



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.

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)



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

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)



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