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ROCHESTER AMERICANS GAME NOTES

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TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

The Rochester Americans (10-6-0-0) look to stay perfect on their three-game road swing as they close out their trek through the Atlantic Division, tonight against the Lehigh Valley Phantoms. All the action from the PLL Center in Allentown will be carried live on The Sports Leader 95.7 FM/950 AM The Fan Rochester as well as AHLTV on FloHockey and NHL Network.

SEASON SERIES SNAPSHOT

Home ice has played a significant factor in the season series for both teams over the last eight years as the Amerks boast a 5-1-1-1 record against the Phantoms in Rochester dating back to the 2016-17 campaign. Conversely, the Amerks are 2-6-0-1 in Allentown in that same time frame, dropping two of the last three, where they have been outscored 12-8.

In each of the 18 contests between the two clubs dating back to Dec. 9, 2016, the winning team has scored at least three goals. Each team has logged one home shutout during that time as well as scoring three power-play goals in one game on the road.

Following tonight's matchup, the teams remain idle until the Phantoms make their lone trip to Rochester on Saturday, Dec. 13 for the season series finale at The Blue Cross Arena. The Amerks boast a record of 3-1-0-0 so far this season against Atlantic Division adversaries.

After spending parts of three seasons in the Atlantic Division with the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins from 2022-25, Amerks forward **Jagger Joshua** has tallied three goals and two assists along with 14 shots in 14 career games versus Lehigh Valley. Joshua's 14 appearances opposite the Phantoms are tied for his most against another AHL club (Hershey) while his three goals are also second-most (Bridgeport-5).

He scored his first two career power-play goals in Rochester's 5-3 victory over the Islanders this past Saturday night after notching his first-career shorthanded tally back on Oct. 22 in a win over Syracuse.

ALONG CAME JONES

The arrival of newcomer **Zac Jones** has provided a significant boost to the Amerks' blue line, but it's his offensive contributions that have made the most impact, which a pair of recalls to Buffalo despite not in a contest.

Sparked by a career-high three-assist effort in the 4-0 win over Laval on Oct. 24, Jones ranks fourth in the league with 13 assists and continues to pace all AHL defensemen in scoring despite only appearing in 11 games.

More impressively, Jones, who returned to Rochester following his second call-up to Buffalo, 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 week.

Jones, who has been held scoreless just five 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.

Jones, who is off to his most productive start to a season and remains well on pace to shatter his previous career-high of 35 points from his 2021-22 rookie campaign with Hartford, is one of only three AHL defensemen to lead his respective team in scoring, joining Bridgeport's Cole McWard and Milwaukee's Ryan Ufko.

Since making his pro debut with the New York Rangers during the COVID-shortened 2020-21 season, Jones has amassed 62 assists and 80 points across 120 games at the AHL level with Rochester and Hartford.

2025-26 AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Zac Jones	12	0	13	13	-5	2
Isak Rosén*	8	5	7	12	1	4
Konsta Helenius	16	5	7	12	-1	8

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Topias Leinonen	5	2-2-0	80	.879	2.68
Devon Levi	9	7-2-0	212	.891	2.96
Alexandar Georgiev	2	0-2-0	60	.896	3.57

*=Currently with Buffalo (NHL)

2025-26 PHANTOMS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Alex Bump	15	4	9	13	3	2
Anthony Richard	12	4	8	12	1	0
Lane Pederson	15	6	5	11	8	12

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Aleksei Kolosov	8	5-2-1	219	.916	2.49
Carson Bjarnason	6	3-2-1	162	.905	2.76

2025-26 HEAD-TO-HEAD BREAKDOWN

Lehigh Valley Phantoms vs. Rochester Americans

9-4-1-1.....	Record	10-6-0-0
4-2-0-0.....	Home Record	4-2-0-0
5-2-1-1.....	Away Record	6-3-0-0
6-2-1-1.....	Last 10 Games	6-4-0-0
2-1.....	Overtime Record	2-0
1-1.....	Shootout Record	0-0
6-0-1-1.....	Record When Scoring First	7-0-0-0
21.4% (T-12th).....	Power-Play	25.3% (5th)
78.1% (27th).....	Penalty Kill	82.3% (14th)

2024-25 SERIES BREAKDOWN VS. LEHIGH VALLEY

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Jan. 17	SOL	3-2	32-33	0-5	3-3
Jan. 18	W	3-2	35-27	3-7	2-3



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ROCHESTER REINFORCEMENTS

Just over a month into the start of the 70th anniversary season, Rochester has dressed 17 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.

