BUFFALO SABRES 2023-24 PRESEASON GAME NOTES

2023-24 PRESEASON SCHEDULE								
DATE:	OPPONENT:	LOCATION:	TIME:	RESULT:				
Sun., Sept. 24	at Washington	Capital One Arena	2 p.m.	4-3 W (SO)				
Tues., Sept. 26	BOSTON	KeyBank Center	7 p.m.	4-1 W				
Wed., Sept. 27	at Toronto	Joe Thornton Community Center	6:30 p.m.	5-2 L				
Thurs., Sept. 28	at Pittsburgh	PPG Paints Arena	7 p.m.	3-1 L				
Sat., Sept. 30	COLUMBUS	KeyBank Center	3 p.m.	4-3 W				
Wed., Oct. 4	at Columbus	Nationwide Arena	7 p.m.					
Fri., Oct. 6	PITTSBURGH	KeyBank Center	7 p.m.					

TODAY'S GAME - BUFFALO at COLUMBUS - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023

Tonight's game marks Buffalo's sixth of seven total preseason games after the Sabres earned wins in three of their first five. Today's matchup is being broadcast on WGR 550 AM in Western New York and a live stream is available on sabres.com.

After playing three games in as many nights from Sept. 26 to 28, Buffalo wraps up a preseason home-and-home series with the Columbus Blue Jackets tonight. The Sabres received goals from Jeff Skinner (2), Zach Benson and Henri Jokiharju and took the first game with the Blue Jackets by a score of 4-3. The Sabres will round out their preseason schedule at KeyBank Center with a second preseason matchup with the Pittsburgh Penguins on Oct. 6.

Buffalo and Columbus have played 24 preseason games against each other all-time. The Sabres are 13-11-0 in preseason contests against the Blue Jackets all-time. In their preseason history, the Sabres are 6-5-0 at Columbus and 5-4-0 against the Blue Jackets at home. Four of the 24 preseason games between the Sabres and Blue Jackets have been played at neutral site venues, with the Sabres going 2-2-0 in those games.

The Sabres and Blue Jackets will meet three times in the regular season, beginning with two matchups in Buffalo on Dec. 19 and Dec. 30. The two teams will conclude their regular-season series in Columbus on Feb. 23.

The Sabres are 170-174-53 all-time in the preseason, including a 57-38-7 preseason record since the 2005-06 season. These totals only include games against NHL opponents; the Sabres also defeated Adler Mannheim 8-3 in an exhibition game as part of the 2011 NHL Premiere Series.

Buffalo will open the regular season at home when they host the New York Rangers on Oct. 12. The Sabres will then begin their road schedule with a standalone trip to play the New York Islanders on Oct. 14. Following the first two games of their regular season, Buffalo will begin a four-game homestand consisting of matchups with Tampa Bay, Calgary, NY Islanders and Montreal from Oct. 17 to 23.

GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS

2023-24 PRESEASON Goals **Shots** Date Opp. 1 2 3 ОТ F 1 2 3 ОТ F Pen/Min PPG/OPP GWG/GDG Goalies Record Attend. **BUF** 0 1 2 1 4 10 11 5 1 27 3/6 0/5 Biro Comrie/Tokarski (W) 1-0-0 9/24 12,638 at WSH 3 Shepard/Stevenson (OTL) 1 1 0 3 5 16 8 32 5/10 0/3 0-1-1 0 0 1 1 13 -38 4/8 0/3 Keyser (L)/DiPietro 1-1-0 BOS 0 6 19 11,153 9/26 at BUF 1 2 4 12 9 35 3/6 1/4 Stillman Levi (W)/Cooley 2-0-0 1 0 14 BUF 1 1 0 2 4 5 15 4/8 0/2 Luukkonen (L)/Houser 2-1-0 6 9/27 at TOR 1 2 2 5 14 14 13 41 2/4 1/4 Domi Jones (W) 1-2-1 **BUF** 0 1 0 1 7 7 11 25 3/6 0/4 Comrie (L) 2-2-0 9/28 13,939 at PIT 0 1 2 3 6 11 13 30 4/8 0/3 O'Connor Jarry (W) 2-1-1 1 0 29 2 3 CBJ 10 5 14 6/12 0/2 Merzlikins (L) 1-3-1 9/30 12,209 at BUF 0 1 3 4 7 10 14 31 2/4 Benson Levi (W) 3-2-0 3/6 BUF 10/4 at CBJ PIT 10/6 At BUF

