

ROCHESTER AMERICANS HOCKEY CLUB

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Friday | **Nov. 7, 2025** | 7:05 PM | The Blue Cross Arena | AHL Game 160 | AHLTV on FloHockey, The Fan Rochester, CW Rochester

ROCHESTER AMERICANS GAME NOTES

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TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

For the one and only time this season, the Rochester Americans (7-4-0-0) welcome the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins (8-2-1-0) to the Flower City tonight. Game time from The Blue Cross Arena is slated for a 7:05 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. The matchup will also be televised locally on CW Rochester.

SEASON SERIES SNAPSHOT

After being swept in the two-game season-series in 2017-18, Rochester has gone a near-perfect 10-2-0-1 in the 13 meetings against Wilkes-Barre/Scranton since.

Coming off a 5-2 win in the most recent meeting between the two teams back on Feb. 25, Rochester has won the last four meetings at home against the Penguins dating back to the 2021-22 season.

The Amerks have scored 13 power-play goals in their last 13 games against the Penguins dating back to the start of the 2017-18 season, going 13-for-54 (24.1%) with the man-advantage over that span.

Conversely, Rochester's penalty kill unit has successfully cleared 36 of the 39 shorthanded situations (91.3%) against in that same time frame.

Jack Rathbone spent the 2023-24 campaign with the Penguins, notching eight goals and 16 assists for 24 points while also adding a pair of points (1+1) in three Calder Cup Playoff appearances in 2024.

Jagger Joshua, who was acquired in a mid-season trade last season, produced 26 points (10+16) over three seasons with Wilkes-Barre/Scranton in 74 games from 2022-2025. He also skated in two playoff contests.

Isaac Belliveau skated in 24 games with the Penguins over parts of two seasons, registering seven points (1+6) and 29 shots.

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 13 assists and currently paces all AHL defensemen in points through his first 11 games.

More impressively, Jones has recorded all but two of his team-leading 13 assists on the power-play, which are also most in the league coming into the first weekend 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 13 points through his first 11 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 62 assists and 80 points across 119 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
Zac Jones	11	0	13	13	-4	2
Isak Rosén*	8	5	7	12	1	4
Konsta Helenius	11	4	4	8	-1	8

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Devon Levi	6	5-1-0	149	.914	2.36
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 PENGUINS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Danton Heinen*	10	5	9	14	7	4
Ville Koivunen*	6	4	7	11	5	2
Tristan Broz	11	5	3	8	3	2

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Sergei Murashov*	7	5-2-0	161	.931	1.73
Filip Larsson	4	3-0-1	99	.917	2.18

*=Currently with Pittsburgh (NHL)

2025-26 HEAD-TO-HEAD BREAKDOWN

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Rochester Americans

8-2-1-0**Record**7-4-0-0

3-1-1-0**Home Record**3-1-0-0

5-1-0-0**Away Record**4-3-0-0

7-2-1-0**Last 10 Games**6-4-0-0

1-1**Overtime Record**1-0

0-0**Shootout Record**0-0

5-0-1-0**Record When Scoring First**5-0-0-0

17.9% (19th).....**Power-Play**25.5% (6th)

87.1% (3rd).....**Penalty Kill**79.1% (19th)

2024-25 SERIES BREAKDOWN VS. PENGUINS

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Nov. 9	L	5-0	36-28	0-2	1-2
Feb. 26	W	5-2	36-30	1-3	2-2



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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** have all earned multiple call-ups to the Sabres, with all three scoring their first NHL goals within eight days of 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 Goudriouk (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. The former first-round pick has appeared in 47 career NHL games with Buffalo since making his pro debut in 2023-24.

ROSEN TO THE OCCASION

Through his first eight games of the 2025-26 season, **Isak Rosén**, who was recalled to the Buffalo Sabres last Friday and named AHL Player of the Month for October, led all Amerks with five goals and 12 points during the first month of the season while his seven assists were second-most.

The Stockholm, Sweden, native scored his first NHL goal in Buffalo's 4-3 shootout win over Washington 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, Rosén has recorded 79 points (34+45) with 97 shots.

Including his Amerks debut on Oct. 14, 2022, which was also a multi-point game, Rosén has tallied 42 contests with two or more points. Rochester has won each of the last 30 games during that span and 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.



PRECISION FROM LESCHYSHYN

With his two goals Wednesday, Leschyshyn moved into a tie with Rosén for first on the Amerks at five goals apiece. The seventh-year pro has muscled seven points (5+2) through 11 games to start his tenure as an Amerk, with five points (4+1) over as many games since Oct. 25.

Across seven seasons and four teams, Leschyshyn has amassed 55 goals and 111 points over 282 AHL games.

The Raleigh, North Carolina, native will face his team from the last three seasons (Hartford) next weekend as the Amerks continue play against Atlantic Division opponents.

Leschyshyn is a second-generation pro, with his father, Curtis, being a veteran of over 1,000 NHL games and a Stanley Cup Champion with the Colorado Avalanche in 1996.

SCOUTING THE PENGUINS

As the first weekend of November is set to begin, Wilkes-Barre/Scranton is one of only three teams in the Eastern Conference that have eight wins on the season while also being one of four with two or fewer regulation losses.

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton marches into Rochester as the top team in the Eastern Conference with 17 points and an 8-2-1-0 record. The Penguins had jumped out to a 7-0-0-0 start to the season, before dropping games to Providence, Utica, then falling in overtime to Toronto on Wednesday.

The Penguins' 36 goals are tied with Providence for most in the Eastern Conference through the first month of the regular season. They are currently one of three AHL teams with five road wins to begin the 2025-26 campaign, possessing a 5-1-0-0 record while outscoring their hosts, 23-11.

The Penguins have relied on netminders Sergei Murashov (5-2-0) and Filip Larsson (3-0-1) through their first 11 games of the campaign. The duo have a 2.00 goals-against-average, which is tied for the best in the AHL. Murashov, who was named AHL Goaltender of the Month for October on Monday and subsequently recalled by Pittsburgh two days later, went 5-2-0 in seven starts during October, amassing a 1.73 goals-against average, .931 save percentage and one shutout.

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton remains without the services of its top two point-getters in Danton Heinen and Ville Koivunen, who like Murashov, are presently with the big club. Koivunen, who was named to the AHL All-Rookie Team last season, recorded 11 points in six games prior to his recall.



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