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The Amerks and Rocket meet in Game 2 of the North Division Finals tonight at Blue Cross Arena before the scene shifts north of the border for the remainder of the best-of-five series at Place Bell. Laval, which won the Macgregor Kilpatrick Trophy as this year's AHL regular season champions, finished just nine points ahead of the second-place Amerks in the North Division standings while claiming six of eight head-to-head meetings during the regular season.

### STAR PLAYERS

Former Crunch player turned Rocket forward Alex Barré-Boulet has been a thorn in Rochester's side since breaking into the league in 2018-19. A two-time AHL All-Star and former Rookie of the Year, Barré-Boulet amassed nine points (4+5) in seven games against Rochester this season. The seventh-year pro has 365 points, with 71 of them (23+48) coming against the Amerks over 70 games played.

After setting career-highs in all offensive categories during the regular season, Kale Clague has emerged as the team's early scoring leader in the postseason with three goals and five points through his first three playoff appearances.

Playing in his first professional postseason, Clague is tied for second in points by a defenseman, trailing only Lehigh Valley's Emil Andrae.



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# **KALE CLAGUE**

► JERSEY NUMBER: 56 POSITION: DEFENSE

**AGE: 26** 

HOMETOWN:

**REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN** 

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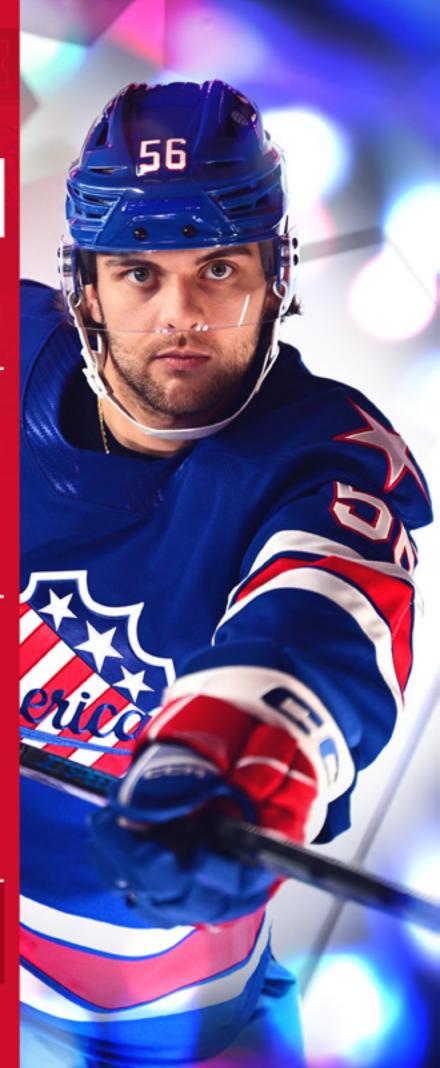
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7 Levi, Devon	6-0	192	12-27-01	Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Quel	bec L		NHL	23	1,295	10-8-2			
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9 Houser, Michael^	6-1	195	9-13-92	Youngstown OH	L	11.0011010101	AHL	7	319	3-1-1			
						Jacksonville	ECHL	23	1,290	10-10-2			
2 Sandström, Felix	6-2	214	1-12-97	Gavle, Sweden	L	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	NHL	5	263	1-2-0			
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Prow, Ethan^ (D)	5-11	182	11-17-92	Sauk Rapids, MN	R	Rochester	AHL		56 4				5 Undrafted
Joshua, Jagger (LW)	6-3	210	3-29-99	Dearborn, MI	ï	W-B/Scranton	AHL		63 10			4 9	
1 Rousek, Lukáš (RW)	5-11	202	4-20-99	Ostrov nad Ohri, Czechia	R	Buffalo	NHL		15 0				2019, 6 <sup>th</sup> Round
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2 Fiddler-Schultz, Riley (C	6-0	200	5-13-02	Fort Saskatchewan, AB	1	Rochester	AHL		6 1	0		5 1	_
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8 Rosén, Isak (RW)	6-0	180	3-15-03	Stockholm, Sweden	1	Buffalo	NHL		7 0			3	_
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9 Slaggert, Graham (C)	5-11	195	4-6-99	South Bend, IN	1	Rochester	AHL		46 6			1 2	
1 Kopff, Tyler* (LW)	64	215	4-22-03	Ridgewood, NJ	i	Brown University	ECAC		30 6			4 1	
2 Metso, Zoch (D)	5-9	195	10-19-98		R	Rochester	AHL		54 7		_	5 1	
3 Johnson, Ryan (D)	6-1	195	7-24-01	Newport Beach, CA	Ř	Buffalo	NHL		41 0		7	3 1	
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6 John House (C)	5-8	185	2-17-94	Speedway, IN		Rochester	AHL		64 22			9 4	
6 Jobst, Mason (C)	5-10	185	9-2-99			Ottawa	NHL				20		
8 Brönnström, Erik^ (D)		185	12-29-02	Eksjö, Sweden		Rochester	AHL		7 3 41 5			5 3	
4 Kozak, Tyson	5-11			Souris, MB	Ø.		1000000					1 2	
5 Warren, Brendon (RW)	6-0	194	5-7-97	Corleton, MI	1	Rochester	AHL		3 5		6		
2 Kisakov, Aleksandr (LW		170	11-1-02	Solikomsk, Russia		Rochester	AHL		32 5	_	7	1 1	
5 Dunne, Josh (C)	6-4	211	12-8-98	O'Fallon, MO		Cleveland	AHL		25 2		'	5 2	
6 Clague, Kale (D)	6-0	190	6-5-98	Regina, SASK	L	Buffalo	NHL		3 0		-		2 2016, 2 <sup>rd</sup> Roun
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4 Novikov, Nikita (D)	6-4	205	7-25-03	Moscow, Russia	1	Rochester	AHL		65 3			0 4	
9 Neuchev, Viktor (LW)	5-11	171	10-25-03	Chelyabinsk, Russia	-	Rochester	AHL		57 11				8 2022, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Round
1 Murray, Brett (LW)	6-5	228	7-20-98	Bolton, ON	L	Buffalo	NHL		2 0				2 2016, 4th Round
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3 Komarov, Vsevalad* (D	6-4	208	1-11-04	Chelyabinsk, Russia	R	Quebec	QMJHL		22 3		19	3 5	
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6 Östlund, Noah*	5-11	171	3-11-04	Stockholm, Sweden	L	Rochester	AHL		2 0		1 .		2 2022, 1st Round
						Vāxjō HC	SHL		38 12				4
1 Helenius, Konsta* (C)	5-11	189	5-11-06	Ylojarvi, Finland	R	Jukurit Mikkeli	SM-liiga		51 14		36	3 10	
2 Wahlberg, Anton* (C)	6-4	198	7-4-05	Malmö, Sweden	L	Rochester	AHL		9 1	3	4		6 2023, 2 <sup>rd</sup> Roun
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# A Message from The President