No.	Player	9/24 at WSH	9/26 vs. BOS	9/27 at TOR	9/28 at PIT	9/30 vs. CBJ	10/4 at CBJ	10/6 vs. PIT
3	Cecconi, Joseph	DND	0-0, +3	DND	DND	0-0, -1		
4	Davies, Jeremy	0-0, -1	DND	1-0, +2	DND	0-0, E		
5	Prow, Ethan	DND	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
6	Johnson, Erik	DND	DND	DND	DND	DND		
8	Richards, Justin	DND	DND	0-0, E	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
9	Benson, Zach	1-0, +1	0-1, E	DND	0-0, E	1-1, -3		
10	Jokiharju, Henri	DND	DND	1-0, E	DND	1-0, E		
12	Greenway, Jordan	0-1, +1	DND	DND	0-1, E	DND		
13	Rousek, Lukas	0-1, -1	DND	0-1, +1	DND	0-0, E		
15	Biro, Brandon	0-1, +1	1-1, +2	DND	0-0, -1	0-0, E		
17	Jost, Tyson	0-0, +1	DND	0-0, -1	DND	DND		
19	Krebs, Peyton	1-0, E	DND	0-0, -2	DND	0-0, E		
20	Kulich, Jiri	0-0, E	0-0, +1	DND	0-0, -1	0-0, E		
21	Okposo, Kyle	DND	DND	DND	DND	0-3, E		
22	Quinn, Jack	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ		
23	Samuelsson, Mattias	DND	0-0, E	DND	DND	DND		
24	Cozens, Dylan	DND	DND	0-1, E	DND	0-1, +1		
25	Power, Owen	DND	DND	0-0, -3	DND	DND		
26	Dahlin, Rasmus	DND	0-0, E	DND	DND	DND		
28	Girgensons,	DND	DND	DND	0-0, E	DND		
29	Zemgus Fiddler-Schultz,	DND	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
33	Riley Johnson, Ryan	0-1, +2	DND	0-0, -2	0-0, -1	0-0, -1		
37	Mittelstadt, Casey	DND	0-2, +2	DND	0-0, -2	DND		
38	Clague, Kale	0-0, -2	0-0, E	DND	0-0, -1	DND		
42	Warren, Brendan	DND	DND	0-0, +1	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
44	Jandric, Chris	DND	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
45	Nicolas, Savoie	DND	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
48	Kozak, Tyson	0-0, -1	0-1, +1	DND	0-0, -1	MIN	MIN	MIN
49	Cederqvist, Filip	0-0, -1	1-0, +1	DND	0-0, -1	MIN	MIN	MIN
52	Kisakov, Aleksandr	DND	DND	0-0, E	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
53	Skinner, Jeff	DND	1-0, E	DND	DND	2-0, -2		
54	Nadeau, Olivier	DND	0-0, E	DND	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
57	Mersch, Michael	DND	DND	0-0, -1	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
59	Brown, Christopher	DND	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
60	Giroux, Damien	DND	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
61	Stillman, Riley	0-0, E	1-0, +2	DND	0-0, E	0-0, -1		
63	Rosen, Isak	0-0, E	0-0, -1	DND	0-0, E	0-0, E		
65	Weissbach, Linus	0-0, -1	DND	0-0, -1	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
67	Slaggert, Graham	DND	DND	0-0, -1	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
68	Fortunato, Brandon	DND	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
71	Olofsson, Victor	DND	DND	0-1, -1	DND	0-1, +1		
72	Thompson, Tage	DND	0-1, E	DND	1-0, E	0-2, -3		
73	Metsa, Zach	DND	DND	DND	0-0, E	MIN	MIN	MIN
74	Panocha, Norwin	DND	DND	0-0, +1	JR	JR	JR	JR
75	Clifton, Connor	DND	DND	DND	DND	DND		
76	Komarov, Vsevolod	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	JR	JR	JR
77	Peterka, JJ	1-0, 1	DND	DND	0-0, -1	DND		

