

ROCHESTER AMERICANS HOCKEY CLUB

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

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ROCHESTER AMERICANS GAME NOTES

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TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

The Rochester Americans (41-21-4-3) begin the final week of the 2024-25 regular season tonight at home as they close out their season series against the Cleveland Monsters (35-23-5-6) at Blue Cross Arena. Game time is slated for a 7:05 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.

Rochester has secured home-ice advantage through the North Division Semifinals, but the race for Cleveland continues as they look to make the Calder Cup Playoffs for the second straight season. Since becoming the Cleveland Monsters, the club has not appeared in the postseason in back-to-back years.

Rochester has scored the third-most goals in the Eastern Conference (232) and is one of only three North Division teams (Lava and Cleveland) with 200 or more goals on the season.

HEAD-TO-HEAD RESULTS AGAINST CLEVELAND

Rochester boasts a 47-22-8-4 record against Cleveland over the last 11 years dating back to the start of the 2011-12 campaign, including winning six of the first seven meetings this season. The Amerks also went a perfect 4-0-0-0 in the road portion of the season series at Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse in 2024-25.

The Amerks have scored at least one power-play goal in 17 of the last 36 games (21-for-123) against Cleveland since the 2020-21 season. Despite the club killing off 109-of-140 penalties during that same span, they have successfully cleared 28 of the last 31 shorthanded situations over the last nine games going back to the 2023-24 campaign.

Amerks forward **Isak Rosén** has totaled 20 points (6+14) in 23 career games against Cleveland dating back to the start of the 2022-23 season. His best outing over that span came back on Nov. 18 of last season when he finished with four points (2+2) along with a plus-four rating in a 7-5 Amerks win.

Rochester enters tonight having outshot Cleveland 282-190 this season. The Amerks had 40 or more shots in the first four games against the Monsters, a feat they had not done against an opponent in at least 10-plus years.

The Amerks have also outscored the Monsters 20-15 and 25-8 in the first and second periods, respectively, since the start of the 2023-24 campaign. Cleveland has totaled 16 goals in the final stanza compared to Rochester's 14.

LAST TIME OUT

The Amerks threw everything they could at Laval goaltender Cayden Primeau, but timely scoring and stellar stops prevented the Amerks from emerging victorious, as the Rocket skated out of Blue Cross Arena with a 4-2 win on Hall of Fame Night Friday in downtown Rochester.

With the loss, Rochester fell to 41-21-4-3 on the season, locking up second place in the North Division and sitting fifth overall in the AHL with 89 points. By picking up a regulation win, Laval clinched the North Division.

Forwards **Graham Slaggert** and **Konsta Helenius** found the back of the net for Rochester, while **Vsevolod Komarov** collected his first-career multi-point outing with two assists. **Jagger Joshua** rounded out the scoring by adding a helper. **Zachary Metsa** registered a game-high five shots on goal.

Goaltender **Devon Levi** made 15 saves in his 40th start of the season. Despite the loss, Levi's 24 wins still lead the Eastern Conference.

2024-25 AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

| SKATER | GP | G | A | PTS | +/- | PIM |
|---------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Isak Rosén* | 60 | 28 | 27 | 55 | 4 | 10 |
| Brett Murray | 63 | 26 | 21 | 47 | 13 | 29 |
| Zachary Metsa | 67 | 6 | 38 | 44 | 16 | 16 |

*=Currently with Buffalo (NHL)

| GOALTENDER | GP | REC | SVS | SV% | GAA |
|-----------------|----|---------|-----|------|------|
| Devon Levi | 40 | 24-12-4 | 989 | .917 | 2.23 |
| Felix Sandström | 18 | 12-5-1 | 432 | .898 | 2.83 |
| Michael Houser | 14 | 5-4-2 | 292 | .893 | 2.83 |

2024-25 MONSTERS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

| SKATER | GP | G | A | PTS | +/- | PIM |
|---------------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Trey Fix-Wolansky | 62 | 26 | 33 | 59 | -3 | 63 |
| Rocco Grimaldi | 63 | 17 | 41 | 58 | 1 | 20 |
| Luca Del Bel Belluz | 58 | 25 | 25 | 50 | 5 | 12 |

| GOALTENDER | GP | REC | SVS | SV% | GAA |
|----------------|----|---------|------|------|------|
| Jet Greaves* | 40 | 21-11-6 | 1167 | .920 | 2.62 |
| Zach Sawchenko | 25 | 10-9-5 | 625 | .902 | 2.89 |

*=Currently with Columbus (NHL)

