

ROCHESTER AMERICANS HOCKEY CLUB

SIX-TIME CALDER CUP CHAMPIONS 1965 | 1966 | 1968 | 1983 | 1987 | 1996

Saturday | **October 23, 2021** | 4:00 PM ET | Coca-Cola Coliseum | Game 56 | AHL TV, ESPN Rochester



GAME NOTES



TODAY'S GAME OVERVIEW

For the first time since the 2019-20 season, the Amerks head north of the border as they begin a four-game Canadian road swing this afternoon against the Toronto Marlies at Coca-Cola Coliseum. The 4:00 p.m. matchup will be the first contest between the two teams since Feb. 8, 2020 and will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester as well as AHLTV.

The Amerks and the Marlies will meet a total of six times during the 2021-22 campaign, with tonight's matchup representing the first of three in Toronto. Following today's matchup, the teams are idle until the Marlies make their first trip to Rochester on Nov. 3.

HEAD-TO-HEAD RESULTS AGAINST TORONTO

After starting the season-series with a 1-3-0-0 record against the Marlies in 2017-18, Rochester has gone 9-3-1-0 in the last 13 meetings since, which includes a near-perfect 5-1-0-0 mark in 2018-19.

The Amerks have scored a power-play goal in 10 of their last 28 games against Marlies dating back to the 2016-17 season, going 15-for-90 (16.7%) with the man-advantage over that span. Conversely, Rochester's penalty kill unit has successfully cleared 79 of the 92 opportunities (85.6%).

Since the start of the 2016-17 season, Rochester has outscored Toronto 88-84, while the Marlies have outshot the Amerks 865-854. There have been five shutouts since 2016-17 with four of the five coming in Toronto.

Over the last 28 games in the head-to-head series with the Marlies, the Amerks have scored two or more goals in 22 contests, which includes nine games where they have produced five or more tallies.

Rochester's last win in Canada against Toronto was on March 24, 2019 as the club erased a 4-1 deficit early in the third period before earning a 5-4 overtime win. The Amerks scored the game-tying goal with the goaltender pulled for an extra-attacker as there was 27 seconds left in regulation before claiming the come-from-behind victory just 17 seconds into overtime.

ROCHESTER'S HOME OPENER

Rookie forwards **Jack Quinn** and **JJ Peterka** each scored once and added two assists to lift the Amerks to a 5-3 victory over the Syracuse Crunch in the team's 2021-22 Home Opener Friday at The Blue Cross Arena.

With the win, Rochester has collected at least one point in 22 of the last 34 games against Syracuse dating back to the start of the 2018-19 campaign, going 18-12-3-1 over that span. Additionally, last night's contest was the seventh time the Crunch have served as Rochester's home-opening opponent, including three times in the last five years. The Amerks improved to 6-1-0-0 all-time in home-opening matchups against Syracuse.

While both Quinn and Peterka each tallied their first multi-point efforts of the campaign, **Sean Malone** and defenseman **Ethan Prow** and **Josh Teves** all rounded out the scoring for Rochester. Prow and Teves' markers were their first points as Amerks while **Linus Weissbach** picked up his first pro point with an assist on Rochester's first goal of the game.

Goaltender **Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen** earned his second start in the net and he made 21 saves to even his record on the season to 1-1-0 while also picking up an assist for his first career AHL point.

2021-22 AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Jack Quinn	2	2	2	4	2	2
Sean Malone	2	1	2	3	4	2
JJ Peterka	2	1	2	3	0	2
Casey Fitzgerald	2	1	0	1	5	1

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen	2	1-1-0	39	.813	4.51

2021-22 TORONTO OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Kirill Semyonov	2	0	3	3	0	0
Josh Ho-Sang	1	2	0	2	0	2
Brett Seney	2	2	0	2	4	2
Joseph Duszak	1	0	2	2	6	1

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Erik Källgren	2	1-1-0	64	.914	3.00

HEAD-TO-HEAD BREAKDOWN

Toronto Marlies	Rochester Americans
1-1-0-0	Record 1-1-0-0
1-1-0-0	Home Record 1-0-0-0
0-0-0-0	Road Record 0-1-0-0
1-1-0-0	Last 10 Games 1-1-0-0
1-0-0-0	Record When Scoring First 0-1-0-0
2.50 (21st)	Goals-For Per Game 3.50 (T-9th)
3.00 (T-17th)	Goals-Against Per Game 4.50 (XX)
20.0% (T-15th)	Power-Play 00.0% (T-29th)
90.9% (7th)	Penalty Kill 77.8% (16th)
5-0 L @ MB	Last Game 5-3 W vs. SYR
Oct. 24 vs. CLE	Next Game Oct. 27 @ BEL



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APPERT YEAR TWO

Seth Appert is in his second season as head coach of the Amerks in 2021-22 after being named to the position on August 18, 2020.

