

# ROCHESTER AMERICANS HOCKEY CLUB

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Fri. | March 14, 2025 | 7:05 PM | Blue Cross Arena | AHL Game 906 | AHLTV on FloHockey, The Fan Rochester

## ROCHESTER AMERICANS GAME NOTES

Blue Cross Arena at the Rochester War Memorial | 1 War Memorial Square | Rochester, NY, 14614 | Amerks.com/Media | @AmerksPR



### TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

The Rochester Americans (34-17-3-3) look to snap out of their season-long five-game skid tonight when the host the Providence Bruins (32-19-4-2) for the only time this season at Blue Cross Arena. The 7:05 p.m. matchup 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 earned at least one point in 13 of their last 18 games dating back to Jan. 25 and sit three points behind Laval for first place in the North Division with 74 points and rank third overall in the American Hockey League entering the weekend.

Rochester has scored the second-most goals in the AHL (195), trailing only Wilkes-Barre/Scranton. The Amerks currently lead the AHL in road wins (20) while the Bruins have posted 19 of their 32 victories on home ice.

### HEAD-TO-HEAD RESULTS AGAINST PROVIDENCE

Tonight is just the 20th meeting between the Amerks and the Bruins over the last 15 years. Dating back to the 2007-08 campaign, Rochester has gone 6-10-2-1 during that span, including earning at least one point in five of the last seven meetings with Providence.

Coming into tonight, the Amerks have earned points in three of their last four home games against Providence, going 2-1-0-1 over that span.

The Amerks are 2-3-1-1 in their last six visits to Providence compared to a 3-2-0-0 mark on home ice in the last six years.

Dating back to the 2007-08 season, there have been 11 one-goal games between Providence and Rochester, including a 4-3 overtime win for the Amerks back on Nov. 23, 2022 and another 3-2 overtime victory to complete the 2023-24 season series on April 6, 2024.

Rochester's 3-0 shutout back on Jan. 24 in Providence was the only time in the previous 19 meetings between the two teams there has been a shutout. Prior to that, the Amerks have scored three or more goals in four straight against Providence and six of the last seven contests, dating back to the start of the 2021-22 slate.

The Bruins own one of the best goaltenders in the AHL in Michael DiPietro, along with Georgii Merkulov on offense, who has 46 points (13+33) and has only been held off the scoresheet seven times since the start of 2025.

### LAST TIME OUT

Rochester's third-period woes continued into the start of its three-game homestand, as the Charlotte Checkers broke a 2-2 deadlock in the final frame of regulation then survived a late push from the Amerks to come away with a 4-3-win Wednesday at Blue Cross Arena.

The Amerks have now gone winless in five straight games for the first time all year and remain within three points of first place in the AHL's North Division standings.

Erik Brännström made his Amerks debut, scoring twice for the first two-goal game of his AHL tenure since his first game in the league on Oct. 5, 2018. Kale Clague also scored, converting on a power-play goal.

Goaltender Devon Levi (19-9-3) made 19 saves in an effort to snap Rochester's winless drought. Despite showing a 0-3-0 mark in his last three games, Levi has only suffered back-to-back home losses just once in his Amerks career.

### 2024-25 AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Isak Rosén	51	26	24	50	10	10
Brett Murray	54	23	17	40	11	25
Zachary Metsa	56	5	32	37	13	14

### GOALTENDER

	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Devon Levi	31	19-9-3	764	.916	2.27
Felix Sandström	15	10-4-1	370	.900	2.90
Michael Houser	14	5-4-2	292	.893	2.83

### 2024-25 PROVIDENCE OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Vinni Lettieri*	46	20	28	48	-2	20
Georgii Merkulov	50	13	33	46	2	14
Patrick Brown*	52	16	28	44	10	23

### GOALTENDER

	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Michael DiPietro	34	21-8-5	896	.927	2.08
Brandon Bussi	24	11-11-1	594	.900	2.87

\*=Currently with Boston (NHL)

