



NEW YORK ISLANDERS VS. BUFFALO SABRES

Thursday, March 14, 2024 | 7:00 P.M. | KeyBank Center | Broadcast: MSG



BUFFALO SABRES

31-30-5 | 67 PTS
6th place in the Atlantic Division
Last Game: 7-3 W vs. DET

Top Scorers

Rasmus Dahlin: 65 GP, 15 G, 33 A, 48 PTS
Jeff Skinner: 58 GP, 21 G, 20 A, 41 PTS
Alex Tuch: 59 GP, 18 G, 23 A, 41 PTS

Season Series:

Oct. 14 at NYI | 3-2 L
Oct. 21 at BUF | 3-1 W
March 14 at BUF | 7:00 P.M.

NEW YORK ISLANDERS

29-21-14 | 72 PTS
4th place in the Metropolitan Division
Last Game: 3-0 L at LAK

Top Scorers

Mathew Barzal: 63 GP, 20 G, 48 A, 68 PTS
Noah Dobson: 64 GP, 8 G, 56 A, 64 PTS
Bo Horvat: 63 GP, 26 G, 32 A, 58 PTS

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

The Sabres have earned a win in six consecutive home games against the Islanders.

A win would give Buffalo seven consecutive home wins over New York for the first time in franchise history.

In Buffalo's last 24 games, **Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen** has made 21 starts and has recorded 529 saves on 570 shots (.928) in that span.



Luukkonen has allowed three or fewer goals in 23 of his last 24 games.

Bowen Byram has recorded four points (3+1) in three games with Buffalo since being acquired by the Sabres on March 6.

Tage Thompson has tallied three points (1+2) in his last two games, including at least one point in each of those games.

If he dresses, tonight's game will mark the 200th game of **Peyton Krebs'** career.

SHUTTER ISLAND

Jeff Skinner has totaled six points (3+3) in his last six games against the Islanders, including at least one point in each home game in that span.

In his last seven games against New York, **Dylan Cozens** has registered seven points (3+4), including one goal in back-to-back home games against the Islanders.

Rasmus Dahlin has posted one assist in back-to-back games against the Islanders.

In two career starts against the Islanders, **Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen** has made 60 saves on 65 shots (.923).

Jordan Greenway has tallied one point in consecutive games against the Islanders (1+1) and a point in tonight's game would give him a three-game point streak against New York.

In his only game against the Islanders (Oct. 14), **Zach Benson** recorded two assists.

BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

Jack Quinn (lower body, IR); **Mattias Samuelsson** (upper body, IR)

ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 10-11-2 all-time on March 14.

March 14, 1976: The Sabres get three-point nights from five different players, including hat tricks from Jim Lorentz and Gilbert Perreault, in an 8-2 win at Minnesota.

March 14, 2008: Buffalo and Carolina combine for 129 penalty minutes and play just 34:43 at even strength as the Sabres top the Hurricanes 7-1, getting multi-point nights from seven different players.

BO MONEY, BO PROBLEMS

If **Bowen Byram** records a point in tonight's game, he would join 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.

A goal in tonight's game would make **Byram** the first NHL defenseman to record four or more goals in their first four games with a team since Al Iafate from March 22 to 27, 1994 with Boston (4+2).

He would become the 11th defenseman in NHL history to do so.

With two goals on March 12 vs. Detroit, **Byram** set a new single-season career high in goals (11).

Byram needs one point to set a new single-season career high in points and he needs one assist to match his previous single-season career high in assists.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Buffalo Sabres	New York Islanders
31-30-5	Record 29-21-14
16-17-1	Home Record 15-8-9
15-13-4	Road Record 14-13-5
6-3-1	Last 10 Games 7-3-0
2.94 (21st)	Goals For Per Game 3.06 (18th)
2.98 (13th)	Goals Against Per Game 3.20 (21st)
16.6% (26th)	Power Play 22.2% (13th)
78.5% (20th)	Penalty Kill 72.2% (32nd)
45.8% (31st)	Team FO% 51.6% (9th)
51.2% (11th)	Team SAT% (5-on-5) 47.1% (25th)



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