



NEW YORK ISLANDERS AT BUFFALO SABRES

Thursday, March 14, 2024 | 7 P.M. | KeyBank Center



BUFFALO SABRES

32-30-5 | 69 PTS

Season Series

2023-24 | 2-1-0

2023-24

Home | 17-17-1

Last 10 Games | 6-3-1

	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	SO	Final
Islanders	0	0	0	--	--	0
Sabres	0	3	1	--	--	4

NEW YORK ISLANDERS

29-22-14 | 72 PTS

Season Series

2023-24 | 1-2-0

2023-24

Road | 14-14-5

Last 10 Games | 6-4-0

TODAY'S GOALTENDERS

Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen



Updated Season Stats		
22-16-3	RECORD	22-15-11
.915	SV%	.910
2.38	GAA	2.99

Today's Stats		
W	DECISION	L
21	SA	36
0	GA	3

Ilya Sorokin



TOP NOTES

Victor Olofsson's goal marked his first power-play goal of the season and the 35th of his career. He has recorded the second-most power-play goals among all Sabres skaters since joining Buffalo (2018-19) and he trails only **Tage Thompson** (40) in that span.

JJ Peterka registered the primary assist on **Olofsson's** goal, which gave him one point in back-to-back games (1+1). It marked the ninth time this season he has notched at least one point in two or more consecutive games. It was the first time he has recorded a point against the Islanders in his career.

With his goal, **Dylan Cozens** has registered eight points (4+4) in his last eight games against New York. He has now recorded one goal in three consecutive home games against the Islanders.

Jeff Skinner was credited with an assist on **Cozens'** goal. **Skinner** has totaled seven points (3+4) in his last seven games against the Islanders, including at least one point in each home game in that span.

With two goals in tonight's game, **Zach Benson** (18 years, 307 days; 3+2) became the youngest Sabres skater since **Rasmus Dahlin** (18 years, 247 days; 1+4) from Dec. 15 to 16, 2018 to record five or more points in any two-game span. In two games against the Islanders in his career, **Benson** has recorded four points (2+2).

Owen Power notched assists on **Olofsson's** goal and **Benson's** first goal and he has now recorded four multi-assist games this season and 10 in his NHL career.

With his assist on **Benson's** second goal, **Bowen Byram** joined John Van Boxmeer (Oct. 11 to 17, 1979; 1+4) as the only two Sabres defensemen to record five or more points in their first four games with Buffalo (3+2).

Including tonight's game, the Sabres have not allowed a power-play goal to the Islanders in the last eight matchups between the two teams (19 penalty-kill opportunities). It marked the longest streak by Buffalo against New York since they did not allow a power-play goal against the Islanders in nine straight contests from Nov. 26, 1972 to Jan. 19, 1974.

Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen made 21 saves in tonight's game and recorded his fifth shutout of 2023-24. Since Jan. 1, **Luukkonen** has notched more shutouts than any NHL goaltender (four). He is now the fourth-youngest Sabres goaltender to record five or more shutouts in a single season.

STAT CORNER

Buffalo Sabres

1-for-4 (25.0%).....	Power Play	0-for-4 (0.0%)
4-for-4 (100.0%).....	Penalty Kill	3-for-4 (75.0%)
24-for-44 (54.5%).....	Faceoffs	20-for-44 (45.5%)
37.....	Shots on Goal	21
56.....	Shot Attempts.....	42
43.....	Shot Attempts (5-on-5)	30
Byram (23:24).....	TOI Leader	Dobson (26:00)

New York Islanders

THREE STARS

1st Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen - Buffalo Sabres
21 SV, W, SO

2nd Dylan Cozens - Buffalo Sabres
1 G, +2, 19:29 TOI

3rd Zach Benson - Buffalo Sabres
2 G, +2, 15:16 TOI



UP NEXT

Friday, March 15
Practice with media availability to follow, 12:30 p.m., KeyBank Center

Saturday, March 16
Don Granato media availability, 11 a.m., Little Caesars Arena
Buffalo Sabres at Detroit Red Wings, 12:30 p.m., Little Caesars Arena

Sunday, March 17
Practice with media availability to follow, 11 a.m. PDT, Kraken Community Iceplex

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



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