### **ROCHESTER AMERICANS HOCKEY CLUB**

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Friday | Nov. 28, 2025 | 7:05 PM | The Blue Cross Arena | AHL Game 286 | AHLTV on FloHockey, The Fan Rochester

### ROCHESTER AMERICANS

# GAME NOTES

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### TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

The Rochester Americans (11-8-0-0) bring the month of November to a close tonight with a 7:05 p.m. North Division showdown against the Syracuse Crunch (12-6-0-0). All the action from The Blue Cross Arena 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**

The intrastate rivals have alternated wins through the first three matchups of the season series, with the Crunch emerging in the most recent gettogether earlier this month by way of a 5-3 win.

Dating back to last season, the Amerks' man-advantage has converted on 11 of 60 chances, good for a 18.3% success rate over the last 15 contests.

Rochester owns a 3-32-6-2 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) 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.

**Devon Levi** enters tonight's matchup with a 6-6-4 record against Syracuse in 16 appearances since making his debut with Rochester in 2023-24. The Quebec native, is winless in his last four games (0-2-2) versus the Crunch and looking for his first win since making 27 saves in a 4-1 win on Jan. 31

Tonight is the final time the Amerks play Syracuse in the calendar year. Once flipping to 2026, Rochester will meet the Crunch three times in January and a season-high four meetings in March. The intrastate rivals have also matched up in three consecutive North Division Semifinal rounds.

### **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 so far this season.

Sparked by a career-high three-assist effort in the 4-0 win over Laval on Oct. 24, Jones ranks second in the league with 17 assists and continues to pace all AHL defensemen in scoring despite appearing in 16 games.

More impressively, Jones, who returned to Rochester following his second call-up to Buffalo, has recorded all but three of his team-leading 17 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 3-1-0-0 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 the only AHL defensemen to lead his respective team in scoring while being one of two active Amerks to be producing at or above a point-per-game (1.06).

Since making his pro debut with the New York Rangers during the COVID-shortened 2020-21 season, Jones has amassed 66 assists and 84 points across 124 games at the AHL level with Rochester and Hartford.

2025-26 AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS						
SKATER	GP	G	Α	PTS	+/-	PIM
Zac Jones	16	0	17	17	-8	6
Konsta Helen	ius 20	5	10	15	-3	8
Isak Rosén	9	5	8	13	0	4
GOALTENDER		GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Devon Levi		12	8-4-0	300	.898	2.90
<b>Topias Leinon</b>	en	6	2-3-0	103	.866	3.14

2025-26 CRUNCH OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADER						ADERS
SKATER	GP	G	Α	PTS	+/-	PIM
Jakob Pelletier	16	6	14	20	3	5
Dylan Duke	18	8	8	16	0	10
Conor Geekie	14	5	11	16	0	10
GOALTENDER		GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Ryan Fanti		6	4-2-0	141	.916	2.18
Brandon Halverson		12	8-4-0	262	.897	2.54

### 2025-26 HEAD-TO-HEAD REEAKDOWN

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8-3-0-0 Away Re	cord 7-4-0-0
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23.5 (11th) <b>Power-</b>	<b>Play</b> 26.1% (7th)
82.8% (13th)Penalty	<b>Kill</b> 83.5% (10th)

#### 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
Nov. 5	L	5-3	36-29	1-6	1-3



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### **POWER-PLAY PROWESS**

Rochester skates into Friday boasting the Eastern Conference's best unit After starting the 2025-26 season with the Buffalo Sabres, forward Mason 26.1% mark, ranking first in the conference and seventh in the AHL overall.

The Amerks' power-play has gone 7-for-20 over the past six games. The team has found the back of the net while up a man in 15 games, while scoring multiple power-play goals in eight different outings.

Jones leads the AHL with 14 power-play points (all assists). Forward Jake **Leschyshyn** has scored five of his eight goals this season while on the man-advantage, which is one shy of the league-lead. Meanwhile, Rosén is tied for fourth in the league despite skating in just nine games this season.

### **HOW SWEDE IT IS**

Isak Rosén was Rochester's top point-getter during the first month of the season, leading the team with five goals and 13 points through his first nine games of the season. For his efforts, the former first-round pick was named Prior to turning pro, the 11-year veteran tallied 78 points (19+59) in 245 the AHL Player of the Month for October, subsequently earning a welldeserved promotion to the Sabres on Nov. 1.

The two-time AHL All-Star made the most of his time in Buffalo prior to returning to Rochester on Sunday, recording seven points (3+4) in 10 NHL games. 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 five points over his last six 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 with Rochester, 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 15 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 Forward Carson Meyer made his Amerks debut on Nov. 12 against Belleville Sabres' 5-1 win over Edmonton on Nov. 17.

The duo joined Josh Dunne in scoring their first NHL goals with all three doing so 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 Gourdiouk (Oct. 11, 1992 vs. Montreal) and Yuri Khmylev (Oct. 17, 1992 at Washington) did so in an eight-day span.



### TIME TO GEER UP

on the man-advantage. Through 20 games, the Amerks have clicked at a Geersten was loaned to the Amerks last Friday. The Alberta native appeared in five games with Buffalo, recording 12 penalty minutes and one shot. Geersten not only made his Amerk debut on Saturday at Utica, he scored in the first period against his former team to become the 18th different forward to appear and dress in a game for Rochester this season.

> The former fourth round selection (93rd overall) in the 2013 NHL Draft has skated in 30 games at the NHL level between the New Jersey Devils and Sabres. Additionally, Geersten has appeared in 449 regular season AHL tilts, registering 20 goals and 50 assists with Cleveland (Lake Erie), San Antonio, Colorado, Hartford, Henderson, Rochester and Utica.

> Geersten, who won the 2017 Kelly Cup with the Colorado Eagles when they were a member of the ECHL, has a combined 963 penalty minutes as a prosince the start of 2014-15.

> games and 435 penalty minutes at the WHL level, while also league Champion in 2012.



### **CALLING ON CARSON**

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 seasonending 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 in the Columbus Blue Jackets organization. There, Meyer appeared in 41 NHL games, posting six points (2+4).

His AHL numbers display at 68 goals with 67 assists through 206 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.

This season marked the second straight year in which Meyer opened the season with four points through his first four games and the first he's recorded at least one point in each game. Additionally, it was the fourth time he had four or more points through his first four games to begin a campaign dating back to 2020-21 when he was his rookie season with Cleveland.



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