMERKS PUNCH PLAYOFF TICKET

With last Wednesday's 4-2 win over Springfield, Rochester officially clinched a Calder Cup Playoff berth for the sixth straight season and the 50th time in the 69-year history of the franchise.

The Amerks became just the second North Division team to punch their ticket to the postseason, joining the Laval Rocket.

By way of clinching, **Michael Leone** became the third straight bench boss to lead his team to the postseason in his first year as head coach, joining **Seth Appert** and **Chris Taylor**.

The victory was the 40th of the season, marking Rochester's first 40-win campaign since 2018-19. Leone became the first head coach to reach the 40-win mark in his first season since Hall of Famer **Randy Cunneynworth** in 2000-01.

The Amerks are 48-43 all-time over 91 playoff series.

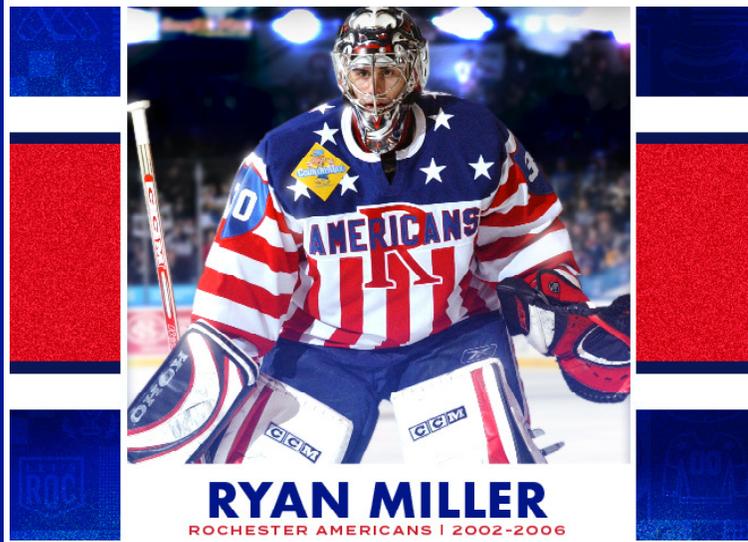
WELCOME TO THE HALL OF FAME

Tonight the Amerks will induct former goaltender and two-time AHL All-Star **Ryan Miller** into the Amerks Hall of Fame as the Class of 2025.

One of the most decorated goaltenders in franchise history, Miller appeared in 172 career games over parts of four seasons (2002-06) with the Amerks, posting a 92-61-16 record with a 2.34 goals-against average and a .922 save percentage. The two-time AHL All-Star selection also finished with 15 shutouts, tying for second-most in franchise history behind only fellow Amerks Hall of Famer Bobby Perreault, while his 2.34 goals-against average remains the 10th-best in team history. His 92 wins are fourth all-time.

Miller, who becomes just the seventh netminder to be enshrined in the Amerks Hall of Fame, reached the 20-win mark and led Rochester to the postseason in each of his first three seasons with the Amerks. In 26 career playoff appearances, he boasted a 13-13 record with a 2.37 goals-against average, .916 save percentage and two shutouts. He also saw time in 18 contests with the Buffalo Sabres, the team that selected him in the fifth round (138th overall) in the 1999 NHL Draft, including 15 during his rookie season.

His best season as an Amerk came during the 2004-05 campaign when he backstopped the Amerks to an AHL-best 51-19-4-6 record, helping Rochester claim the Macgregor Kilpatrick Trophy as regular-season champions and earning him his second straight AHL All-Star selection. He was also named the recipient of the Aldege "Baz" Bastien Memorial Award as the top AHL's top goaltender and Amerks MVP.



MARCH MADNESS FOR ÖSTLUND

Noah Östlund was among Rochester's top point-producers in the month of February and March, which earned him his first career NHL recall on Friday morning. The rookie forward has tallied 19 goals and 36 points on the season, with 27 of his points (16+11) coming since Feb. 1. He's also found the back of the net in each of his last six games, which began with his first AHL hat trick on March 22 at Syracuse.

Östlund, who was named the Player of the Week for the period ending March 30, was also named the league's Rookie of the Month as he recorded nine goals and five assists for 14 points in 11 games for Rochester in March.

A first-round choice (16th overall) by Buffalo in the 2022 NHL Draft, Östlund has totaled 19 goals and 17 assists for 36 points in 44 games with the Amerks this season. The 21-year-old native of Stockholm, Sweden, leads all AHL rookies in plus/minus rating at plus-20, and his 15 goals since the All-Star break are fourth-most in the entire league.

Östlund's recent success earned the rookie forward his first-ever call-up to the Buffalo Sabres last Friday. He made his NHL debut at home against Tampa Bay on April 5. He becomes the second Amerks forward this season to make his NHL debut with the Sabres, joining **Tyson Kozak**, who has five points in 21 appearances with the big club since making his debut Dec. 5.



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