

Wednesday | **May 31, 2023** | **AMERKS POST-GAME REPORT** | Eastern Conference Finals - GAME 5



POSTGAME REPORT



HERSHEY BEARS

9-3 | 18 PTS



ROCHESTER AMERICANS

8-5 | 16 PTS

SCORING SUMMARY

	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	SO	Final
BEARS	0	0	1	--	--	1
AMERKS	1	0	3	--	--	4

ROCHESTER TRAILS BEST-OF-SEVEN SERIES 3-2



TOP NOTES

With tonight's win, the Amerks staved off elimination and forced a Game 6 back in Rochester on Friday, June 2. The Amerks improved to 32-41 all-time when facing elimination, including 4-0 this spring.

Lukas Rousek scored twice, giving him five goals in his last seven games. Dating back to last year's playoff run, Rousek has 18 points (7+11) in 23 career postseason appearances with Rochester.

Jiri Kulich opened the scoring with his first goal of the series and seventh of the postseason. The rookie forward entered the contest without a goal in four straight games after opening the 2023 Calder Cup Playoffs with a goal in each of his first six appearances.

Kulich's seven goals in the playoffs lead all AHL rookies and are tied for second-most in the league. His 11 points are also third-most amongst all first-year players.

With Kulich's first-period goal, the Amerks have scored the first goal in seven of 13 games during the postseason and have outscored the opposition 14-6 in the first period. They're also 6-1 when scoring first.

Mason Jobst recorded his team-leading 13th point of the playoffs with the lone assist on Rousek's third-period goal. Jobst now has 13 points (3+10) in as many playoff games this spring.

With two assists, **Lawrence Pilut** moved into second in playoff scoring amongst all AHL defensemen with 11 points in 13 games. His eight assists are also third-most amongst all blueliners.

Joseph Cecconi recorded his second point of the series with an assist.

Austin Strand made his professional postseason debut as the Amerks returned to an 11-and-7 lineup. It was the defenseman's first appearance for Rochester since April 5 during the regular season.

Malcolm Subban stopped 32 of the 33 shots he faced tonight in what was his 13th straight start of the postseason. He's won eight of his last 11 starts dating back to Game 3 of the North Division Semifinals against Syracuse. Subban, who has topped the 30-save mark in seven of his 13 postseason starts, ranks second in the AHL in saves (377) and third in wins (8).

BY THE NUMBERS

Hershey Bears Rochester Americans

1-for-2 (50.0%)..... **Power-Play**..... 1-for-4 (25.0%)

3-for-4 (75.0%)..... **Penalty Kill**..... 1-for-2 (50.0%)

33..... **Shots on Goal**..... 27

23..... **Goaltender Saves**..... 32



TONIGHT'S THREE STARS

1st **Malcolm Subban** - Rochester Americans
1 GA | 32 SVS | 1.00 GAA | .970 SV% | W

2nd **Lukas Rousek** - Rochester Americans
2 G | 0 A | 2 SOG | +2

3rd **Aliaksei Portas** - Hershey Bears
1 G | 0 A | 2 SOG | -1



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