

Sunday | **Nov. 9, 2025** | 5:00 PM | Giant Center | AHL Game 182 | AHLTV on FloHockey, The Fan Rochester

# ROCHESTER AMERICANS GAME NOTES

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## TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

The Rochester Americans (8-4-0-0) close out the weekend on the road this evening when they clash with the Hershey Bears (5-4-1-0) in a battle between the league's two cornerstone franchises at Giant Center. Puck drops on the 469th all-time meeting with the AHL's two oldest teams at 5:00 p.m. 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

While Rochester is seeking its first regulation win against Hershey since Dec. 19, 2021, the club has earned at least one point in three of the last six games as they hold a 1-3-2-0 mark during that stretch. The Amerks' lone victory came by way of 4-3 shootout win at The Blue Cross Arena back on Mar. 24, 2023.

The Amerks have collected at least one point in 10 of their last 18 games against Hershey overall, going 7-8-3-0 over that span dating back to the start of the 2016-17 campaign.

The Amerks have posted at least one game with a point or more against Hershey in each of last seven seasons dating back to the 2017-18 season and have not suffered back-to-back regulation losses during that span.

The league's two cornerstone franchises have combined for 158 AHL seasons, 19 Calder cups and nearly 5,700 regular seasons wins.

After playing only twice each of the seven seasons (excluding the COVID-impacted seasons), the two clubs will play four times in 2025-26 for the first time since 2016-17. Hershey outscored Rochester 18-11 that year while posting a 3-1-0-0 mark.

Both teams have nearly identical records when leading after the second period: Rochester is a perfect 6-0-0-0 while Hershey is 4-0-1-0 in that regard.

## 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, which earned him his second recall to Buffalo on Friday.

Sparked by a career-high three-assist effort in Rochester's 4-0 shutout win over Laval on Oct. 24, Jones is second 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	12	4	6	10	-2	8

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Devon Levi	7	6-1-0	171	.905	2.59
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 HERSHEY OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Matt Strome	9	3	4	7	-3	4
Henrik Rybinski	9	2	5	7	4	8
Corey Schueneman	10	1	6	7	-1	2

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Garin Bjorklund	5	3-1-1	118	.915	2.17
Clay Stevenson	5	2-3-0	101	.876	3.40

\*=Currently with Washington (NHL)

## 2025-26 HEAD-TO-HEAD BREAKDOWN

### Hershey Bears vs Rochester Americans

5-4-1-0	.....Record	.....8-4-0-0
2-3-1-0	.....Home Record	.....4-1-0-0
3-1-0-0	.....Away Record	.....4-3-0-0
5-4-1-0	.....Last 10 Games	.....7-3-0-0
1-1	.....Overtime Record	.....1-0
1-0	.....Shootout Record	.....0-0
3-1-1-0	.....Record When Scoring First	.....6-0-0-0
16.7% (T-22nd)	.....Power-Play	.....25.4% (5th)
83.3% (T-9th)	.....Penalty Kill	.....81.3% (T-17th)

## 2024-25 SERIES BREAKDOWN VS. HERSHEY

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Nov. 22	OTL	4-3	26-28	1-4	1-3
Jan. 19	L	5-4	30-33	0-0	0-1



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## ROCHESTER REINFORCEMENTS

Not even a full month into the start of the 70th anniversary season, Rochester has dressed 16 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 Goudiounk (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** has yet to dress with 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 and another on Friday night, Leschyshyn moved passed Rosén for first on the Amerks with a team-leading six goals. The seventh-year pro has muscled nine points (6+2) through 12 games to start his tenure as an Amerk, with six points (5+1) over as many games since Oct. 25.

Across seven seasons and four teams, Leschyshyn has amassed 56 goals and 112 points over 283 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 BEARS

As the first weekend of November is set to begin, Hershey owns a 5-4-1-0 record and 11 points, which has them tied for sixth in the Atlantic Division standings. The Bears, who won back-to-back Calder Cups in 2023 and 2024, have allowed 22 goals on home ice, which are third-most in the division, and have been outscored overall 30-28.

Derek King was named the team's new head coach following Todd Nelson's promotion to the Pittsburgh Penguins. Five of Hershey's top six point producers are gone from a season ago. Goaltender Hunter Shepard, who won the Bears 70 of his last 106 appearances over three years, is in the Ottawa Senators organization.

The Bears have a lineup that has already seen 11 different rookies appear in games and 20 forwards, which are most in the league. The Bears are now the fifth-youngest team in the Eastern Conference based on average age (24.21), though the team ranks seventh in the league with professional game experience, totaling out at 3,707 pro games played. This is in large part contributed to by team captain Aaron Ness, who is the AHL's active games leader, with Sunday slated to be the veteran's 791st game.

Hershey has used the goaltending duo of Clay Stevenson (2-3-0) and rookie Garin Bjorklund (3-1-1) having both appeared in five games each. Stevenson is in his fourth stint with the Bears and owns a 47-21-6 record with nine shutouts since 2022-23 while Bjorklund is in his first full year in the AHL after spending the last three with the South Carolina Stingrays of the ECHL.



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