



BUFFALO SABRES

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Last Game: 4-3 OTW at WSH
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BOSTON BRUINS

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September 26, 2023
KeyBank Center
Buffalo, New York

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Don Granato
Assistant Coach: Mike Bales
Assistant Coach: Jason Christie
Assistant Coach: Matt Ellis
Assistant Coach: Marty Wilford

PRONUNCIATIONS

Biro, Brandon: (BIGH-roh)
Cecconi, Joseph: (seh-KOH-nee)
Cederqvist, Filip: (BIGH-roh)
Clague, Kale: (CLAYG)
Dahlin, Rasmus: (dah-LIEN)
Jobst, Mason: (YOBST)
Kulich, Jiri: (KOO-lihk, YIH-ree)
Lindgren, Mats: (LIHND-grehn)
Mittelstadt, Casey: (MIH-tuhl-stadt)
Nadeau, Olivier:
(na-DOH, oh-LIHV-ee-ay)
Rosen, Isak: (ROH-say-in, IH-sak)
Samuelsson, Mattias:
(SAM-yew-uhl-suhn, ma-TEE-uhs)

PRESEASON LEADING SCORERS

Zach Benson:
1 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PTS
Peyton Krebs:
1 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PTS
JJ Peterka:
1 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PTS

2022-23 LEADING SCORERS

Tage Thompson:
78 GP, 47 G, 47 A, 94 PTS
Jeff Skinner:
79 GP, 35 G, 47 A, 82 PTS
Alex Tuch:
74 GP, 36 G, 43 A, 79 PTS

FORWARDS

53 JEFF SKINNER

5'11", 200 lbs. • Toronto, ON
2022-23 (NHL):
79 GP, 35 G, 47 A, 82 PTS, 39 PIM
Career (NHL):
932 GP, 333 G, 291 A, 624 PTS, 417 PIM

72 TAGE THOMPSON

6'6", 220 lbs. • Phoenix, AZ
2022-23 (NHL):
78 GP, 47 G, 47 A, 94 PTS, 39 PIM
Career (NHL):
301 GP, 103 G, 94 A, 197 PTS, 125 PIM

9 ZACH BENSON

5'10", 170 lbs. • Chilliwack, BC
2022-23 (WHL):
60 GP, 36 G, 62 A, 98 PTS, 49 PIM
Career (NHL):
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM

20 JIRI KULICH

6'1", 186 lbs. • Kadan, CZE
2022-23 (AHL):
62 GP, 24 G, 22 A, 46 PTS, 18 PIM
Career (NHL):
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM

37 CASEY MITTELSTADT

6'1", 195 lbs. • Eden Prairie, MN
2022-23 (NHL):
82 GP, 15 G, 44 A, 59 PTS, 22 PIM
Career (NHL):
277 GP, 48 G, 91 A, 139 PTS, 50 PIM

15 BRANDON BIRO

5'11", 170 lbs. • Sherwood Park, AB
2022-23 (AHL):
49 GP, 16 G, 35 A, 51 PTS, 12 PIM
Career (NHL):
1 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM

81 BRETT MURRAY

6'5", 235 lbs. • Bolton, ON
2022-23 (AHL):
71 GP, 23 G, 26 A, 49 PTS, 46 PIM
Career (NHL):
21 GP, 2 G, 4 A, 6 PTS, 23 PIM

48 TYSON KOZAK

5'11", 179 lbs. • Souris, MB
2022-23 (AHL):
55 GP, 5 G, 5 A, 10 PTS, 40 PIM
Career (NHL):
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM

63 ISAK ROSEN

6'0", 173 lbs. • Solna, SWE
2022-23 (AHL):
66 GP, 14 G, 23 A, 37 PTS, 14 PIM
Career (NHL):
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM

49 FILIP CEDERQVIST

6'3", 203 lbs. • Skara, SWE
2022-23 (AHL):
55 GP, 9 G, 11 A, 20 PTS, 31 PIM
Career (NHL):
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM

85 MASON JOBST

5'8", 185 lbs. • Speedway, IN
2022-23 (AHL):
61 GP, 14 G, 24 A, 38 PTS, 23 PIM
Career (NHL):
1 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM

54 OLIVIER NADEAU

6'1", 203 lbs. • Lac-Etchemin, QC
2022-23 stats:
34 GP, 22 G, 24 A, 46 PTS, 29 PIM
Career (NHL):
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM

DEFENSEMEN

23 MATTIAS SAMUELSSON

6'4", 224 lbs. • Philadelphia, PA
2022-23 (NHL):
55 GP, 2 G, 8 A, 10 PTS, 20 PIM
Career (NHL):
109 GP, 2 G, 20 A, 22 PTS, 40 PIM

