



# TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS VS. BUFFALO SABRES

Sunday, December 15, 2024 | 5:00 P.M. | Scotiabank Arena | Broadcast: MSG



## BUFFALO SABRES

11-15-4 | 26 PTS  
7th place in the Atlantic Division  
Last Game: 4-2 L at WSH

### Top Scorers

**Tage Thompson:** 25 GP, 16 G, 8 A, 24 PTS  
**Alex Tuch:** 30 GP, 8 G, 16 A, 24 PTS  
**Jason Zucker:** 30 GP, 8 G, 13 A, 21 PTS

### Season Series:

Dec. 15 at TOR | 5:00 P.M.  
Dec. 20 at BUF | 7:00 P.M.  
April 15 at BUF | 3:00 P.M.

## TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS

18-10-2 | 38 PTS  
1st place in the Atlantic Division  
Last Game: 4-2 L at DET

### Top Scorers

**Mitch Marner:** 30 GP, 10 G, 30 A, 40 PTS  
**William Nylander:** 30 GP, 18 G, 12 A, 30 PTS  
**John Tavares:** 29 GP, 12 G, 13 A, 25 PTS

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Buffalo's 123 victories over Toronto all-time are the third-most against any single team in franchise history.

The Sabres have only defeated the Boston Bruins (128 wins) and the Montreal Canadiens (136) more times than they have beaten the Maple Leafs.

The Sabres have earned at least one point in four of their last five contests with the Maple Leafs (3-1-1).

Buffalo has earned at least one point in five of its last six road games in Toronto (4-1-1).

**Jason Zucker** has registered seven points (3+4) in his last six games.

**Tage Thompson** has tallied six points (5+1) in his last six games, including one point in each of his last three games.

A point in tonight's game would give **Thompson** his third point streak of four or more games this season.

**Owen Power** has collected four points in his last four games (1+3).

**Ryan McLeod** has posted three assists in his last three games.

**Bowen Byram** has recorded one assist in back-to-back games.

**Byram** would match the longest assist streak of his career with an assist in tonight's game.

### LEAF-ING NO DOUBT

**Alex Tuch** has registered 13 points (6+7) in his last eight games against Toronto, including at least two points in five of his last eight games against the Maple Leafs.

Dating back to the beginning of the 2021-22 season, **Tage Thompson** has 12 points (6+6) in 11 games against Toronto.

**JJ Peterka** has tallied five points (1+4) in his last five games against Toronto.

**Dylan Cozens** has recorded five points (1+4) in five career road games against the Maple Leafs.

**James Reimer** has made 57 saves on 61 shots (.934) in his last three appearances against Toronto.

### BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

**Rasmus Dahlin** (back, IR); **Sam Lafferty** (lower body, IR)



### ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 9-8-4 all-time on December 15.

**December 15, 1977:** Gilbert Perreault scores a goal in each period to help the Sabres beat the St. Louis Blues 7-4. It was Perreault's first of a career-high four hat tricks during the 1977-78 season.

**December 15, 2010:** Drew Stafford scores all three Buffalo goals and Derek Roy assists on all three of them in a 3-2 home win over the Boston Bruins, marking the 1,500th win in franchise history.

### THOMP GEAR

**Tage Thompson** leads all Sabres skaters in goals (16), even-strength goals (14) and points per game (0.93).

**Thompson** is tied for the team lead in points (24) and even-strength points (19).

His 16 goals are tied for tenth and his 14 even-strength goals are tied for third among all NHL skaters.

**Thompson's** 13 goals at 5-on-5 are the most among all NHL skaters according to Natural Stat Trick.

**Thompson's** 10 first-period goals are the most among all NHL skaters..

Among NHL skaters with 10 or more goals, **Thompson** ranks first in percentage of goals scored in the first period (62.5 percent).

### HEAD-TO-HEAD

Buffalo Sabres	Toronto Maple Leafs
11-15-4	Record ..... 18-10-2
6-9-3	Home Record ..... 13-4-0
5-6-1	Road Record ..... 5-6-2
1-6-3	Last 10 Games ..... 6-4-0
2.93 (20th)	Goals For Per Game ..... 2.90 (22nd)
3.27 (26th)	Goals Against Per Game ..... 2.60 (5th)
13.8% (30th)	Power Play ..... 19.6% (19th)
79.2% (17th)	Penalty Kill ..... 82.7% (7th)
49.4% (21st)	Team FO% ..... 52.6% (4th)
51.6% (9th)	Team SAT% (5-on-5) ..... 48.8% (20th)

