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## ROCHESTER AMERICANS GAME NOTES

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### TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

The Rochester Americans (42-21-4-3) usher in the final weekend of the regular season tonight when they host the Toronto Marlies (35-23-4-8) in the home finale at Blue Cross Arena. The North Division matchup will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM The Fan Rochester as well as AHLTV on FloHockey and televised live locally on CW Rochester.

Rochester has secured home-ice advantage through the North Division Semifinals, but the race for Toronto continues as they look to make the Calder Cup Playoffs for the second straight season. Excluding the COVID-19 pandemic seasons, the club has appeared in the postseason in each of the last 10 years dating back to the 2010-11 campaign.

Rochester has scored the third-most goals in the Eastern Conference (236) and is one of only two North Division teams (Lava) with 210 or more goals on the season.

### HEAD-TO-HEAD RESULTS AGAINST TORONTO

Tonight is the fifth meeting between the North Division rivals this season and the first in Rochester since the Amerks earned a 1-0 shootout win back on Feb. 22. The Amerks earned a point in five of the six meetings last season overall, showing a 4-1-0-1 record over that span.

The Amerks boast a 5-6-0-2 record against Toronto over the last six seasons in Rochester, which included earning five out of a possible six points on home ice last season. Overall, Rochester owns a 11-10-1-2 mark in the head-to-head series since the 2020-21 campaign.

Four of the last six meetings between the two clubs dating back to last season were one-goal games while the other two have been a two-goal difference. The Amerks have scored in the first period in three of those six matchups while the Marlies have done the same in the middle frame.

Since the start of last season, there have been four games decided beyond regulation, including each of the last two dating back to Nov. 17.

Rochester holds a 5-3-1-1 mark in the last 10 games versus Toronto.

In 30 of the last 46 meetings between the two teams dating back to the 2016-17 season, the team that scored first has come away with the victory.

### LAST TIME OUT

**Zachary Metsa** scored the go-ahead goal midway into the second period and **Brett Murray** celebrated a milestone to help lead the Amerks to a 4-1 win over the Cleveland Monsters in the season series finale between the North Division rivals Wednesday at Blue Cross Arena.

The Amerks picked up their 42nd win of the season, climbing over the 90-point mark on the strength of a 42-21-4-3 record.

In addition to Metsa and Murray, **Mason Jobst** scored on the power-play in the first period before **Riley Fiddler-Schultz** netted an empty-net goal during the final stanza. Jobst, Murray, and Metsa all finished with goals and assists for two-point games.

Goaltender **Devon Levi** recorded 24 saves in goal for his 25th win of the season. The 23-year-old, who is tied for second in the AHL this season in both wins and games played, is one win shy from becoming the first Amerks netminder since former Amerk and two-time team MVP Linus Ullmark posted 26 since during the 2016-17 campaign.

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

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Isak Rosén	60	28	27	55	4	10
Brett Murray	64	27	22	49	14	29
Zachary Metsa	68	7	39	46	17	16

### GOALTENDER

	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Devon Levi	41	25-12-4	1,013	.918	2.20
Felix Sandström	18	12-5-1	432	.898	2.83
Michael Houser	14	5-4-2	292	.893	2.83

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

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Alex Steeves	58	36	25	61	7	48
Nick Abruzzese	70	14	29	43	-12	10
Alexander Nylander	63	22	20	42	-14	14

### GOALTENDER

	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Dennis Hildeby	29	15-9-4	677	.904	2.65
Artur Akhtyamov	25	10-8-4	598	.901	2.86
Matt Murray	21	10-5-4	465	.934	1.72

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

**Toronto Marlies** vs **Rochester Americans**

35-23-4-8	<b>Record</b>	42-21-4-3
18-10-2-5	<b>Home Record</b>	19-12-3-1
17-13-2-3	<b>Road Record</b>	23-9-1-2
4-3-1-2	<b>Last 10 Games</b>	6-3-1-0
7-4	<b>Overtime Record</b>	4-4
4-8	<b>Shootout Record</b>	5-3
25-18-4-1	<b>Record When Scoring First</b>	26-11-2-1
18.9% (T-13th)	<b>Power-Play</b>	18.9% (T-12th)
83.9% (7th)	<b>Penalty Kill</b>	85.4% (T-4th)
Apr. 16 @ UTC (6-2 W)	<b>Last Game</b>	Apr. 16 vs CLE (4-1 W)
John Gruden (2nd)	<b>Head Coach</b>	Michael Leone (1st)

### 2024-25 SERIES BREAKDOWN VS. CLEVELAND

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 18	L	4-2	28-21	0-4	5-5
Oct. 19	L	3-2	37-23	0-7	4-4
Nov. 17	OTL	2-1	31-29	0-7	3-3
Feb. 22	SOW	1-0	34-30	0-5	5-5



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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.

## CENTURY MARK AND COUNTING

**Brett Murray** scored his 100th goal as an Amerk Wednesday, becoming the 20th player in franchise history to reach triple-digit goal totals.

The Bolton, Ontario, native needs one more goal to tie former player and coach **Randy Cunneynworth** (101) on the franchise's all-time goals list, and needs two tallies to reach **Ken Priestley** (102) for 18th all-time in goals for the Amerks.

Murray is amid a career season with a personal-best 27 goals, ranking second on the team behind only **Isak Rosén**. He was one of three Amerks named to this year's AHL All-Stare Classic.

Murray has matched his career-best of 49 (23+26) points from the 2022-23 season. The sixth-year pro has nine points (4+5) over his last eight games.

Murray is one point away from joining **Rosén** to reach the 50-point mark. Since 2017-18, Rochester has had at least two players finish with 50 or more points each year excluding the COVID-shortened seasons.

In 23 career regular-season games versus the Marlies, Murray has produced nine (6+3) points but has just one point (1+0) in his last nine contests.

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 323 career games as an Amerk, Murray has amassed 206 points on 100 goals and 106 assists 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. 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 posted five points in 21 appearances with the big club after debuting Dec. 5.



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