2024-25 HEAD-TO-HEAD BREAKDOWN

Cleveland Monsters vs Rochester Americans

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|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 35-23-5-6 | Record | 41-21-4-3 |
| 16-12-3-5 | Home Record | 18-12-3-1 |
| 19-11-2-1 | Road Record | 23-9-1-2 |
| 6-2-1-1 | Last 10 Games | 6-3-1-0 |
| 7-5 | Overtime Record | 4-4 |
| 4-6 | Shootout Record | 5-3 |
| 21-6-3-1 | Record When Scoring First | 25-11-2-1 |
| 18.4% (16th) | Power-Play | 18.6% (14th) |
| 80.7% (22nd) | Penalty Kill | 85.4% (th) |
| Apr. 13 @ TOR (6-5 SOW) | Last Game | Apr. 11 vs LAV (4-2 L) |
| Trent Vogelhuber (3rd) | Head Coach | Michael Leone (1st) |

2024-25 SERIES BREAKDOWN VS. CLEVELAND

| Date | Result | Score | SF-SA | PP | PK |
|---------|--------|-------|-------|-----|-----|
| Oct. 23 | W | 6-1 | 49-26 | 0-3 | 5-5 |
| Oct. 26 | SOW | 5-4 | 45-42 | 1-3 | 2-3 |
| Nov. 6 | W | 4-2 | 48-24 | 2-7 | 5-7 |
| Nov. 27 | L | 5-4 | 41-25 | 0-6 | 4-4 |
| Dec. 2 | W | 3-2 | 33-25 | 0-3 | 0-0 |
| Feb. 11 | W | 5-1 | 37-22 | 0-5 | 4-4 |
| Feb. 19 | W | 4-0 | 29-26 | 0-2 | 2-2 |



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AMERKS PUNCH PLAYOFF TICKET

With 4-2 win over Springfield back on April 2, Rochester officially clinched a Calder Cup Playoff berth for the sixth straight season and the 50th time in the 69-year history of the franchise.

The Amerks became just the second North Division team to punch their ticket to the postseason, joining the Laval Rocket.

By way of clinching, **Michael Leone** became the third straight bench boss to lead his team to the postseason in his first year as head coach, joining **Seth Appert** and **Chris Taylor**.

The victory was the 40th of the season, marking Rochester's first 40-win campaign since 2018-19. Leone became the first head coach to reach the 40-win mark in his first season since Hall of Famer **Randy Cunneynworth** in 2000-01.

The Amerks are 48-43 all-time over 91 playoff series.

99 AND COUNTING

Brett Murray scored his 99th goal as an Amerk last Wednesday and is looking to become the 20th player in franchise history to reach triple-digit goal totals.

The Bolton, Ontario, native recently passed Amerks Hall of Famer **Steve Langdon** for 20th on the franchise's all-time goals list. Murray needs two more goals to tie former player and coach **Randy Cunneynworth** (101), and three goals to reach **Ken Priestley** (102) for 18th all-time in goals for the Amerks.

Murray is amid a career season with a personal-best 26 goals, ranking second on the team behind only **Isak Rosén**. He was one of three Amerks named to this year's AHL All-Star Classic.

Murray is two points back of his career-best 49 (23+26) set during the 2022-23 season. The sixth-year pro has seven points (3+4) over his last seven games.

Against Cleveland, Murray is tied for the team lead in scoring over the seven-game series, amassing four goals and three assists to operate at a point-per-game pace.

Buffalo's fourth-round selection (99th overall) in the 2016 NHL Draft, the veteran forward has spent his entire six-year pro career in the Buffalo Sabres organization. In 322 career games as an Amerk, Murray has amassed 204 points while also adding 17 points in 26 postseason appearances.



MARCH MADNESS FOR ÖSTLUND

Noah Östlund was among Rochester's top point-producers in the month of February and March, which earned him his first career NHL recall on Friday morning. The rookie forward has tallied 19 goals and 36 points on the season, with 27 of his points (16+11) coming since Feb. 1. He's also found the back of the net in each of his last six games, which began with his first AHL hat trick on March 22 at Syracuse.

Östlund, who was named the Player of the Week for the period ending March 30, was also named the league's Rookie of the Month as he recorded nine goals and five assists for 14 points in 11 games for Rochester in March.

A first-round choice (16th overall) by Buffalo in the 2022 NHL Draft, Östlund has totaled 19 goals and 17 assists for 36 points in 44 games with the Amerks this season. The 21-year-old native of Stockholm, Sweden, leads all AHL rookies in plus/minus rating at plus-20, and his 15 goals since the All-Star break are fourth-most in the entire league.

Östlund's recent success earned the rookie forward his first-ever call-up to the Buffalo Sabres last Friday. He made his NHL debut at home against Tampa Bay on April 5. He became the second Amerks forward this season to make his NHL debut with the Sabres, joining **Tyson Kozak**, who has five points in 21 appearances with the big club since making his debut Dec. 5.



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