



# BUFFALO SABRES

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# COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS

Last Game: 5-3 L at DAL | Last 10: 6-3-1 | Road: 9-15-4  
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February 4, 2025  
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Buffalo, New York

## COACHING STAFF

**Head Coach:** Lindy Ruff  
**Assistant Coach:** Seth Appert  
**Assistant Coach:** Mike Bales  
**Assistant Coach:** Matt Ellis  
**Assistant Coach:** Marty Wilford

## PRONUNCIATIONS

**Cozens, Dylan:** (KUH-zihnz)  
**Jokiharju, Henri:** (yoh-kee-HAHR-yoo, HEHN-ree)  
**Kulich, Jiri:** (koo-LEEK, YIH-ree)  
**Lafferty, Sam:** (LA-fuhr-tee)  
**Luukkonen, Ukko-Pekka:** (LOO-koh-neh-n, OO-koh-PEH-ka)  
**Malenstyn, Beck:** (MAL-ehn-stighn, BEHK)  
**McLeod, Ryan:** (muh-KLOWD)  
**Peterka, JJ:** (peh-TUHR-kah)  
**Rosen, Isak:** (ROH-zehn, IH-sak)  
**Samuelsson, Mattias:** (SAM-yew-uhlsuhn, ma-TEE-uhs)  
**Tuch, Alex:** (TUHK)  
**Zucker, Jason:** (ZUK-uhr)

## SPECIAL TEAMS

**Power Play**  
25-for-153 (16.3%) -- 27th  
**Penalty Kill**  
124-for-153 (78.5%) -- 18th

## LEADING SCORERS

**Tage Thompson:**  
47 GP, 26 G, 22 A, 48 PTS  
**JJ Peterka:**  
50 GP, 15 G, 26 A, 41 PTS  
**Rasmus Dahlin:**  
44 GP, 6 G, 33 A, 39 PTS

## LEADING SCORERS VS. CBJ

**Tage Thompson:**  
12 GP, 11 G, 6 A, 17 PTS  
**Rasmus Dahlin:**  
14 GP, 3 G, 12 A, 15 PTS  
**Dylan Cozens:**  
10 GP, 3 G, 8 A, 11 PTS

## LAST 5 GAMES VS. CBJ

10/17/24: BUF 4 at CBJ 6  
02/23/24: BUF 2 at CBJ 1  
12/30/23: CBJ 2 at BUF 3 (OT)  
12/19/23: CBJ 9 at BUF 4  
04/14/23: BUF 5 at CBJ 2

## FORWARDS

### 63 ISAK ROSEN

6'0", 173 lbs. • Solna, SWE  
**2024-25:**  
1 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM  
**Career:**  
8 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM

### 20 JIRI KULICH

6'1", 190 lbs. • Kadan, CZE  
**2024-25:**  
38 GP, 11 G, 5 A, 16 PTS, 12 PIM  
**Career:**  
39 GP, 11 G, 5 A, 16 PTS, 12 PIM

### 77 JJ PETERKA

6'0", 189 lbs. • Munich, DEU  
**2024-25:**  
50 GP, 15 G, 26 A, 41 PTS, 10 PIM  
**Career:**  
211 GP, 55 G, 68 A, 123 PTS, 64 PIM

### 17 JASON ZUCKER

5'11", 195 lbs. • Newport Beach, CA  
**2024-25:**  
50 GP, 18 G, 20 A, 38 PTS, 53 PIM  
**Career:**  
747 GP, 214 G, 194 A, 408 PTS, 390 PIM

### 24 DYLAN COZENS

6'3", 207 lbs. • Whitehorse, YT  
**2024-25:**  
52 GP, 10 G, 16 A, 26 PTS, 47 PIM  
**Career:**  
332 GP, 76 G, 116 A, 192 PTS, 201 PIM

### 89 ALEX TUCH

6'4", 219 lbs. • Syracuse, NY  
**2024-25:**  
52 GP, 16 G, 21 A, 37 PTS, 27 PIM  
**Career:**  
506 GP, 147 G, 205 A, 352 PTS, 186 PIM

### 9 ZACH BENSON

5'10", 170 lbs. • Chilliwack, BC  
**2024-25:**  
46 GP, 9 G, 8 A, 17 PTS, 34 PIM  
**Career:**  
117 GP, 20 G, 27 A, 47 PTS, 70 PIM

### 71 RYAN MCLEOD

6'3", 188 lbs. • Mississauga, ON  
**2024-25:**  
49 GP, 12 G, 15 A, 27 PTS, 10 PIM  
**Career:**  
268 GP, 44 G, 58 A, 102 PTS, 50 PIM

### 22 JACK QUINN

6'1", 185 lbs. • Ottawa, ON  
**2024-25:**  
45 GP, 9 G, 11 A, 20 PTS, 14 PIM  
**Career:**  
149 GP, 33 G, 45 A, 78 PTS, 37 PIM

### 29 BECK MALENSTYN

6'3", 209 lbs. • Delta, BC  
**2024-25:**  
49 GP, 4 G, 5 A, 9 PTS, 17 PIM  
**Career:**  
154 GP, 12 G, 21 A, 33 PTS, 53 PIM

