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★ STAR PLAYERS ★

ETHEN FRANK

Frank has showed no signs of slowing down. The AHL All-Star entered the week as Hershey's top point-getter with 15 points through his first 16 games and currently ranks second in the league behind only Calgary's Rory Kerins with 11 goals.

GRAHAM SLAGGERT

Slaggert is already within three goals of matching his previous career-high and is off to his best start since turning pro at the end of the 2021-22 campaign. He enters the weekend showing four points over his last seven games.





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24	25	26	27  7:05	28	29  7:05	30  5:00

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GOALTENDERS (3)	HT	WT	DOB	BIRTHPLACE	C	2023-24 CLUB	LEAGUE	GP	MIN	W-L-OT	GAA	SV%	DRAFT STATUS
27 Levi, Devon	6-0	192	12-27-01	Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Quebec	L	Buffalo Rochester	NHL AHL	23 26	1,295 1,561	10-8-2 16-6-4	3.10 2.42	.899 .927	2020, 7 th Round
29 Houser, Michael [^]	6-1	195	9-13-92	Youngstown OH	L	Rochester Jacksonville	AHL ECHL	7 23	319 1,290	3-1-1 10-10-2	3.39 2.56	.871 .907	Undrafted
32 Sandström, Felix	6-2	214	1-12-97	Garle, Sweden	L	Philadelphia Lehigh Valley	NHL AHL	5 24	263 1,411	1-2-0 13-7-3	3.87 3.15	.823 .884	2015, 3 rd Round

SKATERS (22)	HT	WT	DOB	BIRTHPLACE	S	2023-24 CLUB	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	DRAFT STATUS
3 Poolman, Colton (D)	6-1	200	12-18-95	East Grand Forks, MN	L	Calgary	AHL	66	3	3	6	4	8	Undrafted
5 Rathbone, Jack (D)	5-10	185	5-20-99	Boston, MA	L	W-B/Scranton	AHL	67	8	16	24	12	21	2017, 4 th Round
7 Prow, Ethan [^] (D)	5-11	182	11-17-92	Sauk Rapids, MN	R	Rochester	AHL	56	4	15	19	-7	6	Undrafted
11 Rousek, Lukas (RW)	5-11	202	4-20-99	Ostrov nad Ohri, Czechia	R	Buffalo Rochester	NHL AHL	15 51	0 10	2 31	2 41	-1 -5	0 16	2019, 6 th Round
12 Fiddler-Schultz, Riley (C)	6-0	200	5-13-02	Fort Saskatchewan, AB	L	Rochester Jacksonville	AHL ECHL	6 51	1 23	0 20	1 43	-5 12	10 26	Undrafted
19 Slaggert, Graham (C)	5-11	195	4-6-99	South Bend, IN	L	Rochester	AHL	46	6	6	12	-1	24	Undrafted
22 Metsa, Zach (D)	5-9	195	10-19-98	Delafield, WI	R	Rochester	AHL	54	7	17	24	15	16	Undrafted
23 Johnson, Ryan (D)	6-1	195	7-24-01	Newport Beach, CA	R	Buffalo Rochester	NHL AHL	41 27	0 0	7 9	7 9	3 5	12 6	2019, 1 st Round
26 Jobst, Mason (C)	5-8	185	2-17-94	Speedway, IN	L	Rochester	AHL	64	22	28	50	-9	49	Undrafted
44 Kozak, Tyson (C)	5-11	185	12-29-02	Souris, MB	L	Rochester	AHL	41	5	7	12	-5	14	2021, 7 th Round
45 Warren, Brendan (RW)	6-0	194	5-7-97	Carleton, MI	L	Rochester	AHL	3	5	1	6	1	27	Undrafted
52 Kisakov, Aleksandr (LW)	5-10	170	11-1-02	Solikamsk, Russia	L	Rochester	AHL	32	5	8	13	-1	12	2021, 2 nd Round
55 Dunne, Josh (C)	6-4	211	12-8-98	O'Fallon, MO	L	Cleveland	AHL	25	2	5	7	5	24	Undrafted
56 Clogue, Kale (D)	6-0	190	6-5-98	Regina, SASK	L	Buffalo Rochester	NHL AHL	3 42	0 3	1 20	1 23	0 -8	2 52	2016, 2 nd Round
71 Tullio, Tyler (RW)	5-11	185	4-5-02	Detroit, MI	R	Bakersfield	AHL	54	9	12	21	-1	36	2020, 5 th Round
74 Novikov, Nikita (D)	6-4	205	7-25-03	Moscow, Russia	L	Rochester	AHL	65	3	20	23	20	42	2021, 6 th Round
79 Neuchev, Viktor (LW)	5-11	171	10-25-03	Chelyabinsk, Russia	L	Rochester	AHL	57	11	17	28	10	8	2022, 3 rd Round
81 Murray, Brett (LW)	6-5	228	7-20-98	Bolton, ON	L	Buffalo Rochester	NHL AHL	2 54	0 17	0 15	0 32	-1 -9	2 36	2016, 4 th Round
83 Komarov, Vsevolod [*] (D)	6-4	208	1-11-04	Chelyabinsk, Russia	R	Quebec Drummondville	QMJHL QMJHL	22 38	3 11	16 39	19 50	3 44	51 54	2022, 5 th Round
86 Östlund, Noah [*] (LW)	5-11	171	3-11-04	Stockholm, Sweden	L	Rochester Växjö HC	AHL SHL	2 38	0 12	1 11	1 23	1 12	2 4	2022, 1 st Round
91 Helenius, Konsta [*] (C)	5-11	189	5-11-06	Ylöjärvi, Finland	R	Jukurit Mikkeli	SM-liiga	51	14	22	36	-3	10	2024, 1 st Round
92 Wahlberg, Anton [*] (C)	6-4	198	7-4-05	Malmö, Sweden	L	Rochester Malmö	AHL SHL	9 43	1 5	3 5	4 10	1 2	6 4	2023, 2 nd Round

