

ROCHESTER AMERICANS HOCKEY CLUB
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Sat. | **Feb. 15, 2025** | 7:00 PM | Adirondack Bank Center | AHL Game 741 | AHLTV on FloHockey, The Fan Rochester

ROCHESTER AMERICANS GAME NOTES

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TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

The Rochester Americans (29-13-3-1) look to rebound as they continue their three-in-three weekend tonight with a North Division showdown against the Utica Comets (17-22-3-2) at Adirondack Bank Center. Game time is slated for a 7:00 p.m. start and will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM The Fan Rochester as well as AHLTV on FloHockey.

The Amerks come into the matchup having won six of their last seven games and sit just one point back of Laval for first place in the AHL's North Division standings with 62 points through 46 games.

Rochester has scored a division-leading 161 goals, which are tied for second-most in the AHL behind only Calgary. The Amerks currently lead the AHL in road wins (19) and points (39) while their 94 goals are also the most on the road this season.

HEAD-TO-HEAD RESULTS AGAINST UTICA

Rochester is 8-1-0-0 on the season and has outscored the Comets 40-21 through the first nine games of the season series, half of which have come since the start of December. The Amerks have outscored Utica 19-6 in the final period of play in 2024-25 after being outscored 17-11 a season ago.

The Amerks have won 14 of the last 15 games on the road against the Comets, the only exception being a 6-0 loss back on Nov. 11, 2023. The Amerks posted an 8-3-1-0 record through the 12-game season series during the 2023-24 campaign.

Isak Rosén (6+4), **Mason Jobst** (4+4), **Riley Fiddler-Schultz** (4+3), **Anton Wahlberg** (4+1), **Viktor Neuchev** (3+4) **Brett Murray** (3+5), **Konsta Helenius** (3+1), and **Nikita Novikov** (3+1) all have scored at least three goals against Utica this season. **Kale Clague** (2+4) and **Brendan Warren** (2+0) both have scored twice while **Lukas Rousek** (1+8) and **Zachary Metsa** (0+7) have combined for 15 assists opposite the Comets this season.

Goaltenders **Michael Houser**, **Felix Sandström**, and **Devon Levi** have combined to allow 21 goals versus the Comets, each earning at least two victories. Houser shows a 1.61 goals-against-average while Levi and Sandström have a mark of 2.52 and 2.69, respectively. Levi has posted a perfect 4-0-0 record in his four appearances against Utica this season.

LAST TIME OUT

The Amerks tied the contest late in the first period but allowed a pair of goals over each of the final two frames as they dropped a 5-1 score to the Syracuse Crunch in the first of a three-game weekend Friday at The Blue Cross Arena.

Despite suffering its first regulation loss on home ice since Dec. 18, the Amerks remain in second place of the AHL's North Division. Additionally, the loss snapped Rochester's six-game win streak.

Josh Dunne became the fifth different Amerk this season to score at least one shorthanded goal with his first-period tally. It marks the seventh time in the last nine seasons Rochester has had five or more players score shorthanded dating back to the 2016-17 campaign. The Amerks are one goal shy from tallying 10 shorthanded goals for the second straight year, a feat that hasn't been accomplished since the 2009-10 and 2010-11 seasons.

Anton Wahlberg extended his assist streak to a career-best four games as he produced the only helper while goaltender **Devon Levi** fell to 16-5-2 on the season as he made his 23rd appearance with Rochester. It was also Levi's first regulation home loss since Dec. 18.

2024-25 AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Isak Rosén	43	24	16	40	4	8
Brett Murray	46	21	16	37	12	20
Zachary Metsa	46	3	29	32	10	10

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Devon Levi	23	16-5-2	566	.916	2.25
Felix Sandström	14	9-4-1	341	.900	2.89
Michael Houser	11	4-4-1	237	.891	2.92

2024-25 UTICA OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Nolan Foote	39	15	15	30	-5	25
Adam Beckman	35	10	17	27	-9	14
Brian Halonen*	37	16	10	26	4	29

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Isaac Poulter	22	10-7-4	539	.904	2.77
Nico Daws	22	5-15-1	566	.889	3.43

2024-25 HEAD-TO-HEAD BREAKDOWN

Utica Comets Rochester Americans

17-22-3-2.....**Record**.....29-13-3-1

8-10-1-2.....**Home Record**.....10-7-2-1

9-12-2-0.....**Road Record**.....19-6-1-0

6-3-1-0.....**Last 10 Games**.....7-3-0-0

2-3.....**Overtime Record**.....3-3

0-2.....**Shootout Record**.....3-1

11-7-3-0.....**Record When Scoring First**.....17-6-1-0

19.7% (8th).....**Power-Play**.....17.2% (T-19th)

79.3% (24th).....**Penalty Kill**.....84.7% (8th)

Feb. 14 @ PRO (5-1 L).....**Last Game**..... Feb. 14 vs SYR (5-1 L)

Ryan Parent (1st, Interim)....**Head Coach**..... Michael Leone (1st)

