

# ROCHESTER AMERICANS HOCKEY CLUB

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Saturday | April 19, 2025 | 4:00 PM | Blue Cross Arena | AHL Game 1149 | AHLTV on FloHockey, The Fan Rochester

## ROCHESTER AMERICANS GAME NOTES

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### TODAY'S GAME OVERVIEW

The Rochester Americans (42-22-4-3) close out the final weekend of the regular season against the Toronto Marlies (36-23-4-8). The action will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM The Fan Rochester, beginning at 4:00 p.m. Saturday night with the home finale for the regular season, as well as AHLTV on FloHockey.

Rochester has secured home-ice advantage through the North Division Semifinals, and Toronto clinched a spot 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 (Laval) with 210 or more goals on the season.

### HEAD-TO-HEAD RESULTS AGAINST TORONTO

Today is the sixth meeting between the North Division rivals this season and the first in Toronto since the Amerks dropped a 2-1 overtime defeat back on Nov. 17. The Amerks earned a point in five of the six meetings last season overall, showing a 4-1-0-1 record.

The Amerks boast a 5-7-0-2 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 11-11-1-2 mark in the head-to-head series since the 2020-21 campaign.

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

Since the start of last season, there has been four games decided in beyond regulation, including each of most recent get-togethers between the two teams dating back to Nov. 17, while a contests has gone to a shootout. Rochester holds a 5-4-1-1 mark in the last 11 games versus Toronto.

In 31 of the last 47 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

A season high-10,395 fans entered Blue Cross Arena Friday night for Fan Appreciation Night, where Dennis Hildeby and the Marlies spoiled Rochester's regular season home finale via a 3-0 final.

The Amerks enter their final game of the season with a 42-22-4-3 record. Toronto improved to 36-23-4-8 on the slate.

**Jack Rathbone**, who took over the team-lead in shots on the season (172) registered a game-high six shots while rookies **Vsevolod Komarov** and **Konsta Helenius** each finished with four apiece. **Jiri Kulich**, **Isak Rosén**, **Noah Östlund** and **Tyson Kozak** all were loaned by back Rochester from the Buffalo Sabres but they were did not play.

Goaltender **Devon Levi** recorded 24 saves in his 42nd start of the season with Rochester. The 23-year-old, who is tied for second in the AHL this season in both wins and games play, 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 slate.

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

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Isak Rosén	60	28	27	55	4	10
Brett Murray	65	27	22	49	14	29
Zachary Metsa	69	7	39	46	17	16

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Devon Levi	42	25-13-4	1,037	.919	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	59	36	26	62	8	50
Alexander Nylander	64	23	21	44	-12	14
Nick Abruzzese	71	15	28	43	-11	10

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Dennis Hildeby	30	16-9-4	709	.908	2.55
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

36-23-4-8	<b>Record</b>	42-22-4-3
18-10-2-5	<b>Home Record</b>	19-13-3-1
18-13-2-3	<b>Road Record</b>	23-9-1-2
4-3-1-2	<b>Last 10 Games</b>	5-4-1-0
7-4	<b>Overtime Record</b>	4-4
4-8	<b>Shootout Record</b>	5-3
26-18-4-1	<b>Record When Scoring First</b>	26-11-2-1
18.8% (T-11th)	<b>Power-Play</b>	18.8% (T-13th)
84.1% (7th)	<b>Penalty Kill</b>	85.5% (3rd)
Apr. 18 @ ROC (3-0 W)	<b>Last Game</b>	Apr. 18 vs TOR (3-0 L)
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
Apr. 18	SOW	1-0	34-30	0-5	5-5
Apr. 18	L	3-0	32-27	0-3	1-1



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## AMERKS PUNCH PLAYOFF TICKET

The Amerks secured their sixth straight playoff berth by way of a 4-2 win over Springfield on April 2, marking the team's 50th appearance in the 69-year history of the franchise.

The Amerks clinched second place in the AHL's North Division standings by virtue of a 4-2 loss to the Laval Rocket on April 11, thus earning a first-round bye for the third straight year.

The second-round series will mark the seventh meeting in the postseason between the intrastate rivals and the third year in a row after the Amerks and Crunch exchanged series wins in each of the last two springs.

Game 1 | Friday, April 25 – at Rochester | 7:05 p.m.  
Game 2 | Sunday, April 27 – at Rochester | 3:05 p.m.  
Game 3 | Thursday, May 1 – at Syracuse | 7:00 p.m.  
\*Game 4 | Saturday, May 3 – at Syracuse | 7:00 p.m.  
\*Game 5 | Friday, May 9 – at Rochester | 7:05 p.m.

## 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 Cunneyworth** (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-Star Classic.

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

Murray is one point away from joining **Rosén** to reach the 50-point mark. Rochester has had at least two players finish with 50 or more each season since the 2017-18 slate with the exception of the COVID-19 effective seasons.

In 24 career regular season games versus the Marlies, Murray has produced nine (6+3) points but has just one point (1+0) in his last 10 tilts.

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 324 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. 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 appeared in eight games with the Sabres.

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 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 has five points in 21 appearances with the big club since making his debut Dec. 5.



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