

ROCHESTER AMERICANS HOCKEY CLUB

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

Friday | **November 5, 2021** | 7:05 PM ET | The Blue Cross Arena | Game 114 | AHL TV, ESPN Rochester



GAME NOTES



TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

The Rochester Americans (5-2-0-0) aim for their fourth straight win tonight as they host the Toronto Marlies (4-3-0-0) in a North Division showdown at The Blue Cross Arena. The 7:05 p.m. matchup will be the second of six scheduled meetings between the two teams this season and will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM ESPN Rochester as well as AHLTV.

The Amerks enter the contest having won five of their last six games and rank second in the AHL's North Division standings. Conversely, Toronto, making its first trip to Rochester since Dec. 4, 2019, resides in fifth place and has won three of its last four, including a two-game sweep over Belleville.

HEAD-TO-HEAD SERIES SNAPSHOT

After starting the season-series with a 1-3-0-0 record against the Marlies in 2017-18, Rochester has gone 10-3-1-0 in the last 14 meetings since, which includes a near-perfect 5-1-0-0 mark during the 2018-19 campaign.

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 (16.5%) with the man-advantage over that span. Conversely, Rochester's penalty kill unit has successfully cleared 79 of the 92 opportunities (85.6%) against.

Since the start of the 2016-17 season, Rochester has outscored Toronto 95-87, while the Marlies have outshot the Amerks 895-882. 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 23 contests, which includes 10 games where they have produced five or more tallies.

LET'S GO STREAKING

The Amerks come into the weekend winners of five of their last six games while scoring 24 goals, five of which have come on the power-play. A total of 18 different Rochester skaters have recorded at least one point and 10 have posted multi-point performances as the Amerks have taken 10 out of a possible 12 points. The team also has the AHL's top-ranked offense.

After being held without a point in the first two games of the season, **Michael Mersch**, a four-time 20-goal scorer, has responded with 11 points (6+5) and four multi-point outings to move into second on the team in scoring. With his game-winning goal Wednesday, the Amerks captain has goals in five straight games, which establishes a new career-high, as well as points in five straight appearances overall. Its marks his longest consecutive point streak since posting a career-best seven-game point streak from Mar. 27 to April 10, 2015 as a member of the Manchester Monarchs (12 points, 7+5).

With six points (1+5) in his first seven outings to start the season, **Oskari Laaksonen** leads all Amerks defensemen and enters the weekend tied for sixth in scoring among all AHL blueliners. The second-year pro tallied an assist on Wednesday to push his point streak to a career-long four straight games after scoring the overtime game-winner in Laval this past Saturday.

Goaltender **Aaron Dell** has backstopped the Amerks to three straight wins. Until now, the netminder has never began a season with a win in each of his first three starts at either the NHL or AHL level. He's currently tied for fourth in the league in wins and is on pace to match his career-best seven-game win streak he posted from March 20 to April 7, 2015 with Worcester.

2021-22 AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Jack Quinn	7	6	6	12	4	2
Michael Mersch	7	6	5	11	0	3
JJ Peterka	7	1	7	8	2	3
Sean Malone	7	2	4	6	6	1
Oskari Laaksonen	7	1	5	6	2	-2

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Aaron Dell	3	3-0-0	86	.905	3.01
Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen	4	2-2-0	90	.818	4.93

2021-22 MARLIES OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Kirill Semyonov	7	1	5	6	6	3
Josh Ho-Sang	6	5	0	5	2	3
Joseph Duszak	4	0	5	5	6	1
Brett Seney	7	4	0	4	19	2
Joey Anderson	7	3	1	4	0	1

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Erik Källgren	5	2-2-0	101	.894	3.32
Joseph Woll	3	2-1-0	77	.895	3.38

HEAD-TO-HEAD BREAKDOWN

Toronto Marlies	Rochester Americans
4-3-0-0	Record 5-2-0-0
3-2-0-0	Home Record 2-0-0-0
1-1-0-0	Road Record 3-2-0-0
4-3-0-0	Last 10 Games 5-2-0-0
4-0-0-0	Record When Scoring First 3-1-0-0
3.00 (11th)	Goals-For Per Game 4.43 (1st)
3.43 (T-24th)	Goals-Against Per Game 4.29 (29th)
14.3% (T-22nd)	Power-Play 20.0% (T-13th)
84.8% (T-11th)	Penalty Kill 71.4% (T-28th)
5-2 W vs. BEL	Last Game 4-3 W vs. BEL
Nov. 6 @ UTI	Next Game Nov. 10 @ WBS



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QUINN-TISSENTIAL QUALITIES

Jack Quinn comes into the weekend after being named the AHL's Rookie of the Month for October. Entering the first weekend of November, he remains one of eight AHL rookies currently leading his respective team in scoring.

