



# TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS AT BUFFALO SABRES

Friday, December 20, 2024 | 7:00 P.M. | KeyBank Center | Broadcast: ESPN+ /Hulu



## BUFFALO SABRES

11-17-4 | 26 PTS  
8th place in the Atlantic Division  
Last Game: 6-1 L at MTL

### Top Scorers

**Tagge Thompson:** 27 GP, 16 G, 9 A, 25 PTS  
**Alex Tuch:** 32 GP, 9 G, 16 A, 25 PTS  
**JJ Peterka:** 30 GP, 8 G, 13 A, 21 PTS

### Season Series:

Dec. 15 at TOR | 5-3 L  
Dec. 20 at BUF | 7:00 P.M.  
April 15 at BUF | 3:00 P.M.

## TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS

20-10-2 | 42 PTS  
1st place in the Atlantic Division  
Last Game: 5-3 W at DAL

### Top Scorers

**Mitch Marner:** 32 GP, 10 G, 32 A, 42 PTS  
**William Nylander:** 32 GP, 20 G, 13 A, 33 PTS  
**John Tavares:** 31 GP, 15 G, 14 A, 29 PTS

## THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Buffalo's 123 victories over Toronto all-time are the third-most against any single team in franchise history.

The Sabres have only defeated the Boston Bruins (128 wins) and the Montreal Canadiens (136) more times than they have beaten the Maple Leafs.

**Tagge Thompson** has tallied seven points (5+2) in his last eight games, including one goal in each of his last two home games.

A goal in tonight's game would give **Thompson** his third three-game goal streak at home.

**Thompson** is expected to play in his 400th NHL game tonight.

**Owen Power** has notched at least one point in three consecutive home contests (1+3).

In his last four games, **JJ Peterka** has recorded four assists, including at least one in each of his last two games.

**Peyton Krebs** has tallied three assists in his last two home games, including at least one in each of those games.



## LEAF-ING NO DOUBT

**Alex Tuch** has registered 14 points (7+7) in his last nine games against Toronto, including six points (1+5) in his last three home games against Toronto.

Dating back to the beginning of the 2021-22 season, **Tagge Thompson** has 13 points (6+7) in 12 games against Toronto.

**Thompson** has posted eight points (3+5) in his last five home games against the Maple Leafs.



**JJ Peterka** has tallied seven points (1+6) in his last six games against Toronto, including two multi-assist performances (Dec. 15, 2024, 0+2; March 13, 2023, 0+2) in that span.

**Jack Quinn** has scored five goals in his last five games against the Maple Leafs.

**Quinn** has recorded six points (5+1) in six career games against Toronto.

## BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

**Rasmus Dahlin** (back, IR); **Jordan Greenway** (middle body); **Sam Lafferty** (lower body, IR)

## ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 7-8-6 all-time on December 20.

December 20, 1981: John Van Boxmeer (0+3), Tony McKegney (2+1) and Larry Playfair (2+1) all record three-point outings as the Sabres defeat the Hartford Whalers 8-2.

December 20, 1996: Brian Holzinger and Derek Plante each record two goals and one assist and Dominik Hasek makes 37 saves on 39 shots as the Sabres defeat the Kings 6-2.

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

## BO KNOWS

**Bowen Byram** (23:24 time on ice per game; 2.32 giveaways per 60) is one of six NHL skaters who had recorded 23 or minutes of time on ice per game and fewer than 2.50 giveaways per 60.

Among all NHL skaters with at least 23 minutes of time on ice per game, **Byram** has committed the fourth-fewest giveaways (29) this season.

Among all Sabres skaters, **Byram** ranks first in total time on ice (748:42), even-strength time on ice (643:17) and shifts taken (923).

**Byram** leads all Sabres defensemen in shot attempts (591), unblocked shot attempts (418) and shooting percentage (11.8).

## HEAD-TO-HEAD

Buffalo Sabres	Toronto Maple Leafs
11-17-4	Record 20-10-2
6-9-3	Home Record 14-4-0
5-8-1	Road Record 6-6-2
0-7-3	Last 10 Games 7-3-0
2.88 (21st)	Goals For Per Game 3.03 (18th)
3.41 (26th)	Goals Against Per Game 2.63 (T-5th)
13.8% (30th)	Power Play 19.6% (20th)
77.4% (22nd)	Penalty Kill 82.7% (7th)
49.3% (21st)	Team FO% 52.8% (4th)
51.2% (11th)	Team SAT% (5-on-5) 48.9% (20th)



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