26 RASMUS DAHLIN

6'3", 204 lbs. • Lidköping, SWE
2022-23 (NHL):
78 GP, 15 G, 58 A, 73 PTS, 92 PIM
Career (NHL):
355 GP, 46 G, 187 A, 233 PTS, 258 PIM

38 KALE CLAGUE

6'0", 186 lbs. • Regina, SK
2022-23 (NHL):
33 GP, 0 G, 4 A, 4 PTS, 24 PIM
Career (NHL):
91 GP, 2 G, 18 A, 20 PTS, 50 PIM

83 MATS LINDGREN

6'0", 184 lbs. • Vancouver, BC
2022-23 (WHL):
63 GP, 11 G, 23 A, 34 PTS, 23 PIM
Career (NHL):
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM

61 RILEY STILLMAN

6'2", 203 lbs. • Peterborough, ON
2022-23 (NHL):
50 GP, 1 G, 7 A, 8 PTS, 36 PIM
Career (NHL):
458 GP, 4 G, 22 A, 26 PTS, 104 PIM

3 JOSEPH CECCONI

6'3", 216 lbs. • Youngstown, NY
2022-23 (AHL):
53 GP, 3 G, 7 A, 10 PTS, 30 PIM
Career (NHL):
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM

GOALTENDERS

27 DEVON LEVI

6'0", 192 lbs. • Dollard-des-Ormeaux, QC
2022-23 (NHL):
7 GP, 5-2-0, .905 SV%, 2.94 GAA
Career (NHL):
7 GP, 5-2-0, .905 SV%, 2.94 GAA
vs. BOS:
0 GP, 0-0-0, .000 SV%, 0.00 GAA

62 DEVIN COOLEY

6'4", 185 lbs. • Los Gatos, CA
2022-23 (AHL):
26 GP, 15-8-2, .909 SV%, 2.93 GAA
Career (NHL):
0 GP, 0-0-0, .000 SV%, 0.00 GAA
vs. BOS:
0 GP, 0-0-0, .000 SV%, 0.00 GAA

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Boqvist, Jesper: (BOH-kvihst, YEHS-puhr)
Brunet, Frederic: (BREW-nay)
Chiasson, Alex: (CHAY-sawn)
Farinacci, John: (far-ihn-AW-chee)
Grzelczyk, Matt: (GRIHZ-likh)
Heinen, Danton: (HIGH-nehnn, DAN-tuhn)
Keyser, Kyle: (KIGH-zer)
Kuntar, Trevor: (KUHN-tar)
Lauko, Jakub: (LOW-koh, JAY-kuhv)
Lohrei, Mason: (LOH-righ)
Lucic, Milan: (LOO-cheech, MEE-lahn)
Megna, Jayson: (MEHG-na)
Merkulov, Georgii: (MUHR-kew-lahv, JOHRJ-ee)
Toporowski, Luke: (toh-pohr-OW-skee)

PRESEASON LEADING SCORERS

Matt Poitras:
1 GP, 1 G, 1 A, 2 PTS
Jake DeBrusk:
1 GP, 1 G, 1 A, 2 PTS
John Beecher:
1 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PTS

2022-23 LEADING SCORERS

David Pastrnak:
82 GP, 61 G, 52 A, 113 PTS
Brad Marchand:
73 GP, 21 G, 46 A, 67 PTS
Patrice Bergeron:
78 GP, 27 G, 31 A, 58 PTS

FORWARDS

17 MILAN LUCIC

6'3", 236 lbs. • Vancouver, BC
2022-23 (NHL):
77 GP, 7 G, 12 A, 19 PTS, 43 PIM
Career (NHL):
1173 GP, 233 G, 351 A, 584 PTS, 1299 PIM

26 MARC MCLAUGHLIN

6'0", 199 lbs. • North Billerica, MA
2022-23 (NHL):
2 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 2 PIM
Career (NHL):
13 GP, 3 G, 0 A, 3 PTS, 10 PIM

49 ALEX CHIASSON

6'4", 208 lbs. • Montréal, QC
2022-23 (NHL):
20 GP, 6 G, 3 A, 9 PTS, 6 PIM
Career (NHL):
651 GP, 120 G, 113 A, 233 PTS, 359 PIM

43 DANTON HEINEN

6'2", 195 lbs. • Langley, BC
2022-23 (NHL):
65 GP, 8 G, 14 A, 22 PTS, 12 PIM
Career (NHL):
413 GP, 70 G, 106 A, 176 PTS, 72 PIM