Quinn has tallied six goals and six assists for 12 points, already surpassing his offensive output from his truncated 2020-21 campaign, and became the first AHL player to reach the 10-point mark this season. Dating back to last season, the Ottawa, Ontario, native has totaled 15 points (6+9) in his last 10 games.

Quinn has been held scoreless just once through his first seven games and comes into tonight having produced five straight multi-point performances.

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.

HEAD OF THE ROOKIE CLASS

The Amerks currently own three of the AHL's top scoring rookies in **Jack Quinn**, **JJ Peterka** and **Linus Weissbach**, who have combined for 25 points (10+15) through their first seven games of the season.

Quinn, Buffalo's eighth overall pick in 2020, comes into the weekend leading the league in both goals (6) and points (12) among all AHL rookies. His 12 points also place him inside the league's top three scorers overall.

Peterka, meanwhile, is third amongst all first-year players with seven assists while his eight points are tied for third-most. He and Quinn, taken just 26 picks apart from one another by the Buffalo Sabres in the 2020 NHL Draft, currently make up one of only two rookie duos across the AHL to rank among their respective team's top three individual scorers.

After going scoreless in his pro debut, Weissbach has recorded five points over his last six games, including a two-goal effort in Toronto back on Oct. 23. Buffalo's seventh-round selection in 2017, Weissbach enters play tonight tied for fifth in goals (3) and tied for ninth in scoring among all AHL rookies. He's in his first pro season following four years at the University of Wisconsin, where he recorded 114 points (34+84) in 127 career games.

FROM SILVER AND GOLD TO RED, WHITE AND BLUE

On Thursday, the Buffalo Sabres acquired forwards **Peyton Krebs** and **Alex Tuch**, a top-10 protected 2022 first-round pick, and a 2023 second-round pick from the Vegas Golden Knights in exchange for forward Jack Eichel and a 2023 third-round pick.

Krebs was reassigned to Rochester yesterday afternoon after beginning the season with five assists in two games for the Henderson Silver Knights (AHL) before a recent nine-game stint with Vegas.

The 20-year-old Krebs was named the WHL's 2020-21 Player of the Year after leading the league in assists (30) and points (43) in 24 games during his third year as captain of the Winnipeg Ice. He recorded 231 points (62+169) in 199 career WHL games.

The Calgary native won a silver medal with Team Canada at the 2021 IIHF World Junior Championship. He also served as Canada's team captain and tied for the team lead with 10 points at the 2019 U18 World Championship.

AMERKS-MARLIES 2021-22 SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN

ROCHESTER

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Michael Mersch	1	1	2	3	0	3
Mark Jankowski	1	0	3	3	0	2
Jack Quinn	1	2	0	2	0	2
Linus Weissbach	1	2	0	2	0	1

GOALTENDER

	GP	REC	GA	SV%	GAA
Aaron Dell	1	1-0-0	3	.900	3.00

TORONTO

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Brett Seney	1	2	0	2	0	-1
Kirill Semyonov	1	1	0	1	2	-1
Joey Anderson	1	0	1	1	0	-1
Curtis Douglas	1	0	1	1	0	-1

GOALTENDER

	GP	REC	GA	SV%	GAA
Andrew D'Agostini	1	0-0-0	3	.857	3.84
Erik Källgren	1	0-1-0	4	.429	18.32

2021-22 HEAD-TO-HEAD BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 23	W	7-3	28-30	1-1	0-0

SERIES NOTABLES

In 18 of the last 23 meetings dating back to the 2016-17 season, the team that scored first has gone on to come away with the victory. Additionally, in 14 of the last 15 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 here in Rochester versus the Marlies.

In 16 combined games all-time against Toronto, Malone (13-games, 1+4) and Fitzgerald (3-games, 1+1) have posted seven points (2+5).

Marlies defenseman Alex Biega spent two seasons in Rochester, including the 2012-13 campaign when he set career-highs in goals (5), assists (20) and points (25). He was a fifth-round pick (147th overall) of Buffalo in 2006.

With the addition of **Peyton Krebs**, Rochester's current roster features three former first-round selections in forwards **Jack Quinn** (8th overall, 2020), **Krebs** (17th overall, 2019), and **Mark Jankowski** (21st overall, 2012).



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