



# CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS AT BUFFALO SABRES

Thursday, January 18, 2024 | 7:00 P.M. | KeyBank Center | Broadcast: MSG



## BUFFALO SABRES

19-21-4 | 42 PTS  
7th place in the Atlantic Division  
Last Game: 3-0 W vs. SJS

### Top Scorers

**Casey Mittelstadt:** 44 GP, 12 G, 26 A, 38 PTS  
**Rasmus Dahlin:** 43 GP, 12 G, 23 A, 35 PTS  
**Jeff Skinner:** 38 GP, 17 G, 16 A, 33 PTS

### Season Series:

Nov. 19 at CHI | 3-2 W  
Jan. 18 at BUF | 7:00 P.M.

## CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS

13-29-2 | 28 PTS  
8th place in the Central Division  
Last Game: 2-1 W (SO) vs. SJS

### Top Scorers

**Connor Bedard:** 39 GP, 15 G, 18 A, 33 PTS  
**Philipp Kurashev:** 37 GP, 8 G, 15 A, 23 PTS  
**Jason Dickinson:** 44 GP, 14 G, 7 A, 21 PTS

## THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Buffalo has earned at least one point in each of its last five matchups with Chicago, including wins in four of the last five.

If the Sabres earn a point in tonight's contest, it will mark the team's longest point streak against Chicago since they earned at least one point in six consecutive games against the Blackhawks from Oct. 19, 1977 to Jan. 4, 1979 (4-0-2).

**Tage Thompson** has recorded 12 points (7+5) in his last 11 games, including eight points (5+3) in his last eight games.

In his last 14 games, **Casey Mittelstadt** has registered 16 points (6+10).

**Alex Tuch** has tallied six points (3+3) in his last six games.

**Rasmus Dahlin** has recorded six points (2+4) in his last six games, including three assists in his last six games.

## BLACKHAWK DOWN

**Rasmus Dahlin** has recorded six points (1+5) in his last five games against Chicago, including a three-point (1+2) performance in the last matchup between the two teams.



**Casey Mittelstadt** is riding a five-game point streak (1+4) against the Blackhawks and a point in tonight's game would make him the first Sabres skater since Dave Andreychuk (seven games; 2+8) from Nov. 1, 1987 to Jan. 26, 1990 to record a point streak of six or more games against Chicago.

In his last 10 games against Chicago, **Alex Tuch** has recorded 10 points (4+6).

**Tage Thompson** is riding a four-game point streak against the Blackhawks and he has registered seven points (5+2) in that span.

**Zach Benson** (18 years, 250 days) recorded an assist on Nov. 19 against the Blackhawks and a point in tonight's game would make him the youngest skater since Andrei Svechnikov (18 years, 231 days) from Nov. 8 to 12, 2018 to record a point in two consecutive games against Chicago.

In **Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen's** only start against the Blackhawks in his career on Nov. 19, he made 24 saves on 26 shots (.923).

## BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

**Jeff Skinner** (upper body, IR); **Mattias Samuelsson** (upper body)

## ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 14-6-4 all-time on January 18.

January 18, 1984: Tom Barrasso makes 30 saves in his first NHL shutout as the Sabres top the Los Angeles Kings 4-0.

January 18, 2008: Derek Roy records his third career hat trick and Drew Stafford records his first in a 10-1 win against the Atlanta Thrashers, marking the 12th game in franchise history to feature two Sabres hat tricks.

## LUUK SKYWALKER

**Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen** is 4-1-0 in his last five starts and he has registered a save percentage of .950 and a goals-against average of 1.40 in that span.

**Luukkonen** is the first Sabres goaltender since Carter Hutton (five wins, seven goals allowed) from Oct. 3 to 17, 2019 to earn four or more wins and allow seven or fewer goals in a five-game span.



Among NHL goaltenders who have played in at least four games since Dec. 30, **Luukkonen** ranks first in goals-against average (1.40) and in save percentage (.950).

**Luukkonen** has recorded two shutouts through his first 21 starts of 2023-24 (Oct. 29 vs. Colorado, Jan. 15 vs. San Jose).

## HEAD-TO-HEAD

Buffalo Sabres	Chicago Blackhawks
19-21-4	Record 13-29-2
10-11-1	Home Record 9-11-1
9-10-3	Road Record 4-18-1
5-4-1	Last 10 Games 2-7-1
2.95 (22nd)	Goals For Per Game 2.23 (31st)
3.23 (20th)	Goals Against Per Game 3.59 (29th)
14.4% (26th)	Power Play 13.1% (31st)
79.1% (18th)	Penalty Kill 75.7% (27th)
46.7% (28th)	Team FO% 44.6% (32nd)
50.9% (11th)	Team SAT% (5-on-5) 44.2% (31st)



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