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ROCHESTER AMERICANS GAME NOTES

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TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

The Rochester Americans (4-2-0-0) close out the first month of the season on Saturday, Oct. 25 when they face the Cleveland Monsters (2-1-0-1) at Rocket Arena. 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.

SEASON SERIES SNAPSHOT

Rochester boasts a 51-22-7-5 record against Cleveland over the last 11 years dating back to the start of the 2011-12 campaign, including winning seven of the eight meetings last season. The Amerks also went a perfect 4-0-0-0 in the road portion of the campaign series at Rocket Arena in 2024-25 and have posted at least one point in seven of the eight games since 2023-24.

The Amerks have scored at least one power-play goal in 20 of the last 40 games (24-for-139) against Cleveland since the 2020-21 season. Despite the club killing off 115-of-148 penalties during that same span, they have successfully cleared 40 of the last 46 shorthanded situations over the last 13 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, 2023 when he finished with four points (2+2) along with a plus-four rating in a 7-5 Amerks win.

Rochester enters tonight after outshooting Cleveland 315-216 last year. The Amerks had 40 or more shots in the first four games against the Monsters, a feat they had not done against any opponent in at least 10-plus years.

The Amerks have also outscored the Monsters 21-16 and 26-8 in the first and second periods, respectively, since the start of the 2023-24 campaign. Both Rochester and Cleveland has totaled 16 goals in the final stanza over that same span.

JONES' APPLE COMPANY

During last night's 4-0 shutout win over Laval **Zac Jones** turned in a career-best three assists outing. The multi-assist effort marked his third of the slate through the first six games of his Amerks career.

Jones', who leads all Rochester skaters with eight assists, ranks first amongst all AHL blueliners in both points and assists while also tying for first and sitting fifth in the entire league.

In 54 and 52 games during the 2021-22 and 2022-23 seasons, the Glen Allen, Virginia native notched 23 and 26 helpers respectively.

Since turning pro during the 2020-21 slate, the 5-foot-11, 190-pound blueliner has recorded 75 points (18+57) at the AHL level with Rochester and Hartford while also notching 28 points (4+24) with the New York Rangers.



2025-26 AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Isak Rosén	6	4	5	9	0	2
Zac Jones	6	0	8	8	-3	0
Konsta Helenius	6	3	2	5	-2	2

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Devon Levi	3	3-0-0	69	.913	2.01
Alexandar Georgiev	1	0-1-0	31	.912	3.01
Topias Leinonen	1	0-1-0	17	.850	3.08

2025-26 MONSTERS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Brendan Gaunce	4	2	0	2	-1	4
Mikael Pyhtia	4	1	1	2	0	2
Luca Del Bel Belluz	4	0	2	2	-1	0

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Ivan Fedotov	3	1-1-1	70	.933	1.67
Zach Sawchenko	1	1-0-0	21	.913	2.00

2025-26 HEAD-TO-HEAD BREAKDOWN

Cleveland Monsters Rochester Americans

2-1-0-1	Record	4-2-0-0
0-1-0-1	Home Record	3-0-0-0
2-0-0-0	Away Record	1-2-0-0
2-1-0-1	Last 10 Games	4-2-0-0
1-0	Overtime Record	0-0
0-1	Shootout Record	0-0
2-0-0-1	Record When Scoring First	3-0-0-0
8.7% (27th)	Power-Play	34.6% (2nd)
85.7% (T-11th)	Penalty Kill	85.7% (T-11th)

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
Apr. 16	W	4-1	34-25	1-2	1-1



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METSA MAKES NHL DEBUT

Just days after earning his first-ever NHL recall to the Buffalo Sabres last week, Amerks captain **Zach Metsa** made his highly anticipated NHL debut in Buffalo's 4-2 loss at Montreal Monday night.

Metsa, whose debut came a day after his 27th birthday, logged 9:02 of ice time while skating alongside Mattias Samuelsson and Bowen Byram.

The 65th captain in franchise history, Metsa is coming off a season where he topped all Amerks in assists (39) and finished third in points (46) in 69 games, earning him a two-year, two-way contract with the Sabres during the offseason.

