



MONTREAL CANADIENS VS. BUFFALO SABRES

Tuesday, December 17, 2024 | 7:00 P.M. | Bell Centre | Broadcast: MSG



BUFFALO SABRES

11-16-4 | 26 PTS
7th place in the Atlantic Division
Last Game: 5-3 L at TOR

Top Scorers

Tage Thompson: 26 GP, 16 G, 9 A, 25 PTS
Alex Tuch: 31 GP, 9 G, 16 A, 25 PTS
Jason Zucker: 31 GP, 8 G, 13 A, 21 PTS

Season Series:

Nov. 11 at BUF | 7-5 L
Dec. 17 at MTL | 7:00 P.M.
March 1 at BUF | 7:00 P.M.
March 3 at MTL | 7:00 P.M.

MONTREAL CANADIENS

11-16-3 | 25 PTS
8th place in the Atlantic Division
Last Game: 4-2 L at WPG

Top Scorers

Nick Suzuki: 30 GP, 11 G, 19 A, 30 PTS
Cole Caufield: 30 GP, 17 G, 10 A, 27 PTS
Lane Hutson: 30 GP, 1 G, 19 A, 20 PTS

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Buffalo's 136 victories over Montreal all-time are the most against any single team in franchise history.

The Sabres have earned at least one point in three of their last four games against the Canadiens (2-1-1).

Buffalo has earned a win in four of its last five road contests against Montreal (4-1-0).

Tage Thompson has tallied seven points (5+2) in his last seven games, including one point in each of his last four games.

A point in tonight's game would give **Thompson** his second point streak of five or more games this season (Oct. 12 to Nov. 1; eight games; 6+6) and the 10th of his career.



Bowen Byram has recorded one assist in three consecutive games.

Byram would earn the longest assist streak of his career with an assist in tonight's game.

Jason Zucker has registered seven points (3+4) in his last seven games.

In his last three games, **JJ Peterka** has notched three assists.

GOOD HAB-ITS

Tage Thompson has recorded 10 points (4+6) in his last six games against Montreal, including at least one point in each of his last four against the Canadiens.

A point in tonight's game would make **Thompson** the first Sabres skater since Jack Eichel from Nov. 8, 2018 to Jan. 30, 2020 (five games; 4+7) to record a point streak of five or more games against Montreal.

In his last nine games against Montreal, **Alex Tuch** has recorded 13 points (2+11).

Tuch has posted at least one point in three consecutive games against the Canadiens (1+4).

Dylan Cozens has posted at least one point in back-to-back games against the Canadiens (1+2).

BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

Rasmus Dahlin (back, IR); **Sam Lafferty** (lower body, IR)

ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 10-10-3 all-time on December 17.

December 17, 1978: Danny Gare scores seven seconds after the opening faceoff in a 6-3 win vs. Vancouver.

December 17, 2005: Maxim Afinogenov (1+2), Tim Connolly (0+2) and Derek Roy (0+2) all record multiple points in a 4-3 win over Pittsburgh.

ON THE FARM

The Rochester Americans have won four straight games and sit in third place in the North Division with a 15-8-3 record this season.

Isak Rosen (4+2) and **Lukas Rousek** (1+5) are tied for the team lead in points during Rochester's four-game win streak.

Brett Murray has recorded five points (4+1) for Rochester in the last four games and leads all AHL skaters this season in power-play goals with eight.

Kale Clague is on a three-game point streak for the Amerks (2+3) and ranks tied for eighth among all AHL defensemen this season in points (15).

Konsta Helenius is riding a three-game assist streak, including back-to-back two-assist games for Rochester. **Helenius** has posted 16 points (6+10) in 26 games in his rookie season.



HEAD-TO-HEAD

Buffalo Sabres	Montreal Canadiens
11-16-4	Record 11-16-3
6-9-3	Home Record 8-7-2
5-7-1	Road Record 3-9-1
0-7-3	Last 10 Games 4-5-1
2.94 (21st)	Goals For Per Game 2.70 (24th)
3.32 (26th)	Goals Against Per Game 3.73 (32nd)
14.6% (30th)	Power Play 20.2% (18th)
79.0% (18th)	Penalty Kill 80.2% (15th)
49.2% (21st)	Team FO% 48.7% (23rd)
51.3% (10th)	Team SAT% (5-on-5) 46.1% (29th)



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