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ROCHESTER AMERICANS GAME NOTES

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TODAY'S GAME OVERVIEW

The Rochester Americans (7-2-0-0) close their season-long four-game road swing this afternoon in a rematch at Place Bell for the second of back-to-back meetings against the Laval Rocket (5-4-1-0). Game time is slated for a 3:00 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

A career-high four-point night from **Konsta Helenius** (2+2), a three-assist outing from **Zac Jones** and a 19-save shutout from **Devon Levi** (3-0-0) powered the Amerks to a 4-0 win over Laval last Friday night.

In a goaltending duel between Levi and Kaapo Kähkönen, **Ryan Johnson** (1+1) helped the Amerks outlast the Rocket for a 2-1 victory last night at Place Bell. **Trevor Kuntar** added the eventual game-winner in the closing minutes of regulation.

Despite posting its first losing record against the Rocket in 2024-25, Rochester is 31-16-3-0 all-time against Laval in the regular season, which included an 8-7-1-0 mark over the last two seasons. The Amerks have picked up at least one point in 17 of their first 26 road games in Laval, going 15-9-2-0 over that span. Conversely, since the start of the 2017-18 campaign, the Amerks have posted a 16-8-1-0 mark at The Blue Cross Arena versus Laval, earning points in all four meetings during the 2023-24 season.

The Amerks have outshot the Rocket 11 times over the last 18 regular season games since the start of the 2023-24 campaign, which included the first five meetings last season and both games in 2025-26.

Goaltender and Quebec native **Devon Levi** has made nine career regular-season starts against Laval, earning a win in five appearances. In his first three contests versus the Rocket, Levi allowed just three combined goals and went 3-0-0 before allowing 14 goals in the his next four games.

ALONG CAME JONES

The arrival of newcomer **Zac Jones** has provided a significant boost to the Amerks blueline, but it's his offensive contributions that have made the most impact.

Coming off a career-high three-assist effort in last Friday's 4-0 shutout win over Laval, Jones is tied for the league with 10 assists and currently paces all AHL defensemen in assists through his first nine games.

More impressively, Jones has recorded all but one of his team-high 10 assists on the power-play, which are also most in the league coming into the weekend.

Jones, whose been held scoreless just four times since the start of the season, has recorded two or more assists on three occasions. Rochester is a perfect 3-0-0-0 this season when Jones records a multi-assist game.

With 10 points through his first nine games, it's the most productive start to the season for Jones, who is well on pace to shatter his previous career-high of 35 points from his 2021-22 rookie campaign with Hartford.

Since making his pro debut with the New York Rangers during the COVID-shortened 2020-21 season, the sixth-year blueliner has amassed 59 assists and 77 points at the AHL level with Rochester and Hartford while also notching 28 points (4+24) with the New York Rangers, who drafted him in the third round (68th overall) of the 2019 NHL Draft.

2025-26 AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Isak Rosén*	8	5	7	12	1	4
Zac Jones	9	0	10	10	-5	0
Konsta Helenius	9	4	3	7	0	6

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Devon Levi	5	5-0-0	125	.933	1.80
Alexandar Georgiev	1	0-1-0	31	.912	3.01
Topias Leinonen	2	1-1-0	42	.875	3.02

*=Currently with Buffalo (NHL)

2025-26 ROCKET OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Jared Davidson	9	6	2	8	-1	17
Laurent Dauphin	9	3	5	8	8	8
Sean Farrell	9	2	4	6	3	2

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Kaapo Kähkönen	4	2-2-0	111	.917	2.52
Jacob Fowler	5	3-2-0	110	.902	2.40

2025-26 HEAD-TO-HEAD BREAKDOWN

Laval Rocket		Rochester Americans
5-3-0-0	Record	6-2-0-0
3-0-0-0	Home Record	3-0-0-0
2-3-0-0	Away Record	3-2-0-0
5-3-0-0	Last 10 Games	6-2-0-0
0-0	Overtime Record	1-0
0-0	Shootout Record	0-0
5-0-0-0	Record When Scoring First	5-0-0-0
17.2% (21st)	Power-Play	32.4% (2nd)
80.0% (T-15th)	Penalty Kill	86.7% (8th)

2025-26 SERIES BREAKDOWN VS. LAVAL

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 24	W	4-0	38-19	2-8	4-4
Oct. 31	W	2-1	36-34	0-4	5-5



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FINNISHIN' STRONG

Konsta Helenius was one of the standout forwards for the Amerks during the team's playoff series against Laval this past spring. The 19-year-old scored two goals and an assist, ultimately finishing his playoff run with three goals and six points in eight postseason games.