### 2024-25 HEAD-TO-HEAD BREAKDOWN

Providence Bruins vs Rochester Americans

32-19-4-2	<b>Record</b>	34-17-3-3
19-7-3-1	<b>Home Record</b>	14-9-2-1
13-12-1-1	<b>Road Record</b>	20-7-1-2
5-4-0-1	<b>Last 10 Games</b>	4-4-0-2
2-4	<b>Overtime Record</b>	4-3
4-2	<b>Shootout Record</b>	4-3
25-11-3-1	<b>Record When Scoring First</b>	20-9-1-1
19.3% (T-14th)	<b>Power-Play</b>	19.0% (16th)
85.1% (T-3rd)	<b>Penalty Kill</b>	84.9% (5th)
Mar. 12 @ TOR (4-2 L)	<b>Last Game</b>	Mar. 12 vs CLT (4-3 L)
Ryan Mougengel (4th)	<b>Head Coach</b>	Michael Leone (1st)

### 2024-25 SERIES BREAKDOWN VS. PROVIDENCE

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Jan. 24	L	3-0	29-29	0-3	5-3



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## ROSEN TO THE OCCASION

With 10 goals and 18 points in his last 15 outings, **Isak Rosén**, who returned to the Amerks on Thursday, enters the weekend tied for fourth in the AHL in goals (26) and seventh in points (50) through 51 games this season.

The third-year pro has already surpassed last year's mark of 20 goals in an astonishing 20 fewer games and is on pace to become the first Amerk to reach 30-goal mark since fellow Swede Victor Olofsson in 2018-19.

Coming off his one-goal, one-assist effort in back on the Feb. 26 win over Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, Rosen has recorded eight multi-point outings since the turn of the new year.

Named the AHL Player of the Week for period ending Feb. 2, Rosén leads all Amerks in goals (26), points (50), unassisted tallies (6), power-play assists (12) and ranks second in shots (136). The two-time AHL All-Star selection has been held without a point just 11 times since Christmas.

A first-round choice (14th overall) by Buffalo in the 2021 NHL Draft, Rosén has totaled 10 appearances and 10 shots with the Sabres to date, including three this season.



## OSTI, OSTI, OSTI

**Noah Östlund** was among Rochester's top point-producers in the month of February. The rookie forward has tallied 11 goals and 23 points on the season, with 14 of his points (8+6) coming over the last four weeks. He's also found the back of the net in four of his last six games.

The Stockholm, Sweden, native recorded five multi-point games in February, and on Feb. 15th in Utica, the Sabres' prospect scored his first career overtime-winner to lift the Amerks to a 4-3 win over the Comets.

Since Jan. 17, Östlund has amassed 21 points (10+11) over his last 22 games. The first-year pro's reliability in both the defensive and offensive zone shows, as Östlund leads all Rochester forwards in plus/minus (+14). His plus/minus is also the sixth-best mark across all AHL first-year forwards.

Östlund, who turned 21 on Tuesday, was taken in the first round of the 2022 NHL Draft when Buffalo selected him 16th overall. He was drafted 12 spots ahead of **Jiri Kulich** and a year after fellow Swede **Isak Rosén** was taken in the first round of the 2021 Draft.

## LEVI EARNS TOP GOALTENDER HONORS FOR FEBRUARY

A week after earning AHL Player of the Week honors, **Devon Levi** was recognized again for his overall performance during the month of February as the league's top goaltender.

Levi made seven starts in February and allowed a total of 11 goals on 175 shots, good for a 5-2-0 record, a 1.66 goals-against average and a .937 save percentage. He also posted three shutouts while leading Rochester atop the AHL standings in the process.

Levi made 29 saves in a 4-0 win over Belleville on Feb. 7, and turned aside 21 of 22 shots to help the Amerks to a 5-1 win in Cleveland on Feb. 11. After getting pulled in the second period of a loss to Laval on Feb. 16, Levi responded with back-to-back shutouts, making 26 saves in a 4-0 win over Cleveland on Feb. 19 and stopping 30 shots in regulation and overtime plus all five shootout attempts to earn a 1-0 win over Toronto on Feb. 22. Levi closed out the month by registering 28 saves in a 5-2 win over Wilkes-Barre/Scranton on Feb. 28.

Levi currently has a record of 19-9-3 in 31 games for Rochester this season, ranking sixth in the league with a 2.27 goals-against average, sixth with a .916 save percentage and tied for first with five shutouts. The 23-year-old native of Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Que., represented the Amerks at the 2025 AHL All-Star Classic last month, and has made nine NHL appearances with Buffalo in 2024-25 as well.



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