ROCHESTER AMERICANS HOCKEY CLUB

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

Sunday | February 19, 2023 | 3:05 PM ET | The Blue Cross Arena | AHL Game 785 | AHL TV, The Fan Rochester



GAME NOTES



TODAY'S GAME OVERVIEW

The Rochester Americans (23-20-2-1) return home today to close out their first three-in-three weekend as they welcome back the Syracuse Crunch (22-18-4-3) for an afternoon matinee at The Blue Cross Arena. Game time is slated for a 3:05 p.m. start and will be carried on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM The Fan Rochester as well as AHLTV.

The Amerks are 1-1-0-0 through their first two games of the weekend after splitting a home-and-home series with the North Division-leading Toronto Marlies. After skating to a 6-2 blowout win on home ice on Friday, Rochester was dealt 5-1 loss in Saturday's rematch north of the border.

HEAD-TO-HEAD SERIES SNAPSHOT AGAINST CRUNCH

The Amerks have claimed five of the first seven meetings against the Crunch this season, including two get-togethers in Rochester. The Amerks have outscored and outshot the Crunch 12-10 and 82-69 on home ice.

Rochester has scored a power-play goal in 23 of its last 40 games against Syracuse, going 35-for-138 (25.4%) with the man-advantage over that span.

Both the Amerks and Crunch have won 26 times against one another over the last five years with each team winning at least 15 games on the road.

The Amerks sit just two points back of the Crunch in the North Division.

LAST TIME OUT

The Amerks were unable to sweep the home-and-home series with the Toronto Marlies, who after dropping a 6-2 decision to the Amerks on Friday, flipped the script with a 5-1 win in yesterday afternoon's rematch between the two teams at Coca-Cola Coliseum on Saturday.

Rookie forward **Filip Cederqvist** snapped a 20-game goal-scoring drought as he notched his fourth of the season late in the third period to spoil Toronto's bid for a shutout. **Linus Weissbach and Brendan Warren** each recorded an assist on the play while goaltender **Malcolm Subban** (11-10-1) made his 22nd appearance of the slate. Subban made 25 saves but suffered the defeat in the goal crease for Rochester. Warren, who matched a careerhigh with four shots on goal, also equaled his personal-best in assists on the season.

SUBBAN SHOULDERING THE WORKLOAD

After suffering a defeat in his season-debut on Nov. 18, Subban has gone 11-9-1 since over his last 20 starts, including seven straight wins between Dec. 10 to Jan. 14. The seven-game win streak was the longest of his pro career and the third-longest streak among all AHL goaltenders behind Toronto's Joseph Woll and Calgary's Dustin Wolf.

He was the first Amerks goaltender to post seven straight wins since Jonas Johansson won nine consecutive contests during the 2019-20 campaign.

Subban had arguably his best performance of the season during a 75-save weekend in Rochester's two-game sweep over the Charlotte Checkers in mid-December. A night after stopping a regular-season career-high 45 saves, Subban was flawless in a 30-save shutout on Dec. 17, his first in the AHL since April 8, 2017, with the Providence Bruins.

Subban, who picked up his 100th career win in the 5-4 overtime victory over Utica on Dec. 28, has topped the 30-save mark six times in his last 17 starts.

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SKATER	GP	G	Α	PTS	+/-	PIM
Lukas Rousek	46	10	21	31	-5	20
Brandon Biro	36	9	22	31	-3	10
Linus Weissbach	45	13	16	29	-11	43
Brett Murray	45	15	12	27	-9	33
Michael Mersch	35	9	18	27	-1	14

2022-23 AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	svs	SV%	GAA
Malcolm Subban	22	11-10-1	613	.905	2.91
Eric Comrie	3	1-2-0	79	.898	3.03
Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen*	9	6-3-0	238	.898	3.07
Michael Houser *=Currently on recall with Buffalo (NHL)	12	5-5-0 ^ = Curr	289 ently reassig	.895 gned to Cincinn	3.14 nati (ECHL)

2022-23 CRUNCH	OVI	RALL SCOR	ING & G	OALTEND	ING LEAD	ERS
SKATER	GP	G	Α	PTS	+/-	PIM
Alex Barré-Boulet	45	15	44	59	18	50
Darren Raddysh	46	12	36	48	19	38
Simon Ryfors	47	19	19	38	2	20
Gage Goncalves	47	9	24	35	13	26
Trevor Carrick	35	7	19	26	16	22
GOALTENDER		GP	REC	svs	SV%	GAA
Hugo Alnefelt		21	12-7-1	539	.923	2.33
Jack LaFontaine		4	1-2-0	79	.919	2.43
Max Lagace		26	9-9-5	619	.877	3.69

HEAD-TO-HEAD BREAKDOWN

Syracuse Crunch	Rochester Americans
22-18-4-3	Overall Record
10-8-4-1	Home Record12-10-1-0
12-10-0-2	Road Record 11-10-1-1
4-5-1-0	Last 10 Games4-6-0-0
13-7-1-1 Rec	ord When Scoring First 14-7-1-1
3.59 (6th)	Goals-For Per Game 3.06 (17th)
3.19 (20th) Go	als-Against Per Game 3.36 (24th)
19.2% (T-15th)	Power-Play 19.2% (T-15th)
80.7% (17th)	Penalty Kill
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Feb. 24 vs. WBS	



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BIRO PILING UP THE POINTS

Despite missing six games due to injury, third-year forward **Brandon Biro**has blazed his way atop the team's scoring lead following a productive
December in which he led the team with 16 points (6+10) in 10 games. He
recorded multi-point efforts in seven of his 10 appearances, including six
straight between Dec. 9 and Dec. 30 before closing out the month with an
assist in the 3-2 win in Toronto.