The Finnish forward then had his best game as a pro against Laval last Friday in the Flower City, factoring in on all four Rochester goals in the 4-0 win over the Rocket. Helenius scored twice and assisted on the other two goals for his first career four-point night.

Helenius has faced each of the other 14 teams in the Eastern Conference at least once, with his second highest point totals against a team coming when the Sabres prospect has faced the Rocket.

In 10 career regular season games, Helenius yields three goals and eight points when facing Laval.

Over 74 games with the Amerks, the former first-round pick has totaled 42 points (18+24) and was named to the AHL's Top Prospects Team as a rookie.

ROSEN TO THE OCCASION

Through the first eight games of the 2025-26 season, **Isak Rosén**, who was recalled to the Buffalo Sabres on Friday, tops all Amerks with five goals and 12 points while his seven assists are second-most. The Stockholm, Sweden, native is also one point off the AHL scoring lead, ranks fifth in goals and tied for first in power-play tallies (4).

In last Friday's 4-0 shutout win over Laval, the fourth-year forward chipped in a pair of points on one goal and one assist in his 200th career game with Rochester. He became the second Amerk that week to reach the 200-game club, joining **Brendan Warren**, who achieved the feat the game prior.

In 70 career games against Canadian-based opponents since making his debut in 2022-23, Rosen has recorded 54 points (27+27), which includes 17 points (10+7) in 27 appearances versus Laval, and added 188 shots.

Including his Amerks debut on Oct. 14, 2022, which also was a multi-point game, Rosen has tallied 42 contests with two or more points. Rochester has won each of the last 30 games during that span and overall show a 40-1-1-0 record overall. The club's lone regulation loss came back on Oct. 20, 2023 when he had two assists versus the Rocket whereas the only overtime defeat was on Nov. 11, 2022 (also recorded a pair of helpers) against the Cleveland Monsters.

Since the start of the 2024-25 campaign, the Amerks own a 25-1-0-0 mark when the two-time AHL All-Star has found the back of the opposition's net. The only loss came versus the Syracuse Crunch on Dec. 18, 2024.



WINNING IS THE WAY

Last Saturday's 4-3 overtime win at Cleveland marked the first AHL win for rookie goaltender **Topias Leinonen**, who stopped 25 of the 28 shots he faced in just his second appearance in the league.

Leinonen became the third Amerks netminder to earn a win in-between the pipes this season for Rochester, joining **Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen**, who appeared in one game during his brief conditioning stint from the Buffalo Sabres, and **Devon Levi** (5-0-0), who is off to his best start in the AHL.

Dating back to the 2012-13 season, Rochester has had at least three goaltenders or more produce one or more wins during the season. Since the 2004-25 slate, the Amerks have had three or more in 19 of their previous 21 years.

For the first time in his professional career, Levi has won each of his first five starts. The 23-year-old AHL All-Star notched his eighth career shutout (and first of the season) against the Rocket last Friday night. The last time Levi opened a season with more than three consecutive wins was in 2019-20, when the Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Quebec native dominated the Central Canada Hockey League as the starting goaltender for the Carleton Place Canadians, winning his first nine games of the campaign before finishing with an impressive 34-2-1 mark.

Prior to last night's 2-1 victory, the Amerks have scored four or more goals in each of their last 15 wins and have done so in 28 of their last 30 dating back to since the start of the 2025 calendar year. The other two victories were both a one-score decisions over Lehigh Valley (3-2) and Toronto (1-0).

SCOUTING THE ROCKET

Laval, who plays host to Rochester for the second of four meetings this season, show a 5-4-0-0 mark through the first nine contests. Today is also the second game in less than 24 hours and third of the 2025-26 season between the two North Division clubs.

The first month of the season featured four losses and five wins for Laval, which included three wins versus Western Conference teams and one victory over an Atlantic Division foe. It marked the first time since April 2024 the Rocket finished a month with more losses (4) than victories (2).

The Rocket have used the goaltending duo of Kaapo Kähkönen and rookie Jacob Fowler. Kähkönen led the Charlotte Checkers to the Calder Cup Finals before signing a one-year NHL contract with Montreal this past summer. Fowler, meanwhile, turned pro at the end of the 2024-25 season, posting a 2-1-0 record in three regular season games for the Rocket.



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