



# NEW YORK ISLANDERS vs. BUFFALO SABRES



Saturday, December 20, 2025 | 5:00 P.M. | KeyBank Center | Broadcast: MSG

## BUFFALO SABRES

15-14-4 | 34 PTS

8th place in the Atlantic Division

Last Game: 5-3 W vs. PHI

### Top Scorers

**Tage Thompson:** 33 GP, 17 G, 13 A, 30 PTS

**Alex Tuch:** 32 GP, 11 G, 18 A, 29 PTS

**Rasmus Dahlin:** 30 GP, 3 G, 23 A, 26 PTS

### Season Series:

Dec. 20 at BUF | 5:00 P.M.

Jan. 24 at NYI | 1:00 P.M.

March 31 at BUF | 7:00 P.M.

## NEW YORK ISLANDERS

19-13-3 | 41 PTS

4th place in the Metropolitan Division

Last Game: 4-1 L vs. VAN

### Top Scorers

**Bo Horvat:** 32 GP, 19 G, 12 A, 31 PTS

**Mathew Barzal:** 34 GP, 9 G, 18 A, 27 PTS

**Matthew Schaefer:** 35 GP, 9 G, 14 A, 23 PTS

## THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

The Sabres are riding a four-game winning streak and a win tonight would extend their season-long winning streak to five games.

A win tonight would mark the longest winning streak by Buffalo since the team's five-game winning streak from March 30 to April 8, 2025.

Buffalo has earned a win in seven of its last eight home contests vs. New York.

**Tage Thompson** has recorded nine points (5+4) in his last eight games, including at least one goal in five consecutive games.

With a goal tonight, **Thompson** would match the longest goal streak of his career (Nov. 13 to 23, 2025; six games).

**Ryan McLeod** has notched one point in four straight games and he would match the longest point streak of his career (five games; twice) with a point in tonight's game.

**Alex Tuch** has posted 13 points (4+9) in his last 12 games, including at least one point in each of his last four contests (2+3).

**Alex Lyon** has made 102 saves on 111 shots in his last five appearances (.919).

**Zach Benson** has notched at least one point in three consecutive games and he has recorded four points (2+2) in those games.

**Josh Norris** is riding a six-game personal point streak and he has collected nine points (3+6) in that span.

**Noah Ostlund** has registered one goal in back-to-back games and a goal tonight would make him the first Sabres forward age 21 or younger to record a three-game goal streak since Dylan Cozens from Nov. 28 to Dec. 1, 2022.

**Rasmus Dahlin** has recorded 10 points (2+8) in his last eight games.

**Josh Doan** has collected five points (2+3) in his last five home contests.

**Jack Quinn** has tallied one point in three straight games (1+2).

## BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

**Justin Danforth** (lower body, IR); **Colten Ellis** (concussion, IR); **Jiri Kulich** (blood clot, IR); **Conor Timmins** (broken leg, IR); **Jason Zucker** (upper body/lower body, IR)

## ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 7-9-6 all-time on December 20.

December 20, 2011: Thomas Vanek records his 200th career assist and Marcus Foligno makes his NHL debut against Ottawa.

## ISLAND IN THE SUN

**Rasmus Dahlin** has registered 12 points (1+11) in his last 11 games against the Islanders, including a four-assist outing in the last matchup between Buffalo and New York on Dec. 23, 2024.

**Zach Benson** has registered five points (3+2) in four career games against the Islanders.

In four career games against the Islanders, **Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen** has posted a 3-1-0 record, a .947 save percentage and a 1.52 goals-against average.

**Alex Lyon** has recorded a 3-1-0 record, a .935 save percentage and a 1.76 goals-against average in four career games against New York.

**Bowen Byram** has registered at least one assist in both of the home games he has played against the Islanders as a member of the Sabres (0+3).

**Josh Norris** has recorded one point in each of his last two games against New York (1+1).

**Owen Power** has tallied at least one point in each of his previous two home games against the Islanders (1+2).

## HEAD-TO-HEAD

Buffalo Sabres	New York Islanders
15-14-4	Record..... 19-13-3
10-5-2	Home Record ..... 10-7-2
5-9-2	Road Record..... 9-6-1
6-4-0	Last 10 Games ..... 6-4-0
3.06 (14th)	Goals For Per Game..... 2.86 (22nd)
3.39 (27th)	Goals Against Per Game ..... 2.77 (10th)
20.2% (15th)	Power Play ..... 15.9% (25th)
85.4% (1st)	Penalty Kill ..... 81.8% (T-11th)
43.9% (32nd)	Team FO% ..... 51.5% (11th)
49.5% (18th)	Team SAT% (5-on-5) ..... 48.0% (22nd)