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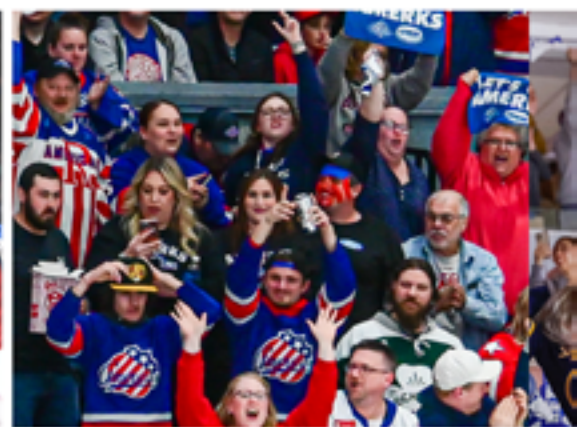
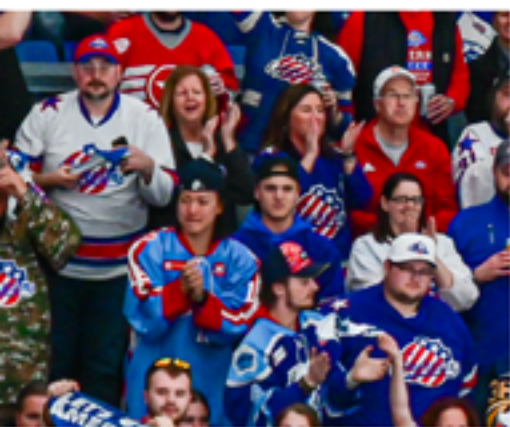
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A Message from **The President**

Dear Fans,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2024-25 American Hockey League season, the latest chapter in a tradition of excellence that can be traced back to our league's founding nearly nine decades ago.

