

ROCHESTER AMERICANS HOCKEY CLUB
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Sat. | **Jan. 3, 2026** | 4:00 PM | Coca-Cola Coliseum | AHL Game 499 | AHLTV on FloHockey, The Fan Rochester

ROCHESTER AMERICANS GAME NOTES

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TONIGHT'S GAME OVERVIEW

The Rochester Americans (16-10-2-1) usher in the New Year this afternoon when they head north of the border for a North Division showdown against the Toronto Marlies (17-13-1-1) at Coca-Cola Coliseum. The 4:00 p.m. matinee 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

After earning a point in five of the six meetings (4-1-0-1) during the 2023-24 season, Rochester went 1-3-2-0 in 2024-25. The two clubs each earned a home win in the first two games of the series season to begin the 2025-26 season. Each club tallied four goals, at least one power-play marker and jumped out to a multi-goal lead in the second stanza.

The Amerks boast a 6-7-0-2 record against Toronto over the last six seasons in Rochester, which included earning five out of a possible six points on home ice in 2023-24. Overall, Rochester owns a 12-12-2-2 mark in the head-to-head series since the 2020-21 campaign.

Since the start of the 2023-24 campaign, there have been five games decided beyond regulation, including two of the four most recent get-togethers between the two teams dating back to April 19, 2025.

In 33 of the last 50 meetings between the two teams dating back to the 2016-17 season, the team that scored first has come away with the victory.

Six of the last 10 games between the two clubs dating back to 2023-24 have been one-goal game affairs.

In 37 career games against Rochester, Toronto captain Logan Shaw has tallied 31 assists and 40 points, both of which are his most against any of his 39 opponents faced. **Isak Rosén**, who scored the first two Amerks' goals of the season against the Marlies back on Oct. 10, has logged nine goals and seven assists in 22 contests versus Toronto.

JONES CLOSING IN ON CENTURY MARK

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.

Jones, who has logged 19 points (2+17) since the start of November currently leads the league lead with 27 assists and holds a share of the lead for all AHL defensemen in scoring with 29 points overall.

More impressively, Jones, who has had a pair of call-ups to Buffalo, has recorded all but eight (19) of his career-high 27 assists on the power-play, which are also most in the league coming into the first weekend of 2026.

Jones, who hasn't gone more than back-to-back games without a point since the start of the season, has recorded two or more assists on six occasions. Rochester is 6-2-0-0 when he records a multi-point 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 defenseman to lead his respective team in scoring while being the one of the two active Amerks to be producing at or above a point-per-game (1.12).

Since making his pro debut with the New York Rangers during the COVID-shortened 2020-21 season, Jones has amassed 76 assists and 96 points across 134 games at the AHL level with Rochester and Hartford.

2025-26 AMERKS OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Zac Jones	26	2	27	29	0	8
Konsta Helenius	29	9	19	28	-2	10
Isak Rosén	16	13	10	23	2	4

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Devon Levi	20	11-5-4	540	.906	2.82
Topias Leinonen	7	3-3-0	125	.868	3.11
Scott Ratzlaff	1	1-0-0	24	.889	2.88

2025-26 MARLIES OVERALL SCORING & GOALTENDING LEADERS

SKATER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Benoit-Olivier Groulx	31	14	9	23	5	18
Logan Shaw	32	12	11	23	-2	15
Jacob Quillan*	26	5	18	23	7	19

GOALTENDER	GP	REC	SVS	SV%	GAA
Artur Akhtyamov	17	11-6-0	421	.901	2.87
Vyacheslav Peska	10	4-3-0	224	.889	3.31

2025-26 HEAD-TO-HEAD BREAKDOWN

Toronto Marlies Rochester Americans

17-13-1-1.....**Record**..... 16-10-3-1

8-5-0-1.....**Home Record**..... 6-5-2-1

9-8-1-0.....**Away Record**..... 10-5-1-0

7-3-0-0.....**Last 10 Games**..... 5-1-3-1

4-1.....**Overtime Record**..... 4-3

2-1.....**Shootout Record**..... 0-1

9-4-0-1.....**Record When Scoring First**..... 11-2-1-1

14.3 (28th).....**Power-Play**..... 26.2% (4th)

80.2% (20th).....**Penalty Kill**..... 80.4% (T-18th)

2025-26 SERIES BREAKDOWN VS. TORONTO

Date	Result	Score	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 10	W	4-3	26-27	2-5	2-2
Oct. 11	L	4-1	33-21	1-2	1-2



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POWER-PLAY PROWESS

Rochester enters the contest with the top-ranked power-play unit in the Eastern Conference. Through 30 games, the Amerks have clicked at a 26.2% mark, ranking fourth in the AHL overall.