2024-25 SERIES BREAKDOWN VS. UTICA

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 12	W	4-1	40-20	0-5	2-2
Nov. 1	W	8-1	26-19	4-9	4-5
Nov. 2	W	3-2	27-30	0-1	4-5
Nov. 23	L	5-1	36-28	0-1	2-4
Dec. 4	W	3-2	23-23	0-2	2-2
Dec. 27	W	6-3	37-26	0-2	4-4
Dec. 28	W	3-2	36-25	0-0	0-0
Jan. 10	W	5-1	37-30	2-7	4-4
Jan. 29	W	7-4	30-26	1-1	3-3



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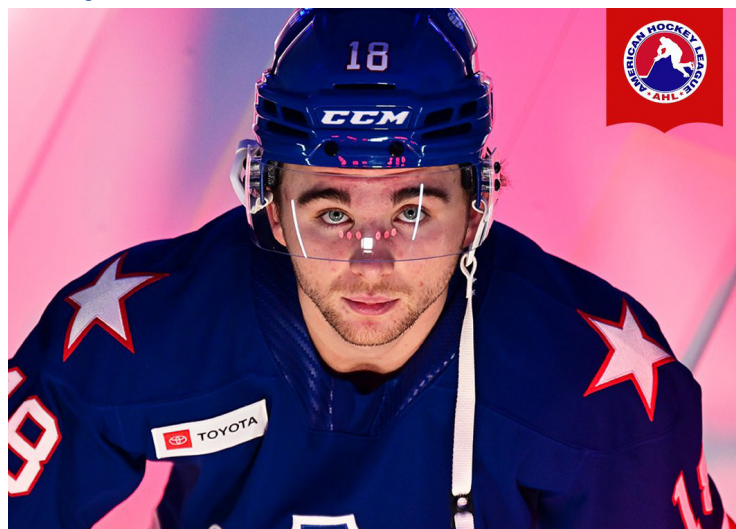
ROSEN TO THE OCCASION

With eight goals and nine points in his last seven outings, **Isak Rosén** enters the weekend with the second-most goals (24) in the AHL, just two back of Toronto's Alex Steeves. The third-year pro has already surpassed last year's mark of 20 in an astonishing 25 fewer games and is on pace to become the first Amerk to reach 30-goal mark since Victor Olofsson in 2018-19.

The Stockholm, Sweden, native is just 10 points back of his 50-point (20+30) campaign from 2023-24 that saw him tie **Mason Jobst** for the team lead. January was kind to Rosén, as the winger finished the month January with 12 points (9+3) in 11 games.

Named the AHL Player of the Week for period ending Feb. 2, Rosén currently leads all Amerks in shots (112), goals (24), points (40), unassisted tallies (5) and is second in power-play assists (9). The two-time AHL All-Star selection has also recorded at least one point in 24 of his 43 contests this season and has been held without a point just six times since Christmas.

A first-round choice (14th overall) by Buffalo in the 2021 NHL Draft, Rosén has totaled nine appearances and nine shots with the Sabres to date, including two this season.



MURRAY SPECIAL

Eleven of **Brett Murray's** 21 goals this season have come on the power-play, including five which ended up being the game-winner.

Murray currently leads the AHL in power-play goals and ranks second on the Amerks with 37 points (21+16) through 46 games. He comes into the weekend with points in 14 of his last 21 games, including multi-goal efforts in back-to-back outings and goals in three straight games for the first time in his professional career.

Murray has reached the 20-point mark in all six seasons with the Amerks since joining Rochester ahead of the 2019-20 campaign and has scored at least 17 goals in each of the last three years. Murray, who represented the North Division alongside teammates **Isak Rosén** and **Devon Levi** at the 2025 AHL All-Star Classic, has also now reached the 20-goal mark for the second time in three years.

With the exception of his rookie season, the veteran forward has recorded at least six power-play goals in five of his first six professional seasons, which includes a new career-high (9) through the first 31 games of this season.

On Jan. 29, Murray became just the 28th forward in franchise history to appear in at least 300 games with the club and first since Phil Varone (306) did so during the 2015-16 campaign. He enters tonight 43 games away from tying Don McSween for 20th on the franchise's all-time games played list.



NO METSA'IN AROUND

Defenseman **Zachary Metsa** enters the contest third on the team in scoring and first amongst all Rochester blueliners with a career-best 32 points (3+29) while being the only defenseman to appear in all 46 games.

Metsa has points in 23 of his 46 contests, which included stringing together an assist in five straight games for the first time in his career. He's totaled 16 points (2+16) since Dec. 22, punctuated by his second three-assist effort of the campaign in the win over Springfield back on Jan. 3.

The second-year blueliner's 32 points are fourth-most in league scoring by a defenseman, just five back of Syracuse's Derrick Pouliot and within two of Charlotte's Trevor Carrick and Colorado's Jacob MacDonald.

Metsa, who captained Quinnipiac University to its first-ever NCAA National Championship in 2023, is tied for second amongst all players with 29 assists.

Last season, the Delafield, Wisconsin, native logged seven goals and 24 points in 54 games, earning co-Rookie of the Year honors.



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