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## GAMEDAY









The North Division's top two teams from a year ago clash in Rochester tonight as the Amerks host the Laval Rocket in a rematch of the 2025 North Division Finals at Blue Cross Arena. After dropping their season-opener to Manitoba, the Rocket responded with three straight wins, outscoring the opposition 13-4 over that span, including 8-2 on home ice.

#### STAR PLAYERS

#### LAVAL

Opposing the veteran Luukkonen tonight will be highly touted rookie goaltender Jacob Fowler, who the Amerks saw briefly this past spring during the postseason. A two-time Hockey East Goaltending Champion and AHCA First Team All-American, Fowler was the 2025 recipient of the Mike Richter Award as the nation's top goaltender in NCAA Division I. Entering this week, he ranked fourth amongst all rookie AHL netminders with a 2.00 GAA and fifth with a .920 save percentage.

#### ROCHESTER

Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen will likely get the start again tonight for the Amerks as he continues his conditioning assignment before returning to the Buffalo Sabres. Including Wednesday's start against Syracuse, Luukkonen has appeared in 70 total games with the Amerks dating back to when he made his pro debut for Rochester in the 2018-19 regular-season finale. Since then, the former OHL Goaltender of the Year has gone on to appear in 155 NHL games with the Sabres after being drafted in the second round of the 2017 NHL Draft.



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### NKKO-PEKKA LUUKKONEN

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HOMETOWN:

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## AMERKS HISTORY

A week out from Halloween has seen the Rochester Americans have their mixed bag of tricks and treats. Since their inception in 1956, the Amerks have played 15 times on October 24th, with 10 of those contests on the road, a situation in which the red, white, and blue have won just a single time. On the other end, the Amerks have never lost a home game on October 24th, going a perfect 5-0 while outscoring opponents, 22-9.

OCTOBER 24TH

The War Memorial first saw the Amerks play on this day in 1965, dropping the Pittsburgh Hornets by a 6-3 final. Entering his fifth season with the franchise, Hall of Famer Dick Gamble would go on to lead the team to a Calder Cup that following Spring; Rochester's second in as many seasons. The 1965-66 season also saw Gamble post career highs with 47 goals and 98 points.

Tonight marks the first time the Amerks host a game on the 24th since 2014. On that night, Phil Varone began a stretch of four unanswered goals in Rochester's 4-1 win over the Adirondack Flames. Andrey Makarov made his first start of the season, stopping 34 of 35 shots to secure the win.

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7	Leschyshyn, Jake^	5-11	196	3-10-99	Raleigh, NC	ι	Hartford	AHL		69	13	11	24	-35	34	2017, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round
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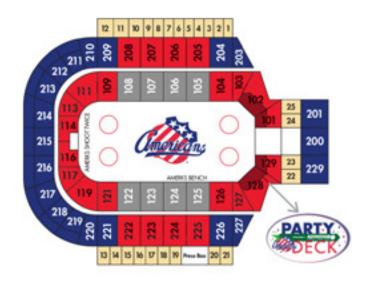
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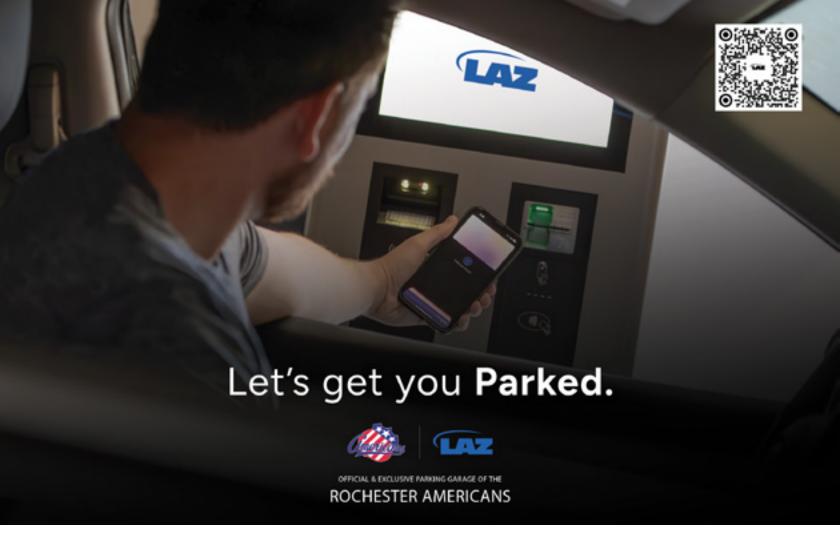
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#### BY THE NUMBERS

87.0%

Percentage of all NHL players in 2024-25 who were graduates of the AHL

891

Former AHL players who skated in the NHL last season

#### THE BEGINNINGS

Celebrating its **90th season** in 2025-26, the American Hockey League is continuing a tradition of excellence that began in 1936 when the Canadian-American Hockey League joined with the International Hockey League to form what is today known as the AHL. Eight teams hit the ice that first season, representing Buffalo, Cleveland, New Haven, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Providence, Springfield and Syracuse.

Frank Calder, the
National Hockey League's
president at the time,
was instrumental in the
forming of this new league,
and his name would be
given to its championship
trophy. The Abbotsford
Canucks are the reigning
Calder Cup champions
after capturing their first

title last spring.