In his first campaign behind the Amerks bench, he guided the team to an 11-15-2-1 record over a condensed 29-game season in 2020-21. Despite the shortened season, however, player development was still very much a priority for Appert and his staff as evidenced by more than a dozen players earning recalls to the parent Buffalo Sabres, including Appert himself at one point. Excluding **Andrew Oglevie** and **Casey Fitzgerald**, who were recalled to the team's taxi squad but never saw any game action, nine made their Sabres debuts and five made their National Hockey League debuts.

Rochester also had five different goaltenders dress during the 2020-21 season, the most since the club used seven in 2014-15. All three goaltenders to play with both Rochester and Buffalo earned a win with each club, with both **Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen** and **Michael Houser** picking up their first NHL victories, respectively.

PECA RETURNS TO SABRES ORGANIZATION

Michael Peca enters his first season as an assistant coach with the Amerks after being named to the position on August 3, 2021.

As a player, Peca's professional playing career spanned 14 seasons and 864 games in the National Hockey League with the Vancouver Canucks, Buffalo Sabres, New York Islanders, Edmonton Oilers, Toronto Maple Leafs and Columbus Blue Jackets. A four-time 20-goal scorer, he recorded 465 points (176+289) and added 34 points (15+19) in 97 playoff contests while twice guiding his team to the Stanley Cup Final, including in 1999 as captain of the Sabres.

The Toronto, Ontario, native is also a two-time winner of the Frank J. Selke Trophy, given annually "to the forward who best excels in the defensive aspects of the game." He was first awarded the honor following the 1996-97 season, becoming the first Sabres forward since Craig Ramsay in 1984-85 to win the award. He was the recipient again just five years later in 2001-02 as a member of the Islanders.

HEAD OF THE (DRAFT) CLASS

The Amerks currently own two of the AHL's top scoring rookies in **Jack Quinn** and **JJ Peterka**, who have combined for seven points (3+4) through their first two games of the season.

Quinn, Buffalo's eighth overall pick in 2020, comes into the weekend tied for the league lead in goals (2) and tied for third in points (4) among all AHL rookies. His four points also place him inside the league's top 10 point-getters overall. Coming off goals in back-to-back games to open the season, the Ottawa, Ontario, native and has totaled seven points (2+5) in his last five games dating back to last season. He is the third eighth overall pick of the Sabres in the last five years to spend time in Rochester, joining **Alexander Nylander** (2016) and **Casey Mittelstadt** (2017), and the second to make his pro debut with the Amerks following Nylander.

Peterka, meanwhile, is tied for seventh among all first-year players with two assists while his three points are ninth-most. Buffalo's second-round (34th overall) in 2020, Peterka combined for 36 points (16+20) in 42 games last season with Salzburg and Munich, and represented Germany at the 2021 IIHF World Championship.

AMERKS-MARLIES 2019-20 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Casey Fitzgerald	2	1	1	2	2	2
Curtis Lazar	1	1	1	2	0	2
Lawrence Pilut	4	1	1	2	0	-2
Zach Redmond	4	1	1	2	2	-1

GOALTENDER

	GP	REC	GA	SV%	GAA
Andrew Hammond	4	1-2-1	10	.901	2.51

TORONTO

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Pontus Aberg	4	2	3	5	2	6
Kalle Kossila	1	2	1	3	0	4
Kenny Agostino	4	1	2	3	4	0
Teemu Kivihalme	4	0	3	3	0	0

GOALTENDER

	GP	REC	GA	SV%	GAA
Kasimir Kaskisuo	2	2-0-0	4	.940	1.97
Joseph Woll	2	1-1-0	4	.942	2.00

2019-20 HEAD-TO-HEAD BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Nov. 29	OTL	3-2	35-31	0-3	3-4
Dec. 4	W	4-0	31-20	1-4	3-3
Jan. 4	L	5-2	32-27	0-0	1-1
Feb. 8	L	4-0	25-38	0-3	3-4

SERIES NOTABLES

In 17 of the last 22 meetings dating back to the 2016-17 season, the team that scored first has gone on to come away with the victory. Additionally, in 13 of the last 14 meetings, the winning team has scored at least four goals dating back to the 2017-18 season.

Casey Fitzgerald and **Sean Malone** are the only two Amerks that were on Rochester's roster during the last meeting with the Marlies. Richard Clune, Joseph Woll, Teemu Kivihalme, Mac Hollowell, Joseph Duszak and Kristiāns Rubins are the lone players from Toronto's.

In 16 combined games all-time against Toronto, Malone (8-games, 1+4) and Fitzgerald (2-games, 1+1) have posted seven points (2+5).

After allowing four goals in his personal debut against Rochester on Dec. 4, 2019, goaltender Joseph Woll earned his second shutout of the season as he blanked the Amerks 4-0 on Feb. 8, 2020.



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