



MONTREAL CANADIENS vs. BUFFALO SABRES



Sunday, May 10, 2026 | 7:00 P.M. | Bell Centre | Broadcast: ESPN

BUFFALO SABRES

Series: 1-1
50-23-9 | 109 PTS
1st Place in the Atlantic Division

Top Scorers

Tage Thompson: 8 GP, 2 G, 5 A, 7 PTS
Alex Tuch: 8 GP, 4 G, 3 A, 7 PTS
Zach Benson: 8 GP, 3 G, 3 A, 6 PTS

Playoff Series:

Game 1: May 6 at BUF | 4-2 W
Game 2: May 8 at BUF | 5-1 L
Game 3: May 10 at MTL | 7:00 P.M.
Game 4: May 12 at MTL | 7:00 P.M.
Game 5: May 14 at BUF | TBD

MONTREAL CANADIENS

Series: 1-1
48-24-10 | 106 PTS
3rd Place in the Atlantic Division

Top Scorers

Nick Suzuki: 9 GP, 3 G, 5 A, 8 PTS
Lane Hutson: 9 GP, 2 G, 5 A, 7 PTS
Zachary Bolduc: 9 GP, 1 G, 4 A, 5 PTS

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Buffalo has allowed just 12 total goals in the team's last six games. Prior to this season, the Sabres last allowed 12 or fewer goals in a six-game span in the playoffs from April 20 to May 4, 2007 (12).

The Sabres have allowed only one power-play goal over their last six games, the fewest by a Buffalo team in any six-game span in the playoffs all-time.

In his last five games, **Zach Benson** has posted six points (3+3), including at least one point in three straight contests.

Benson's five points (2+3) in his last three games are the most by an NHL skater age 20 or younger in any three-game span in the playoffs since Wyatt Johnston from April 27 to May 1, 2024 (3+2).

A point in tonight's game would make **Benson** the first NHL skater age 20 or younger since Cole Caufield from June 6 to 18, 2021 (five games; 2+3) to register a point streak of four or more games in the playoffs.

Alex Lyon has allowed 11 total goals in seven appearances in the playoffs, tied for the fewest goals allowed in any seven-game span in the playoffs by a Sabres goaltender all-time (Dominik Hasek; April 23 to May 14, 1999).

It is the first time any NHL goaltender has allowed 11 or fewer goals in their first seven playoff games (within a single playoff year) with a team since Jacob Markstrom from May 3 to 15, 2022 with Calgary (11).



Peyton Krebs has registered six points (2+4) in the playoffs thus far and his plus-6 rating through the team's first eight playoff games ranks first among all Sabres skaters.

In his last five games, **Josh Doan** has registered six points (2+4), including at least one assist in each of his last three contests.

Bowen Byram has recorded four goals in the playoffs and is one goal away from recording the most goals by a Sabres defenseman in a single playoff year all-time.

Conor Timmins tallied the first point of his playoff career with an assist in Game 2 against the Canadiens. **Timmins** would become the third Sabres defenseman to record an assist in at least two consecutive games this postseason with an assist tonight (**Byram, Owen Power**).

BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

Sam Carrick (upper body); **Justin Danforth** (lower body, IR); **Jiri Kulich** (blood clot, IR); **Noah Ostlund** (lower body)

ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 3-3 all-time on May 8.

May 10, 1998: Matthew Barnaby scores Buffalo's final three goals to post his first career hat trick in a 6-3 win over Montreal in Game 2 of the Eastern Conference Semifinal.

ROAD WORK AHEAD

The Sabres earned wins in all three road contests during their first-round series, outscoring the Bruins 13-3 in those games. A win tonight would mark the first time Buffalo has earned at least four straight road playoff wins since the team's five-game playoff road winning streak from May 2 to 20, 2006.

Buffalo's 4.33 goals per game on the road in the playoffs trails only Vegas (4.50) for the best mark among all NHL teams this postseason.

The Sabres have allowed 1.00 goals against per game on the road in the playoffs which ranked first among all NHL teams.

Alex Lyon has posted a 3-0 record, a .960 save percentage (72 saves on 75 shots) and a 1.00 goals-against average on the road in the playoffs. His .960 save percentage is the second-best mark by a Sabres goaltender in their first three road playoff games with Buffalo (Steve Shields; April 21 to 27, 1997; .975).

With a win tonight, **Lyon** would join Ryan Miller (May 2 to 20, 2006; five games) and Dominik Hasek (May 1 to 23, 1998; four games) as the only goaltenders to earn a road playoff winning streak of four or more games with Buffalo.

HEAD-TO-HEAD (Regular Season)

Buffalo Sabres	Montreal Canadiens
50-23-9	Record 48-24-10
26-10-5	Home Record 24-15-2
24-13-4	Road Record 24-9-8
6-3-1	Last 10 Games 7-3-0
3.45 (5th)	Goals For Per Game 3.40 (7th)
2.93 (T-10th)	Goals Against Per Game 3.06 (T-16th)
19.5% (21st)	Power Play 23.1% (10th)
81.9% (4th)	Penalty Kill 78.2% (18th)
45.9% (32nd)	Team FO% 51.0% (11th)
49.5% (15th)	Team SAT% (5 on 5) 48.2% (25th)