From those roots, the American Hockey League has grown into a 32-

#### team, coast-to-coast

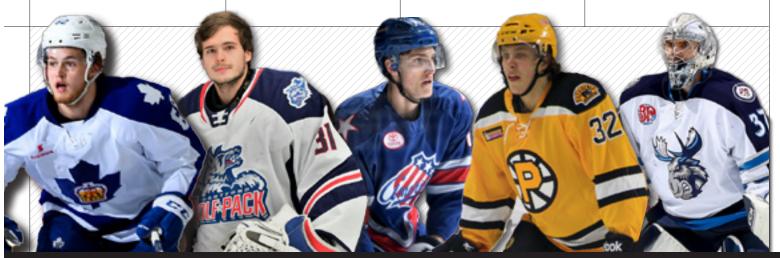
league that provides fans with exciting, high-level professional hockey while preparing thousands of players, coaches, officials, executives, trainers, broadcasters and more for careers in the NHL.

330

AHL players who also played in the NHL in 2024-25

245

Former 1st- and 2nd-round NHL draft picks who skated in the AHL in 2024-25



#### THE PLAYERS

In today's National Hockey
League nearly 90 percent
of the players are AHL
alumni, including 202425 Vezina Trophy winner
and NHL MVP Connor
Hellebuyck and Art Ross
Trophy recipient Nikita
Kucherov. The 2025
Stanley Cup champion
Florida Panthers were
stocked with AHL
graduates including former
league scoring champion
Carter Verhaeghe.

During the 2024-25 season, a total of 891 AHL alumni played in the National Hockey League. There were 330 players who skated in both leagues last year alone, and 245 former first- and second-round NHL draft picks developed their skills in the AHL last season, including Artyom Levshunov, David Reinbacher, Nate Danielson, Simon Nemec, Denton Mateychuk, Lian Bichsel, 2025 AHL All-Star Challenge MVP Kevin Korchinski, and 2024-25 AHL Top Prospects team members Dalibor Dvorsky, Konsta Helenius, Logan Mailloux, Scott Morrow and Bradly Nadeau.

#### THE LEGENDS

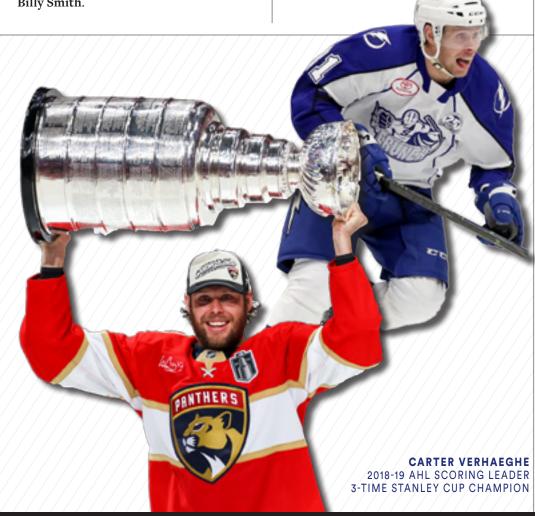
For nine decades, the American Hockey League has been home to some of the greatest players in the history of our sport. In fact, there are 136 honored members of the Hockey Hall of Fame who have been affiliated with the AHL during their careers.

All-time greats from Milt Schmidt and Gump Worsley to Roberto Luongo and Martin St. Louis came through the AHL ranks and now find themselves enshrined in Toronto, and the coveted Calder Cup is inscribed with the names of legendary AHL alumni like Johnny Bower, Larry Robinson, Gerry Cheevers, Andy Bathgate, Tim Horton, Al Arbour, Emile Francis, Patrick Roy, Doug Harvey and Billy Smith.

#### THE COACHES

At the start of the 2025-26 season, the National Hockey League featured 21 head coaches who were former AHL bench bosses, including Paul Maurice of the two-time defending Stanley Cup champion Florida Panthers and 2024-25 Jack Adams Award winner Spencer Carbery of the Washington Capitals.

Tampa Bay's Jon Cooper, Colorado's Jared Bednar, Edmonton's Kris Knoblauch, New Jersey's Sheldon Keefe, San Jose's Ryan Warsofsky and Winnipeg's Scott Arniel are also among the current NHL coaches who spent time in the American Hockey League before making the jump.







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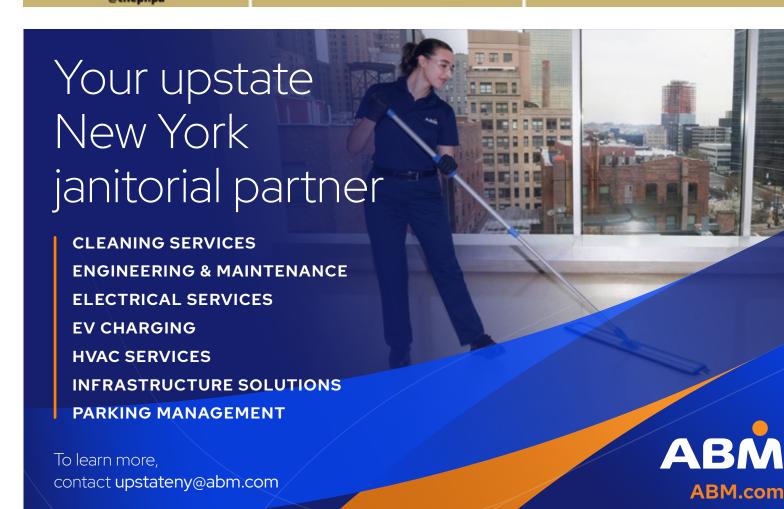


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