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Biro, who made his NHL debut with the Buffalo Sabres last season, currently shares the team lead in points (31) and ranks second in assists (22) through 36 games and his seven-game point streak to close out the 2022 calendar year was the longest of his career.

Dating back to last season, Biro has totaled 72 points on 21 goals and 51 assists over his last 84 games and hasn't gone more than seven games without a point since Nov. 27, 2021.

JOBST HAVING A CAREER YEAR

Mason Jobst has made the most of his second opportunity with the Amerks as the fourth-year pro is in the process of assembling a career-year.

Through 37 games this season, the Speedway, Indiana, native has already established career-highs in all offensive categories, including goals (7), assists (13) and points (20).

With an assist in the 5-4 overtime win in Belleville on Feb. 4, Jobst reached the 20-point mark for the first time in his pro career, becoming then the ninth different Amerk to eclipse the mark.

Since the turn of the New Year, Jobst has amassed four goals and seven points over his previous 11 games, including his first career hat trick in the 7-5 loss to the first-place Toronto Marlies back on Jan. 14. Jobst single-handedly outscored Toronto in the second period with back-to-back goals before netting what was the go-ahead goal in the third period.

Jobst has totaled 33 points (11+12) over 63 career games with the Amerks dating back to last season.

PROWESS ON THE BLUELINE

Entering the Jan. 19 game against Laval, **Ethan Prow** was the only Amerks defensemen to appear in every game this season. Overall, he has skated in 115 of the 121 games dating back to the start of the 2021-22 campaign.

In 45 games this season, Prow is tied for 14th in scoring amongst all AHL defensemen with 27 points while his team-high 23 assists are currently tied for 11th-most at his position. This season marks the fourth straight in which the veteran defenseman has reached the 20-assist mark and the fifth consecutive year with 20 or more points, which includes an abbreviated campaign overseas in 2020-21.

The seventh-year pro has posted 15 points (2+13) in his last 20 outings dating back to Dec. 28 and comes into today with eight assists over his last 10 games.

He leads all Amerks defensemen with five multi-point outings, including a two-goal effort in the 4-3 win at Syracuse back on Jan. 7, and has never gone more than five games all season without a point.

AMERKS-CRUNCH 2022-23	SEASON SERIES BREAKDOWN
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SKATER	GP	G	Α	PIS	PIW	+/-
Brandon Biro	7	1	6	7	0	-2
Ethan Prow	7	3	3	6	0	4
Linus Weissbach	6	3	3	6	6	1
Lukas Rousek	7	1	4	5	2	0
GOALTENDER		GP	REC	GA	SV%	GAA
Ukko-Pekka Luuk	konen	4	3-1-0	11	.904	2.76
Malcolm Subban		3	2-1-0	8	.923	2.74

SYRACUSE PIM SKATER Darren Raddysh 4 **Daniel Walcott** 7 3 3 6 14 3 Gemel Smith 5 2 4 23 6 0

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	GA	SV%	GAA
Hugo Alnefelt	2	1-1-0	2	.951	1.22
Jack LaFontaine	1	0-1-0	1	.923	1.55
Max Lagace	6	1-3-0	20	.859	4.32

2022-23 GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK	
Oct. 21	W	4-3	32-20	1-4	3-4	
Oct. 22	L	6-2	34-34	1-4	2-3	
Nov. 2	W	7-2	21-26	1-5	3-3	
Nov. 9	W	3-1	28-35	0-4	3-3	
Dec. 7	L	5-1	24-28	0-5	1-1	
Jan. 7	W	4-3	29-44	1-6	4-5	
Feb. 11	W	4-1	30-33	1-4	2-2	

SERIES NOTABLES

Felix Robert

So far this season, Rochester has used five different goaltenders compared to Syracuse's four. It marks the third straight season that the Amerks have used at least five different goaltenders.

Amerks defenseman **Chase Priskie** spent part of the 2020-21 season with the Crunch, notching seven points (3+4) in 15 games. In five games against Rochester that year, Priskie recorded three assists.

Rochester assistant coach **Michael Peca** spent the majority of the 1994-95 season with the Crunch, where he produced 34 points on 10 goals and 24 assists in just 35 games. It marked Peca's one of two brief stops in his AHL career, the other being a nine-game stint with the Hamilton Canucks.

Alex Barré-Boulet (15+44) and Darren Raddysh (12+36) currently lead all Crunch skaters with 59 and 48 points, respectively. The duo are tied for second and eighth in the AHL in scoring, respectively, while Raddysh is second among all defensemen in goals (12) and points (48).



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