Defensively, **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.

A day after celebrating his 27th birthday, Amerks captain **Zach Metsa** made his NHL debut in Buffalo's 4-2 loss at Montreal on Oct. 20. **Zac Jones**, meanwhile, has yet to appear in a game this season with the Sabres.

ROSEN, OSTLUND SHINING IN BUFFALO

Isak Rosén was Rochester's top point-getter during the first month of the season, leading the team with five goals and 12 points through his first eight games of the season. For his efforts, the former first-round pick was named the AHL Player of the Month for October, subsequently earning a promotion to the Sabres on Nov. 1.

Since then, the Stockholm, Sweden, native has made the most of his time in Buffalo, recording six points in eight NHL appearances. He scored his first NHL goal in Buffalo's 4-3 shootout win over Washington in his season debut before providing all the offense in a 5-2 loss at Utah on Nov. 12, marking his first multi-goal at the NHL level. Rosén has collected two assists over his last three games.

Noah Östlund is also making an noticeable impact after earning his second recall of the season back on Nov. 4. In his first six games with Rochester in 2025-26, Östlund, Buffalo's first-round selection in 2022 (16th overall), tallied two goals and five assists for seven points. He also recorded at least three shots in all six of his appearances, which included a career-high seven on Oct. 31 at Laval.

As a rookie in 2024-25, the Stockholm, Sweden native finished with 19 goals and 17 assists for 36 points in 45 contests to go with a plus-20 on-ice rating, which ranked first amongst all Rochester forwards. In March, where he was tabbed as AHL Player of the Month, he finished with goals in five consecutive games and points in seven straight while totaling 14 points (9+5) in 11 contests.

In 11 games this season with Buffalo, Östlund has notched three goals and two assists for five points and picked up his first multi-goal game in the Sabres' 5-1 win over Edmonton on Monday.



PRECISION FROM LESCHYSHYN

With four goals over his last six games, newcomer **Jake Leschyshyn** is tied with **Trevor Kuntar** for the team lead with seven on the season. The seventh-year pro has amassed nine points (7+2) through 16 games to start his tenure as an Amerk, including seven points (6+1) in his last 10 games since Oct. 25. Four of his goals have come on the power-play.

Across seven seasons and four teams, Leschyshyn has amassed 57 goals and 113 points over 287 AHL games.

The Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, native faced his former team from the last three seasons last Friday in Hartford after producing 26 goals and 32 assists for 58 points in 134 games for the Wolf pack from 2022-25.

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.



CALLING ON CARSON

Forward **Carson Meyer** made his Amerks debut last Wednesday against Belleville while also scoring his first goal since Feb. 15, 2025. Meyer began the season on the Buffalo Sabres roster, as he continued to recover from a season-ending injury sustained during last season that required surgery.

The sixth-year pro signed a two-year, two-way contract with Buffalo over the offseason after spending four of his first five pro seasons under the Columbus Blue Jackets umbrella. There, Meyer appeared in 41 NHL games, posting six points (2+4).

His AHL numbers display at 66 goals with 67 assists through 203 contests, largely with Cleveland from 2020-2024. Meyer has finished each of his six seasons with double digits in assists and has scored at least nine goals and 20 or more points.

Last season, the Powell, Ohio, native played for San Diego, amassing 21 points (9+12) over 29 games before his season ended abruptly Feb. 15. Despite appearing in a limited role, Meyer finished ninth in points and 10th in goals and assists amongst all Gulls' forwards.

So far this season, the Amerks are 2-0-0-0 with Meyer in the lineup.



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