Dear Fans.

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2024-25 American Hockey League season, the latest chapter in a tradition of excellence that can be traced back to our league's founding nearly nine decades ago.

The AHL is as proud as ever of its role as the top development league for nearly all of the players, coaches, executives, trainers, broadcasters and officials who you see throughout the National Hockey League today. Generations of our great fans have cheered on future superstars, Stanley Cup champions and Hockey Hall of Famers as they have come through the AHL.

This season is sure to be another memorable one, from the excitement of opening night to the pageantry of the AHL All-Star Classic in Coachella Valley to the pure emotion of the Calder Cup Playoffs.

On behalf of all of our teams, thank you for your continuing support of the AHL.

Sincerely,



Scott Howson President & CEO | American Hockey League



# A TRADITION OF LEVE

# EXCELLENCE

# THE BEGINNINGS

Embarking on its **89th season** in 2024-25, 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 first Calder

Cup was won by the

Syracuse Stars in 1937;

the Hershey Bears

captured their league-

best 13th championship

last spring.

From those roots, the
American Hockey League has
grown into a 32-team, coastto-coast league that provides
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players, coaches, officials,
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careers in the NHL.

## BY THE NUMBERS

87.0%

Percentage of all NHL players in 2023-24 who were graduates of the AHL

# 890

Former AHL players who skated in the NHL last season

349

AHL players who also played in the NHL in 2023-24

# 251

Former 1st- and 2nd-round NHL draft picks who skated in the AHL in 2023-24



# THE PLAYERS

In today's National Hockey League nearly 90 percent of the

### players are AHL alumni,

including 2023-24 Vezina
Trophy winner Connor
Hellebuyck, Lady Byng
Trophy recipient Jaccob
Slavin and Bill Masterton
Trophy winner Connor
Ingram. The 2024 Stanley
Cup champion Florida
Panthers were stocked
with AHL graduates
including former league
scoring champion Carter
Verhaeghe and two-time
AHL All-Star Brandon
Montour.

During the 2023-24 season, a total of 890 AHL alumni played in the National Hockey League. There were 349 players who skated in both leagues last year alone, and 251 former first- and second-round NHL draft picks developed their skills in the AHL last season, including Shane Wright, David Jiricek, Jiri Kulich, Lukas Reichel, Marco Kasper, Brad Lambert, Yaroslav Askarov, Brandt Clarke and 2024 Calder Cup Playoffs MVP Hendrix Lapierre.

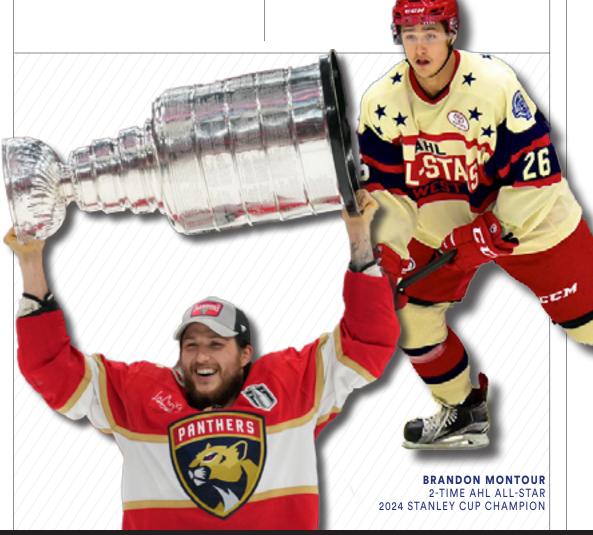
## THE LEGENDS

For nearly 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 133 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 2024-25 season, the National Hockey League featured 22 head coaches who were former AHL bench bosses, including Paul Maurice of the 2024 Stanley Cup champion Florida Panthers and Kris Knoblauch of the Western Conference champion Edmonton Oilers.

Tampa Bay's Jon Cooper, New Jersey's Sheldon Keefe, San Jose's Ryan Warsofsky, Colorado's Jared Bednar, Washington's Spencer Carbery and Seattle's Dan Bylsma are also among the current NHL coaches who spent time in the American Hockey League before making the jump.



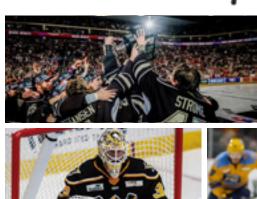


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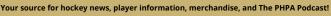








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