A native of Delafield, Wisconsin, Metsa has totaled 70 points (14+56) in 125 regular season games with Rochester since joining the club in 2023. He originally signed with the Amerks prior to the 2023 Calder Cup Playoffs.

Metsa, who is the fifth-youngest captain over the last 30 years with the Amerks, is no stranger to being in a leadership role, having captained Quinnipiac University to its first-ever National Championship in 2023.

DID IT FOUR HISTORY

On Wednesday night, **Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen** made a conditioning stint appearance with the Amerks. In doing so, the Finnish netminder was the fourth different netminder this season to man the pipes, joining **Devon Levi**, **Topias Leinonen**, and **Alexandar Georgiev**. By using four goaltenders through the first five games of the campaign, it marked the first time it has happened in the 70-year history of the franchise.

Luukkonen, who has since completed his conditioning assignment and returned to Buffalo, made his first appearance with Rochester since Nov. 9, 2022, which also came against Syracuse. Luukkonen stopped 21 of the 23 shots he faced to earn the win and has now won each of his last four games and six of his last eight in the AHL dating back to Oct. 19, 2022.

Georgiev made his Amerks debut on Saturday against the Crunch after joining the club on reassignment from the Buffalo Sabres last week. The veteran netminder, who made his first AHL start since Jan. 26, 2019 as a member of the Hartford Wolf Pack, became the first Bulgarian-born goaltender to appear in a game with the franchise.

Leinonen made his Amerks debut in Rochester's 4-1 loss against the Toronto Marlies on Saturday, Oct. 11. The Finnish netminder stopped 17 of the 20 shots he faced but was dealt the defeat.

Levi is the only netminder to have appeared in multiple games this season for Rochester as he shows a 2-0-0 mark and 50 saves through his first two appearances.



PARTY OF FIVE

Following last week's reassignment of defenseman **Ryan Johnson** to the Amerks, Rochester's current roster features five different first-round picks, including highly touted defenseman **Radim Mrtka**, who the Buffalo Sabres took with their ninth overall pick this past summer.

Mrtka, who signed a three-year, entry-level with the Sabres in July, made his professional debut on Oct. 10 after playing the 2024-25 campaign with Seattle Thunderbirds of the WHL. He recorded his first pro point with the lone assist on **Brendan Warren's** eventual game-winning goal.

Mrtka had 35 points (3+32) in 43 games last season and a plus-10 rating with Seattle. The Havlickuv, Czechia, product tied for fifth amongst all WHL rookie defensemen in points.

The 6-foot-6, 218-pound blueliner logged four points (1+3) in five games to lead all Czechia defensemen at the 2025 IIHF U18 World Championship. Additionally, he earned a silver medal with his native country at the 2024 Hlinka Gretzky Cup, collecting a pair of helpers in five appearances.

Mrtka joins Johnson (31st overall, 2019), **Isak Rosén** (14th overall, 2021), **Noah Ostlund** (16th overall, 2022), and **Konsta Helenius** (14th overall, 2024) as the first-round selections comprising Rochester's 24-man roster.

SCOUTING THE MONSTERS

The Monsters host the Amerks for the first of four meetings this season at Rocket Arena and first of two in 2025. Following tonight's tilt, Rochester will play its final contest of the calendar in Ohio on Dec. 29 for a 6:30 p.m. tilt.

After winning its two games of the 2025-26 season at Utica, Cleveland has a regulation and shootout loss against Lehigh Valley. The Monsters enter tonight have scored just six goals on the campaign, which is fewest in the league. On the flip side, the Monsters have allowed eight goals, which is good for tied for third in the AHL.

The Monsters have used the goaltending duo of Ivan Fedotov and Zach Sawchenko. Fedotov, who posted a 6-13-4 record with the Philadelphia Flyers in 26 appearances during the 2024-25 slate, is in his first season with Cleveland having a 1-1-1 mark. Sawchenko, meanwhile, who posted a 10-11-5 record in 27 regular season games for the Monsters last season, is 1-0-0.

After posting a career-best 27 goals, 26 assists and 53 points, third-year forward Luca Del Bel Belluz returns to the Monsters in 2025-26. The Ontario native has plotted 12 points (7+5) in 15 career contests opposite the Amerks.



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