The Amerks' power-play has gone 16-for-50 over the past 15 games. The team has found the back of the net while up a man in 21 contests, while scoring multiple power-play goals in 10 different outings.

Defenseman **Zac Jones** leads the AHL with 19 power-play points (all assists). Forwards **Jake Leschyshyn**, **Isak Rosén** and **Konsta Helenius** have combined for 17 power-play goals this season. Belleville's Arthur Kaliyev currently leads the AHL with 11 power-play conversions.

HOW SWEDE IT IS

Noah Östlund and **Isak Rosén** spent much of the last two months on recall with the Buffalo Sabres after successful Octobers with Rochester. Rosén, who was Rochester's top point-getter during the first month of the season, led the team with five goals and 13 points through his first nine games.

The two-time AHL All-Star has made the most of his time in Buffalo, recording seven points (3+4) in 13 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 enters tonight having collected 17 points (10+7) over his current career-best 12-game point streak, the second-longest active streak in the AHL behind only Laval's Laurent Dauphin (15 games).

Östlund has also made a noticeable impact with Buffalo, notching seven goals and three five for 12 points in 28 games. He picked up his first multi-assist game in the Sabres' 4-1 win over Dallas on Dec. 31.

In his first seven games with Rochester in 2025-26, Östlund, Buffalo's first-round selection in 2022 (16th overall), has tallied three goals and 10 points. He also recorded at least three shots in all seven 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.

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 Goudiounk (Oct. 11, 1992 vs. Montreal) and Yuri Khmylev (Oct. 17, 1992 at Washington) did so in an eight-day span.



RECAPPING THE YEAR THAT WAS

Rochester enters the New Year having posted a 39-23-5-4 record during the 2025 calendar year. Of the Amerks' 39 victories, all but two have come from when the team has scored three or more goals, and nine when the team posted six or more.

The club appeared in 17 games that went beyond regulation while going went 8-9. Rochester, who saw six games require extra time in December alone, had 11 contests decided in overtime.

16 different Amerks made up the club's game-winning goals, highlighted by **Isak Rosén**' team-leading six. **Konsta Helenius** and **Zach Metsa**, who is on his third career with the Sabres, each had five apiece whereas **Trevor Kuntar** (3), **Noah Östlund** (3), **Anton Wahlberg** (2), and **Riley Fiddler-Schultz** (2) have posted multiple, respectively.

Goaltender **Devon Levi** made up one of the seven netminders to man the pipes in 2025 for Rochester. The Quebec native posted a 26-16-8 record while helping the club earn at least one point in 34 of his 50 appearances. Levi, who was named to AHL All-Star Classic North Division roster in 2025 recorded all five Rochester's last shutouts, four of which have been by a 4-0 score.

After being named the 34th head coach in franchise history in June of 2024, **Michael Leone** helped the Amerks to their third straight Calder Cup Playoffs during his first season at the helm. Leone, who is the second youngest coach in the league guided the team reach the North Division Finals in 2025.

Leone saw 46 different players put on the Amerks' sweater; 40 have recorded at least one point while 34 have found the back of the opposition's net. The second-year head coach used eight different netminders with seven earning the victory in the blue paint.

EARNING THEIR STARS AND STRIPES

Zac Jones enters tonight's contest with two goals and 14 assists over his last 14 games dating back to Nov. 19. Entering the month of December, the six-game point streak was the longest of his AHL career. The fourth-year pro is six points away from matching his personal-best from his rookie season campaign in 2021-22.

Konsta Helenius, who recorded his 13th career multi-point game versus Cleveland on Dec. 29, shows 18 points (5+13) over his last 14 contests since Nov. 14, including goals in four of his last eight outings. Helenius, who has registered at least one shot on goal in all but three games this season, has scored the game-winning goal in four of Rochester's 16 victories.

Sandwiched in-between two recalls to Buffalo, **Isak Rosén** enters the weekend riding a career-long 12-game point streak with 17 points (10+7) in the AHL since Oct. 22. He's also found the back of the net eight times over his last seven games. Since making his debut in the 2022-23, the Amerks show a record of 42-1-2-0 mark when Rosén has logged a multi-point effort.

After missing the first 14 games of the season due to injury, **Carson Meyer** has certainly made up for lost time. Since scoring a goal in his season debut back on Nov. 12 versus Belleville, the veteran forward has produced 13 points (6+7) through his first 16 games, including a pair of four-game point streaks in that span. Meyer, who was named an alternate captain, has only been held without a point five times since being activated.

Devon Levi has made 148 saves over his previous five starts, allowing 11 goals. The AHL All-Star from a season ago is the league leaders among all goaltenders in minutes played (1,193), while ranking second in saves (540) and tied for third in wins (11) and games played (20).



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