



NASHVILLE PREDATORS VS. BUFFALO SABRES



Thursday, March 7, 2024 | 8:00 P.M. | Bridgestone Arena | Broadcast: MSG

BUFFALO SABRES

29-29-5 | 63 PTS
6th place in the Atlantic Division
Last Game: 2-1 L (OT) at TOR

Top Scorers

Rasmus Dahlin: 62 GP, 15 G, 31 A, 46 PTS
Jeff Skinner: 55 GP, 20 G, 20 A, 40 PTS
Alex Tuch: 56 GP, 17 G, 23 A, 40 PTS

Season Series:

Dec. 3 at BUF | 2-1 L
March 7 at NSH | 8:00 P.M.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS

35-25-3 | 73 PTS
4th place in the Central Division
Last Game: 4-3 L (OT) vs. MTL

Top Scorers

Filip Forsberg: 63 GP, 30 G, 34 A, 64 PTS
Roman Josi: 63 GP, 15 G, 46 A, 61 PTS
Ryan O'Reilly: 63 GP, 23 G, 31 A, 54 PTS

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

In four of the last five matchups between the Sabres and the Predators, the winning team has recorded four or more goals.

In Buffalo's last 21 games, **Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen** has made 19 starts and has recorded 479 saves on 515 shots (.930) in that span.

If he plays in tonight's game, it will mark the 300th game of **Victor Olofsson's** career.

Zemgus Girgensons is riding a three-game point streak (1+2).

A point in tonight's game would give **Girgensons** the longest point streak of his career.

Girgensons has recorded six three-game point streaks in his career.

Eric Robinson has registered three points in his last three games (1+2).

Jeff Skinner has tallied four points (1+3) in his last three games.

In his last six games, **Owen Power** has notched five points (2+3).

APEX PREDATORS

Victor Olofsson is riding a four-game point streak (3+2) against the Predators and he has tallied six points (4+2) in his last six games against Nashville.

A point in tonight's game would give **Olofsson** the longest point streak ever by a Sabres skater against Nashville.

Cozens has registered five points (2+3) in five games against the Predators in his career and he has notched at least one point in all but one game he has played against Nashville in his career.

In his last five games against the Predators, **Jeff Skinner** has posted five points (4+1), including at least one goal in each of his last two road contests in Nashville.

Tage Thompson has recorded at least one point in three straight games against Nashville (3+1).

Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen has made 71 saves on 76 shots (.934) in three appearances against the Predators in his career.

BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

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

ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 8-13-6 all-time on March 7.

March 7, 1989: Buffalo trades Lindy Ruff to the NY Rangers for a fifth-round draft choice in 1990 (Richard Smehlik).

March 7, 2002: Martin Biron turns aside 26 New York Islanders shots to earn the first of two shutouts on back-to-back nights, a feat he would complete with another 26-save performance the following night against Montreal.

BO KNOWS

On March 6, the Sabres acquired defenseman **Bowen Byram** from the Colorado Avalanche in exchange for forward Casey Mittelstadt.

Among all defensemen selected in the 2019 NHL Draft with at least five NHL games played, **Byram** ranks first in goals (23), even-strength goals (19) and shooting percentage (11.6).

Among those defensemen, **Byram** ranks second in assists (40), points (63), plus/minus (+16), and even-strength points (55).

Byram appeared in 146 NHL games with Colorado and has totaled 63 points (23+40) in that span. He won the Stanley Cup as a member of the Avalanche in 2022 and he has totaled 12 points in 27 career playoff contests.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Buffalo Sabres	Nashville Predators
29-29-5	Record 35-25-3
14-17-1	Home Record 17-15-1
15-12-4	Road Record 18-10-2
6-3-1	Last 10 Games 8-1-1
2.90 (24th)	Goals For Per Game 3.17 (15th)
2.98 (13th)	Goals Against Per Game 3.08 (18th)
16.8% (26th)	Power Play 19.5% (18th)
79.0% (18th)	Penalty Kill 76.4% (24th)
46.2% (31st)	Team FO% 49.7% (16th)
51.3% (11th)	Team SAT% (5-on-5) 50.2% (17th)



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