



MONTREAL CANADIENS vs. BUFFALO SABRES



Saturday, May 16, 2026 | 8:00 P.M. | Bell Centre | Broadcast: ESPN

BUFFALO SABRES

Series: 2-3
50-23-9 | 109 PTS
1st Place in the Atlantic Division

Top Scorers

Tage Thompson: 11 GP, 4 G, 7 A, 11 PTS
Josh Doan: 11 GP, 3 G, 7 A, 10 PTS
Rasmus Dahlin: 11 GP, 2 G, 6 A, 8 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 | 6-2 L
Game 4: May 12 at MTL | 3-2 W
Game 5: May 14 at BUF | 6-3 L
Game 6: May 16 at MTL | 8:00 P.M.

MONTREAL CANADIENS

Series: 3-2
48-24-10 | 106 PTS
3rd Place in the Atlantic Division

Top Scorers

Lane Hutson: 12 GP, 2 G, 10 A, 12 PTS
Nick Suzuki: 12 GP, 4 G, 8 A, 12 PTS
Juraj Slafkovský: 12 GP, 4 G, 5 A, 9 PTS

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

A win tonight would mark the second time Buffalo has earned five wins in their first six road contests in a single playoff year.

Buffalo split the first two road games of this series, emerging victorious in the most recent road matchup between the two teams in Game 4 (3-2).

In his last six games, **Zach Benson** has registered six points (3+3).

Benson has four goals in the playoffs and is the first Sabres skater age 21 or younger to register four or more goals in a single playoff year since Pierre Turgeon in 1988 (4; 18 years old).

Josh Doan's plus-5 rating is the best mark by a Sabres forward in the first 11 games of their playoff career since Paul Gaustad (plus-5) and Derek Roy (plus-6) from April 22 to May 13, 2006.

In his last eight games, **Doan** has registered 10 points (3+7), including at least one point in each of his last six contests.

In his last seven games, **Rasmus Dahlin** has posted seven points (2+5), including an assist in three straight games.

With an assist tonight, **Dahlin** would join **Owen Power** as the only Sabres defenseman who have registered an assist streak of at least four games in this year's playoffs.

Dahlin would become just the fourth Buffalo defenseman all-time (**Power**, Alexei Zhitnik, Jason Woolley) to register an assist streak of four or more games in the playoffs.



Tage Thompson has tallied 11 points (4+7) in 11 playoff games thus far, including four points (2+2) in his last three games.

Thompson's four multi-point games in the playoffs are tied for the third-most among all NHL skaters.

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.

Mattias Samuelsson (43 hits; three goals) is the only NHL defenseman with 40 or more hits and three or more goals in the playoffs.

BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

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

ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 1-1 all-time on May 16.

May 16, 2007: Chris Drury (1+1) and Derek Roy (1+1) each tally two points and Ryan Miller makes 31 saves on 33 shots as the Sabres down the Senators in Game 4 of the 2007 Eastern Conference Final.

RAISING HELENIUS

Konsta Helenius made his playoff debut in Game 4 at Montreal and led all Sabres forwards in time on ice at 5-on-5 (12:25).

Helenius generated five scoring chances in the game, the most among all Buffalo skaters.

Helenius recorded the first goal of his playoff career in Game 5 vs. Montreal, which marked the first time multiple rookies (Noah Ostlund) have recorded their first career playoff goal with Buffalo in the same year since Tyler Ennis, Nathan Gerbe, Tim Kennedy and Tyler Myers in 2010.

Helenius (20 years, 3 days on May 14) was the youngest Sabres skater since Pierre Turgeon on April 6, 1989 (19 years, 221 days) to record a playoff goal.

This season, **Ostlund** and **Helenius** became the 14th and 15th Buffalo rookies, respectively, to record 12 or more minutes of ice time in their playoff debut all-time.

With **Helenius** on the ice in Game 4, Buffalo had an expected goals for percentage of 82.10, a scoring chances for percentage of 57.14 and a high-danger chances for percentage of 80.00 according to Natural Stat Trick.

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)

