

ROCHESTER AMERICANS HOCKEY CLUB

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Friday | **October 8, 2021** | 7:00 PM ET | Adirondack Bank Center | Preseason Game 12



GAME NOTES



TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

The Rochester Americans open their 2021 preseason schedule tonight as they head east for a North Division showdown with the intrastate rival Utica Comets at the Adirondack Bank Center. Game time is slated for 7:00 p.m.

Following Friday's matchup, the Amerks and the new-look Comets, who enter their first season as the primary affiliate of the New Jersey Devils, will meet a total of 12 times during the 2021-22 regular season, beginning when the cross-town foes meet in Utica for the season-opener on Oct. 17.

After the season-opener at 3:00 p.m., the teams are idle until the Comets, led by AHL veteran coach Kevin Dineen, make their first trip to the Flower City on Nov. 17 as part of a four-game homestand for the Amerks.

HEAD-TO-HEAD RESULTS AGAINST UTICA

After earning points in four of the first six games of the season series with the Comets in 2020-21, Rochester finished the campaign with a 4-6-0-1 record in 11 games.

The Amerks scored at least one power-play goal in 18 of their 29 games last season and registered multiple power-play tallies in four overall, including a season-high three against Syracuse on April 3 and on April 23 against Utica.

Rochester and Utica ranked first and third in the North Division with a 25.0% and 19.4% success rate on the power-play, respectively. They were also inside the top 10 on the man-advantage across the American Hockey League.

Rochester has collected at least one point in 24 of the last 36 games against Utica dating back to the start of the 2017-18 campaign, going 18-14-2-4 over that span. In the last 36 games, the Comets have outscored the Amerks 113-105 while Rochester has outshot Utica 1,235 to 1,206.

PRESEASON WRAPS UP SUNDAY IN ROCHESTER

The Amerks wrap up their 2021 preseason schedule against the Syracuse Crunch at The Blue Cross Arena on Sunday, Oct. 10. Puck drop is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. The matchup will be the first contest that fans will be in attendance for a Rochester game since Mar. 11, 2019.

AMERKS HOME OPENER SET FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

Rochester begins its 66th American Hockey League season, presented exclusively by Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino, at home on Friday, Oct. 22 against Syracuse at The Blue Cross Arena.

New for this season is the Kinecta Federal Credit Union Value Zone, offering \$10 tickets for all 38 Amerks home games exclusively in sections 227 and 203.

Season Ticket Memberships are also on sale, offering a wide array of benefits, and are available in full, half-season and quarter-season quantities. Additionally, Amerks Flex Packs, consisting of either 16 or eight vouchers that can be used for any regular-season home game in any denomination, can be purchased for Best Available seating in each zone.

Individual game tickets for the 2021-22 season can be purchased at The Blue Cross Arena Box Office, online at www.amerks.com or by phone by calling 585-454-5335.

2020-21 AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Brett Murray	27	9	11	20	23	-7
Remi Elie	28	10	9	19	14	-1
Michael Mersch	28	8	11	19	24	1
Oskari Laaksonen	28	2	15	17	6	-6

GOALTENDER

	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Michael Houser	4	1-3-0	110	.924	2.33
Dustin Tokarski	2	1-1-0	68	.932	2.51
Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen	14	7-5-2	389	.888	3.60

2020-21 COMETS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Sam Anas	23	4	19	23	2	-7
Lukas Jasek	28	4	19	23	8	-5
Jonah Gadjovich	19	15	3	18	17	5
Nolan Stevens	27	6	12	18	6	-1

GOALTENDER

	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Jon Gillies	5	3-1-1	110	.902	2.37
Jake Kielly	7	4-2-0	165	.878	3.62
Joel Hofer	10	4-6-0	272	.898	3.33

2020-21 HEAD-TO-HEAD BREAKDOWN

Utica Comets vs **Rochester Americans**

16-11-0-1.....	Record	11-15-2-1
11-2-0-0.....	Home Record	4-9-2-0
5-9-0-1.....	Road Record	7-6-0-1
14-3-0-1.....	Record When Scoring First	7-5-1-0
3.18 (10th).....	Goals-For Per Game	3.07 (16th)
3.14 (14th).....	Goals-Against Per Game	4.00 (28th)
19.4% (9th).....	Power-Play	25.0% (3rd)
81.8% (T-17th).....	Penalty Kill	75.2% (26th)

2020-21 ROAD SERIES BREAKDOWN VS. UTICA

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Feb. 26	L	7-2	26-39	1-7	2-3
Mar. 10	SOL	3-2	34-38	1-4	4-4
Apr. 9	W	4-2	25-36	1-5	4-5
Apr. 30	L	7-1	21-40	0-4	5-7
May 12	L	3-1	34-37	0-2	4-4



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