

BUFFALO SABRES 2025-26 PRESEASON GAME NOTES

2025-26 PRESEASON SCHEDULE

DATE:	OPPONENT:	LOCATION:	TIME:	RESULT:
Mon., Sept. 22	at Columbus	Nationwide Arena	7 p.m.	W, 4-0
Tues., Sept. 23	COLUMBUS	KeyBank Center	7 p.m.	W, 2-1
Thurs., Sept. 25	at Detroit	Little Caesars Arena	7 p.m.	
Sat., Sept. 27	DETROIT	KeyBank Center	3 p.m.	
Wed., Oct. 1	PITTSBURGH	KeyBank Center	7 p.m.	
Fri., Oct. 3	at Pittsburgh	PPG Paints Arena	7 p.m.	

TONIGHT'S GAME – BUFFALO at DETROIT – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

Tonight's game marks Buffalo's third of six preseason games after the Sabres opened their preseason with two consecutive wins against Columbus. Tonight's matchup is being broadcast on sabres.com and WGR 550 in Western New York.

After closing out their home-and-home series with Columbus last night, the Sabres will begin their second of three preseason home-and-home series with tonight's road contest in Detroit and finish it with a home matchup against the Red Wings on Sept. 27. Additionally, the Sabres will play host to the Pittsburgh Penguins on Oct. 1 and the team will close out the preseason in Pittsburgh on Oct. 3.

Buffalo and Detroit have played 16 preseason games all-time. The Sabres are 7-7-2 in preseason contests against the Red Wings, including a 4-0-1 record at home and a 2-3-1 record in Detroit. Five of the 15 preseason games between the Sabres and Red Wings have been played at neutral site venues, with the Sabres going 1-4-0 in those games. The last time the teams met in the preseason was a 4-3 Sabres overtime win in Buffalo on Sept. 30, 2024.

The Sabres and Red Wings will meet three times in the regular season, with home matchups on Oct. 22 and March 27 and a road game in Detroit on Nov. 15.

The Sabres are 177-177-53 all-time in the preseason, including a 64-41-7 record since the 2005-06 season. These totals only include games against NHL opponents; the Sabres also defeated Adler Mannheim 8-3 in an exhibition game as part of the 2011 NHL Premiere Series.

The Sabres open the 2025-26 regular season with four home contests in their first five games, beginning on Thursday, Oct. 9 vs. the New York Rangers. That stretch includes games against Boston (Oct. 11), Colorado (Oct. 13), Ottawa (Oct. 15) and Florida (Oct. 18). Ten of Buffalo's first 14 games will come at home.

GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS

2025-26 PRESEASON

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No.	Player	9/22 at CBJ	9/23 vs. CBJ	9/25 at DET	9/27 vs. DET	10/1 vs. PIT	10/3 at PIT
3	Rathbone, Jack	DND	DND				
4	Byram, Bowen	1-0, +2	DND				
6	Benson, Zach	DND	0-1, +1				
8	Kesselring, Michael	0-1, +1	DND				
9	Norris, Josh	DND	0-1, +1				
12	Greenway, Jordan	DND	DND				
13	Leschyshyn, Jake	DND	0-0, E				
15	Danforth, Justin	0-0, +1	DND				
17	Zucker, Jason	DND	1-0, +1				
19	Krebs, Peyton	0-0, +1	DND				
20	Kulich, Jiri	0-1, +1	DND				
21	Timmins, Conor	DND	0-0, E				
22	Quinn, Jack	1-0, +1	DND				
23	Samuelsson, Mattias	DND	0-0, +1				
25	Power, Owen	0-1, +1	DND				
26	Dahlin, Rasmus	DND	0-0, +1				
28	Jones, Zac	DND	0-0, +1				
29	Malenstyn, Beck	1-0, +1	DND				
33	Johnson, Ryan	DND	0-0, +1				
36	Fulp, Aidan	DND	DND				
37	Laberge, Noah	DND	DND				
41	Kopff, Tyler	DND	0-0, E				
42	Warren, Brendan	DND	DND				
43	Brunet, Simon-Pier	JR	JR	JR	JR	JR	JR
44	Dunne, Josh	0-0, +1	DND				
45	Fiddler-Schultz, Riley	DNP	DND				
46	Laaouan, Noah	DND	DNP				
48	Kozak, Tyson	0-1, +1	0-0, E				
49	Meyer, Carson	DND	DND				
52	Kuntar, Trevor	DND	DND				
54	Nadeau, Olivier	DND	DND				
55	Geertsen, Mason	0-0, +1	0-0, E				
56	Tischke, Peter	DND	DNP				
57	Mrtka, Radim	0-1, +2	DND				
59	Costantini, Matteo	DND	DND				
63	Rosen, Isak	DND	0-0, E				
67	Slaggert, Graham	DND	DND				
71	McLeod, Ryan	DND	0-1, +1				
72	Thompson, Tage	DND	1-0, +1				
73	Metsa, Zach	DND	DND				
74	Novikov, Nikita	0-0, +1	DND				
75	Belliveau, Isaac	DND	DND				
76	Komarov, Vsevolod	0-1, +1	DND				
78	Bryson, Jacob	DND	0-0, E				
79	Neuchev, Viktor	DND	0-0, E				
81	Savage, Redmond	DND	DND				
86	Ostlund, Noah	0-0, +1	DND				
89	Tuch, Alex	DND	DND				
91	Doan, Josh	0-1, +1	DND				
92	Wahlberg, Anton	0-1, +1	DND				
93	Bedkowski, David	JR	JR	JR	JR	JR	JR
94	Helenius, Konsta	1-0, +1	0-1, +1				
95	Joshua, Jagger	DND	DND				

PLAYER STATS = Goals-Assists, +/-
JR = Returned to Junior

INJ = Missed Game Due to Injury
MIN = Assigned to Rochester (AHL)

DND = Did Not Dress
FA = Free Agent

No.	Player	9/22 at CBJ	9/23 vs. CBJ	9/25 at DET	9/27 vs. DET	10/1 vs. PIT	10/3 at PIT
1	Luukkonen, Ukko-Pekka	DND	DND				
27	Levi, Devon	ND, 6-6, 20:00	W, 5-5, 19:27				
32	Ratzlaff, Scott	DND	DND				
34	Lyon, Alex	DND	ND, 13-14, 39:47				
35	Leenders, Ryerson	DND	DND				
40	Georgiev, Alexandar	W, 16-16, 40:00	DND				
47	Meloche, Samuel	JR	JR	JR	JR	JR	JR
50	Leinonen, Topias	DND	DND				

GOALTENDER STATS = Decision, Saves-Shots, Minutes
DND = Did not Play ND = No Decision

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PRESEASON AT A GLANCE

2025-26 PRESEASON RECORD...

	GP	W	L	OTL	GF	GA	PTS
HOME:	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
ROAD:	1	1	0	0	4	0	2
OVERALL:	2	2	0	0	6	1	4

GOALS BY PERIOD...

	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL
SABRES:	0	3	3	0	6
OPPONENTS:	0	1	0	0	1

SHOTS BY PERIOD...

	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL
SABRES:	15	30	24	0	69
OPPONENTS:	20	10	11	0	41

SABRES POWER PLAY...

	PPG	OPP	%
HOME:	0	4	0
ROAD:	0	2	0
OVERALL:	0	6	0

SABRES PENALTY KILLING...

	PPGA	OPP	%
HOME:	1	4	75.0%
ROAD:	--	--	--
OVERALL:	1	4	75.0%

SABRES TRAINING CAMP TRANSACTIONS...

Date **Transaction(s)**
Sept. 19 Returned defensemen **David Bedkowski** and **Simon-Pier Brunet** and goaltender **Samuel Meloche** to their respective junior clubs.

NOTE: The Sabres have 58 players on their training camp roster (32 forwards, 19 defensemen and seven goaltenders).