42 GEORGII MERKULOV

5'11", 179 lbs. • Ryazan, RUS
2022-23 (AHL):
67 GP, 24 G, 31 A, 55 PTS, 26 PIM
Career (NHL):
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM

62 OSKAR STEEN

5'10", 196 lbs. • Karlstad, SWE
2022-23 (NHL):
3 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PTS, 0 PIM
Career (NHL):
26 GP, 3 G, 4 A, 7 PTS, 8 PIM

83 LUKE TOPOROWSKI

5'11", 183 lbs. • Bettendorf, IA
2022-23 (AHL):
47 GP, 15 G, 14 A, 29 PTS, 33 PIM
Career (NHL):
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM

20 JAYSON MEGNA

6'0", 190 lbs. • Ft. Lauderdale, FL
2022-23 (NHL):
41 GP, 2 G, 6 A, 8 PTS, 4 PIM
Career (NHL):
203 GP, 12 G, 21 A, 33 PTS, 40 PIM

70 JESPER BOQVIST

6'1", 184 lbs. • Falun, SWE
2022-23 (NHL):
70 GP, 10 G, 11 A, 21 PTS, 2 PIM
Career (NHL):
189 GP, 28 G, 27 A, 55 PTS, 22 PIM

52 TREVOR KUNTAR

6'0", 197 lbs. • Buffalo, NY
2022-23 (NCAA):
34 GP, 13 G, 16 A, 29 PTS, 36 PIM
Career (NHL):
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM

19 JOHN BEECHER

6'3", 215 lbs. • Elmira, NY
2022-23 (AHL):
61 GP, 9 G, 14 A, 23 PTS, 38 PIM
Career (NHL):
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM

94 JAKUB LAUKO

6'1", 193 lbs. • Prague, CZE
2022-23 (NHL):
23 GP, 4 G, 3 A, 7 PTS, 11 PIM
Career (NHL):
23 GP, 4 G, 3 A, 7 PTS, 11 PIM

DEFENSEMEN

6 MASON LOHREI

6'4", 195 lbs. • Baton Rouge, LA
2022-23 (NCAA):
40 GP, 4 G, 28 A, 32 PTS, 26 PIM
Career (NHL):
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM

25 BRANDON CARLO

6'5", 217 lbs. • Colorado Springs, CO
2022-23 (NHL):
75 GP, 3 G, 13 A, 16 PTS, 38 PIM
Career (NHL):
478 GP, 24 G, 62 A, 86 PTS, 265 PIM

GOALTENDERS

85 KYLE KEYSER

6'2", 186 lbs. • Coral Springs, FL
2022-23 (AHL):
24 GP, 13-6-2, .900 SV%, 2.79 GAA
Career (NHL):
0 GP, 0-0-0, .000 SV%, 0.00 GAA
vs. BUF:
0 GP, 0-0-0, .000 SV%, 0.00 GAA

48 MATT GRZELCYK

5'10", 180 lbs. • Charlestown, MA
2022-23 (NHL):
75 GP, 4 G, 22 A, 26 PTS, 28 PIM
Career (NHL):
382 GP, 23 G, 101 A, 124 PTS, 200 PIM

87 RYAN MAST

6'5", 213 lbs. • Bloomfield Hills, MI
2022-23 (OHL):
51 GP, 8 G, 22 A, 30 PTS, 30 PIM
Career (NHL):
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM

80 MICHAEL DIPIETRO

6'1", 207 lbs. • Windsor, ON
2022-23 (ECHL):
29 GP, 19-9-0, .918 SV%, 2.61 GAA
Career (NHL):
3 GP, 0-2-0, .771 SV%, 5.26 GAA
vs. BUF:
0 GP, 0-0-0, .000 SV%, 0.00 GAA

59 FRÉDÉRIC BRUNET

6'3", 186 lbs. • Gatineau, QC
2022-23 (QMJHL):
66 GP, 16 G, 57 A, 73 PTS, 28 PIM
Career (NHL):
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM

14 IAN MITCHELL

6'0", 192 lbs. • St. Albert, AB
2022-23 (NHL):
35 GP, 1 G, 7 A, 8 PTS, 8 PIM
Career (NHL):
82 GP, 4 G, 12 A, 16 PTS, 22 PIM

SCRATCHES

32 JOHN FARINACCI

6'0", 185 lbs. • Red Bank, NJ
2022-23 (NCAA):
19 GP, 5 G, 15 A, 20 PTS, 2 PIM
Career (NHL):
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM

41 JACKSON EDWARD

6'3", 188 lbs. • Newmarket, ON
2022-23(OHL):
65 GP, 5 G, 20 A, 25 PTS, 110 PIM
Career (NHL):
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM

Projected lines are unofficial and subject to change.