78	Bryson, Jacob	0-1, +2	DND	0-0, -1	0-0, E	0-0, -1		
79	Neuchev, Viktor	DND	DND	DND	0-0, -1	MIN	MIN	MIN
81	Murray, Brett	DND	0-1, +1	0-0, -2	DND	DND		
83	Lindgren, Mats	DND	0-1, -1	DND	JR	JR	JR	JR
85	Jobst, Mason	DND	0-0, -1	DND	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
86	Mersch, Dominick	DND	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
89	Tuch, Alex	DND	DND	DND	DND	0-0, E		
91	Novikov, Nikita	0-0, -1	DND	DND	0-0, -1	MIN	MIN	MIN
93	Savoie, Matt	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ		
95	Miedema, Ethan	JR	JR	JR	JR	JR	JR	JR

PLAYER STATS = Goals-Assists, +/-JR = Returned to Junior

 $\begin{aligned} &\text{INJ} = \text{Missed Game Due to Injury} & &\text{DND} = \text{Did Not Dress} \\ &\text{MIN} = \text{Assigned to Rochester (AHL)} & &\text{FA} = \text{Free Agent} \end{aligned}$

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1	Luukkonen, Ukko- Pekka	DND	DND	L, 25/28, 40:00	DND	DNP		
27	Levi, Devon	DND	W, 19-19, 40:00	DND	DND	W, 26-29, 59:51		
31	Comrie, Eric	ND, 19-21, 39:55	DND	DND	L, 27-29, 58:45	DND		
32	Houser, Michael	DND	DND	ND, 11/13, 20:00	DNP	MIN	MIN	MIN
34	Ratzlaff, Scott	JR	JR	JR	JR	JR	JR	JR
40	Tokarski, Dustin	W, 10-11, 25:00	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
62	Cooley, Devin	DND	ND, 18-19, 20:00	DND	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN

GOALTENDER STATS = Decision, Saves-Shots, Minutes DNP = Did not Play ND = No Decision

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PRESEASON AT A GLANCE

2023-24 PRESEASON RECORD								
	GP	W	L	OTL	GF	GA	PTS	
HOME:	2	2	0	0	8	4	4	
ROAD:	3	1	2	0	7	11	2	
OVERALL:	5	3	2	0	15	15	6	

GOALS BY PERIOD						
	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL	
SABRES:	2	5	7	1	15	
OPPONENTS:	4	5	6	0	15	

SHOTS BY PERIOD						
	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL	
SABRES:	40	48	44	1	133	
OPPONENTS:	48	52	67	3	170	

SABRES POWER PLAY					
	PPG	OPP	%		
HOME:	4	10	40.0		
ROAD:	0	11	0.0		
OVERALL:	4	21	19.0		

SABRES PENALTY KILLING							
PPGA OPP %							
HOME:	0	5	100.0				
ROAD:	1	10	90.0				
OVERALL:	1	15	93.3				

Date Transaction(s)

Sept. 23 Returned forward **Ethan Miedema** and goaltender **Scott Ratzlaff** to their respective junior clubs.

Sept. 28 Returned forward Mats Lindgren and goaltender Norwin Panocha to their respective junior clubs.

Loaned forwards Flip Cederqvist, Aleksandr Kisakov, Tyson Kozak, Olivier Nadeau, Viktor Neuchev and Linus Weissbach, and defenseman Nikita Novikov to Rochester (AHL).

Sept. 29 Released forwards Christopher Brown, Riley Fiddler-Schultz, Damien Giroux, Mason Jobst,

Dominick Mersch, Michael Mersch, Graham Slaggert and **Brendan Warren**, defenseman **Brandon Fortunato**, **Chris Jandric**, **Zach Metsa**, **Ethan Prow** and **Nicolas Savoie**, and goaltender

Michael Houser, from their PTOs.

Sept. 29 Returned defenseman **Vsevolod Komarov** to Quebec (QMJHL).

Loaned forward **Justin Richards** and goaltenders **Devin Cooley** and **Dustin Tokarski** to Rochester

(AHL).

Oct. 1 Loaned defensemen Joseph Cecconi and Jeremy Davies to Rochester (AHL).

NOTE: The Sabres have 33 players on their training camp roster (20 forwards, 10 defensemen and three goaltenders).