

BUFFALO SABRES

22-15-4 | 48 PTS

Season Series

2025-26 | 2-0-0

2025-26

Home | 13-5-2

Last 10 Games | 9-1-0

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	SO	Final
Canucks	0	0	3	—	—	3
Sabres	2	1	2	—	—	5

VANCOUVER CANUCKS

16-21-5 | 37 PTS

Season Series

2025-26 | 0-2-0

2025-26

Road | 12-9-2

Last 10 Games | 4-4-2

TODAY'S GOALTENDERS

Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen



Updated Season Stats

8-6-1	RECORD	8-9-1
.905	SV%	.902
2.61	GAA	2.79

Today's Stats

W	DECISION	L
35	SA	19
3	GA	4

Thatcher Demko



TOP NOTES

The Sabres have now earned seven wins in their last eight home contests, including five straight home victories.

With his goal, **Tagge Thompson** has now recorded 17 points (9+8) in his last 16 games, including seven points (3+4) in his last seven games.

Thompson has posted 10 points (4+6) in his last 10 games against Vancouver, including one goal in three straight matchups with the Canucks (3+1).

Bowen Byram registered two primary assists tonight. In his last seven games, **Byram** has recorded nine points (3+6).

Ryan McLeod's tally marked his third shorthanded goal of 2025-26, tied for the second-most among all NHL skaters. It was the sixth shorthanded goal he has scored with the Sabres and the eighth of his career.

McLeod's six shorthanded goals in his first 120 games with Buffalo are tied for the most by a Sabres skater in their first 120 games with the team (Michael Peca; Oct. 7, 1995 to Feb. 8, 1997).

Alex Tuch recorded an assist on **McLeod's** goal and added a goal of his own in tonight's contest. In his last 11 games against the Canucks, **Tuch** has recorded 13 points (5+8). He has tallied 10 points (4+6) in eight games against Vancouver as a member of the Sabres.

Tuch's performance marked the fifth time this season he has posted at least one goal and one assist in a single game.

Mattias Samuelsson's assist on **McLeod's** goal gave him six points (1+5) in his last six games.

Byram recorded his second assist of the game on **Tuch's** goal, which marked his first multi-assist effort of the season.

Josh Norris also assisted on **Tuch's** goal and he has collected 14 points (5+9) in his last 14 games.

Zach Metsa's goal was the first of his NHL career. **Metsa** (27 years, 79 days) became the fourth-oldest Sabres defenseman to score the first goal of their career with Buffalo. Only Jim Watson (27 years, 104 days), Rory Fitzpatrick (28 years, 35 days) and Ethan Prow (29 years, 42 days) have done so at an older age. **Metsa** is the seventh-oldest Sabres skater to record their first NHL goal with Buffalo in franchise history.

STAT CORNER

Buffalo Sabres

Vancouver Canucks

0-for-1 (0.0%).....	Power Play.....	1-for-4 (25.0%)
3-for-4 (75.0%).....	Penalty Kill.....	1-for-1 (100.0%)
30-for-56 (53.6%).....	Faceoffs.....	26-for-56 (46.4%)
20.....	Shots on Goal.....	35
45.....	Shot Attempts.....	76
41.....	Shot Attempts (5-on-5).....	46
Samuelsson (24:36).....	TOI Leader.....	Hronek (26:20)

THREE STARS

1st **Alex Tuch - Buffalo Sabres**
1 G, 1 A, +2, 19:42 TOI

2nd **Bowen Byram - Buffalo Sabres**
2 A, +1, 24:29 TOI

3rd **Zach Metsa - Buffalo Sabres**
1 G, +1, 12:16 TOI



UP NEXT

Wednesday, Jan. 7

Practice with media availability to follow, 11:30 a.m., KeyBank Center

Thursday, Jan. 8

Morning skate with media availability to follow, 11 a.m., Madison Square Garden
Buffalo Sabres at New York Rangers, 7 p.m., Madison Square Garden

Friday, Jan. 9

No practice scheduled

**All practice and morning skate times are subject to change.
Please visit the Sabres media calendar for more information.**