The AHL is as proud as ever of its role as the top development league for nearly all of the players, coaches, executives, trainers, broadcasters and officials who you see throughout the National Hockey League today. Generations of our great fans have cheered on future superstars, Stanley Cup champions and Hockey Hall of Famers as they have come through the AHL.

This season is sure to be another memorable one, from the excitement of opening night to the pageantry of the AHL All-Star Classic in Coachella Valley to the pure emotion of the Calder Cup Playoffs.

On behalf of all of our teams, thank you for your continuing support of the AHL.

Sincerely,

Scott Howson
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BY THE NUMBERS

87.0%

Percentage of all NHL players in 2023-24 who were graduates of the AHL

890

Former AHL players who skated in the NHL last season

349

AHL players who also played in the NHL in 2023-24

251

Former 1st- and 2nd-round NHL draft picks who skated in the AHL in 2023-24

THE BEGINNINGS

Embarking on its **89th season** in 2024-25, the American Hockey League is continuing a tradition of excellence that began in 1936 when the Canadian-American Hockey League joined with the International Hockey League to form what is today known as the AHL. Eight teams hit the ice that first season, representing Buffalo, Cleveland, New Haven, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Providence, Springfield and Syracuse.

Frank Calder, the National Hockey League's president at the time, was instrumental in the forming of this new league, and his name would be given to its championship trophy. **The first Calder Cup was won by the Syracuse Stars in 1937; the Hershey Bears captured their league-best 13th championship last spring.**

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▶ THE PLAYERS

In today's National Hockey League nearly 90 percent of the players are AHL alumni,

including 2023-24 Vezina Trophy winner **Connor Hellebuyck**, Lady Byng Trophy recipient **Jacob Slavin** and Bill Masterton Trophy winner **Connor Ingram**. The 2024 Stanley Cup champion Florida Panthers were stocked with AHL graduates including former league scoring champion **Carter Verhaeghe** and two-time AHL All-Star **Brandon Montour**.

During the 2023-24 season, a total of **890 AHL alumni** played in the National Hockey League. There were **349 players** who skated in both leagues last year alone, and **251 former first- and second-round NHL draft picks** developed their skills in the AHL last season, including **Shane Wright**, **David Jiricek**, **Jiri Kulich**, **Lukas Reichel**, **Marco Kasper**, **Brad Lambert**, **Yaroslav Askarov**, **Brandt Clarke** and 2024 Calder Cup Playoffs MVP **Hendrix Lapierre**.

▶ THE LEGENDS

For nearly nine decades, the American Hockey League has been home to some of the greatest players in the history of our sport. In fact, **there are 133 honored members of the Hockey Hall of Fame who have been affiliated with the AHL during their careers.** All-time greats from **Milt Schmidt** and **Gump Worsley** to **Roberto Luongo** and **Martin St. Louis** came through the AHL ranks and now find themselves enshrined in Toronto, and the coveted Calder Cup is inscribed with the names of legendary AHL alumni like **Johnny Bower**, **Larry Robinson**, **Gerry Cheevers**, **Andy Bathgate**, **Tim Horton**, **Al Arbour**, **Emile Francis**, **Patrick Roy**, **Doug Harvey** and **Billy Smith**.

▶ THE COACHES

At the start of the 2024-25 season, the National Hockey League featured **22 head coaches who were former AHL bench bosses**, including **Paul Maurice** of the 2024 Stanley Cup champion Florida Panthers and **Kris Knoblauch** of the Western Conference champion Edmonton Oilers.

Tampa Bay's **Jon Cooper**, New Jersey's **Sheldon Keefe**, San Jose's **Ryan Warsofsky**, Colorado's **Jared Bednar**, Washington's **Spencer Carbery** and Seattle's **Dan Bylsma** are also among the current NHL coaches who spent time in the American Hockey League before making the jump.



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