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GAME NOTES

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TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

The top spot AHL's North Division standings is up for grabs tonight as the Rochester Americans (7-3-0-0) return to home ice to host the Syracuse Crunch (7-2-0-0) in an intrastate showdown at The Blue Cross Arena. Game time is slated for a 7:05 p.m. start and will be carried live on 95.7 FM/950 AM The Fan Rochester as well as AHLTV on FloHockey.

SEASON SERIES SNAPSHOT

In the previous meeting with the Crunch back on Oct. 22 , Rochester scored relied on special teams to doupe up Syracuse, scoring twice on the power-play and adding a shorthanded tally. Since the first game of the season-series last season, the Amerks' man-advantage has potted 10 goals on 54 chances, which is good for a 18.5% success rate over the last 14 contests.

The shutout defeat back on Oct. 18 was the Amerks' first against the Crunch since Feb. 15, 2019, a span of 75 regular season contests between the intrastate rivals. Furthermore, it was the first road regular season shutout loss against Syracuse since Jan. 13, 2018.

Rochester owns a 3-31-6-2 record against the Crunch dating back to the start of the 2016-17 regular season when they score two or fewer goals. On the other hand, when the Amerks score three or more goals over that same span, the club shows an impressive 43-11-5-1 mark.

Forward **Isak Rosén** (9+12), who's currently on NHL recall, leads all Amerks in scoring against the Crunch dating back to 2023-24 season, having appeared in 24 games in that span. In 48 career games versus Syracuse, Rosén has tallied 31 points (13+18), his most against any other AHL team.

Goaltender **Devon Levi** enters tonight's matchup with a 6-5-4 record against Syracuse in 15 appearances since making his debut with Rochester in 2023-24. Levi is currently one of only two active AHL netminders to have played at least five games to win his first five starts of the season.

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.

Sparked by a career-high three-assist effort in Rochester's 4-0 shutout win over Laval on Oct. 24, Jones is tied for the league lead with 12 assists and currently paces all AHL defensemen in points through his first 10 games.

More impressively, Jones has recorded all but two of his team-leading 12 assists on the power-play, which are also most in the league coming into the first week of November.

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 3-1-0-0 this season when Jones records a multi-assist game.

With 12 points through his first 10 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 61 assists and 79 points across 118 games 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	10	0	12	12	-5	0
Konsta Helenius	10	4	3	7	-1	8

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Devon Levi	5	5-0-0	125	.933	1.80
Alexandar Georgiev	2	0-2-0	60	.896	3.57
Topias Leinonen	2	1-1-0	42	.875	3.02

**=Currently with Buffalo (NHL)*

2025-26 CRUNCH OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Jakob Pelletier	9	5	8	13	3	5
Boris Katchouk	9	4	5	9	4	2
Nick Abruzzese	9	3	5	8	0	0

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Ryan Fanti	3	3-0-0	80	.941	1.66
Brandon Halverson	6	4-2-0	131	.897	2.54

2025-26 HEAD-TO-HEAD BREAKDOWN

Syracuse Crunch		Rochester Americans
7-2-0-0	**Record**	7-3-0-0
3-1-0-0	**Home Record**	3-0-0-0
4-1-0-0	**Away Record**	4-3-0-0
7-2-0-0	**Last 10 Games**	7-3-0-0
1-0	**Overtime Record**	1-0
0-0	**Shootout Record**	0-0
4-1-0-0	**Record When Scoring First**	5-0-0-0
20.5% (T-14th)	**Power-Play**	26.5% (5th)
87.1% (3rd)	**Penalty Kill**	82.5% (12th)

2025-26 SERIES BREAKDOWN VS. SYRACUSE

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 18	L	3-0	31-34	0-2	3-3
Oct. 22	W	4-2	28-23	2-6	5-6

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ROCHESTER REINFORCEMENTS

Not even a full month into the start of the 70th anniversary season, Rochester has dressed 15 different forwards, nine defensemen, and four goaltenders.

Forwards **Josh Dunne**, **Noah Östlund**, and **Isak Rosén** all earned call-ups and playing time with the Sabres, with all three scoring their first NHL goals within eight days one another on home ice at KeyBank Center.

It marked the first time three different Sabres have done so in eight or fewer days since Richard Smehlik (Oct. 10, 1992 at Hartford), Viktor Gourdiouk (Oct. 11, 1992 vs. Montreal) and Yuri Khmylev (Oct. 17, 1992 at Washington) did so in an eight-day span.

On the blueline, though he did not appear in a game, defenseman **Zac Jones** was briefly brought up to the big club, as was Amerks captain **Zach Metsa**, who made his NHL debut Oct. 20 when the Sabres played at Montreal.

Ryan Johnson began this season in Buffalo, appearing in three games for the blue and gold.

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 and named AHL Player of the Month for October on Monday, led all Amerks with five goals and 12 points while his were seven assists are second-most. The Stockholm, Sweden, native scored his first NHL goal in Buffalo's 4-3 shootout win over Washingotn on Nov. 1.

During the 4-0 shutout win over Laval on Oct. 24, 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 105 career games against American-based opponents since making his debut in 2022-23, Rosen has recorded 79 points (34+45), which includes 31 points (13+18) in 48 appearances versus Syracuse, and added 97 shots.

Including his Amerks debut on Oct. 14, 2022, which was also 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

The 4-3 overtime win at Cleveland on Oct. 25 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 Friday'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 CRUNCH

As the first week of November begins, Syracuse, is one of only seven teams that have seven or more wins on the season while also being one of eight with two or fewer regulation losses.

The Crunch finished October with a 7-1-0-0 record for a 0.875 points percentage. That surpassed the previous club mark of 0.857 (6-1-0-0) set back in the 2008-09 season.

Syracuse posted a 4-1-0-0 road record and a 3-0-0-0 mark at Upstate Medical University Arena, outscoring opponents 10-0. The team became the 18th in AHL history to post three straight home shutouts in the regular season.

It was the first time in league history it happened in the first three home games of a season.

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