### 19 PEYTON KREBS

6'0", 186 lbs. • Calgary, AB  
**2024-25:**  
51 GP, 4 G, 12 A, 16 PTS, 28 PIM  
**Career:**  
266 GP, 24 G, 58 A, 82 PTS, 167 PIM

## GOALTENDERS

### 47 JAMES REIMER

6'2", 200 lbs. • Morweena, MB

**2024-25 (NHL):**  
10 GP, 1-6-1, .894 SV%, 3.06 GAA  
**Career (NHL):**  
511 GP, 216-183-64, .910 SV%, 2.88 GAA  
**vs. CBJ:**  
17 GP, 6-8-3, .896 SV%, 3.37 GAA

## DEFENSEMEN

### 4 BOWEN BYRAM

6'1", 205 lbs. • Cranbrook, BC  
**2024-25:**  
52 GP, 5 G, 20 A, 25 PTS, 22 PIM  
**Career:**  
216 GP, 31 G, 66 A, 97 PTS, 148 PIM

### 26 RASMUS DAHLIN

6'3", 204 lbs. • Lidköping, SWE  
**2024-25:**  
44 GP, 6 G, 33 A, 39 PTS, 30 PIM  
**Career:**  
480 GP, 72 G, 259 A, 331 PTS, 354 PIM

### 25 OWEN POWER

6'6", 226 lbs. • Mississauga, ON  
**2024-25:**  
52 GP, 6 G, 22 A, 28 PTS, 12 PIM  
**Career:**  
215 GP, 18 G, 81 A, 99 PTS, 66 PIM

### 75 CONNOR CLIFTON

5'11", 195 lbs. • Matawan, NJ  
**2024-25:**  
46 GP, 0 G, 8 A, 8 PTS, 31 PIM  
**Career:**  
357 GP, 14 G, 55 A, 69 PTS, 276 PIM

### 32 FELIX SANDSTROM

6'2", 214 lbs. • Gavle, SWE

**2024-25 (NHL):**  
0 GP, 0-0-0, .000 SV%, 0.00 GAA  
**Career (NHL):**  
30 GP, 4-18-4, .880 SV%, 3.66 GAA  
**vs. CBJ:**  
0 GP, 0-0-0, .000 SV%, 0.00 GAA

### 78 JACOB BRYSON

5'9", 177 lbs. • London, ON  
**2024-25:**  
31 GP, 0 G, 4 A, 4 PTS, 10 PIM  
**Career:**  
237 GP, 4 G, 36 A, 40 PTS, 50 PIM

### 10 HENRI JOKIHARJU

6'0", 200 lbs. • Oulu, FIN  
**2024-25:**  
37 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS, 12 PIM  
**Career:**  
384 GP, 17 G, 74 A, 91 PTS, 138 PIM

### 8 DENNIS GILBERT

6'2", 216 lbs. • Buffalo, NY  
**2024-25:**  
18 GP, 0 G, 2 A, 2 PTS, 43 PIM  
**Career:**  
100 GP, 3 G, 13 A, 16 PTS, 131 PIM

## SCRATCHES

### 1 UKKO-PEKKA LUUKKONEN

6'5", 223 lbs. • Espoo, FIN  
**2024-25 (NHL):**  
38 GP, 18-15-4, .897 SV%, 2.97 GAA  
**Career (NHL):**  
138 GP, 65-56-14, .902 SV%, 2.98 GAA

### 72 TAGE THOMPSON

6'6", 220 lbs. • Phoenix, AZ  
**2024-25:**  
47 GP, 26 G, 22 A, 48 PTS, 15 PIM  
**Career:**  
419 GP, 158 G, 143 A, 301 PTS, 183 PIM

### 81 SAM LAFFERTY

6'2", 205 lbs. • Hollidaysburg, PA  
**2024-25:**  
38 GP, 2 G, 3 A, 5 PTS, 22 PIM  
**Career:**  
327 GP, 38 G, 50 A, 88 PTS, 88 PIM

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21-26-5

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26-20-7

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**Assistant Coach:** Jared Boll  
**Assistant Coach:** Scott Ford  
**Assistant Coach:** Mike Haviland  
**Assistant Coach:** Steve McCarthy  
**Goaltending Coach:** Niklas Backstrom

## PRONUNCIATIONS

**Del Bel Belluz, Luca:** (dehl-behl-buh-LOOZ)  
**Fabbro, Dante:** (FAB-roh, DAHN-tay)  
**Fantilli, Adam:** (fan-TIHL-ee)  
**Kuraly, Sean:** (kuh-RA-lee)  
**Labanc, Kevin:** (lah-BANK)  
**Mateychuk, Denton:** (ma-TAY-chuhk)  
**Merzlikins, Elvis:** (muhrz-lih-kihns)  
**Olivier, Mathieu:** (oh-LIHV-ee-ay, MA-th'yew)  
**Provorov, Ivan:** (PROH-voh-rawv)  
**Pyyhtia, Mikael:** (POO-tee-ah, mih-KIGH-eh)  
**Tarasov, Daniil:** (TAIR-ah-sawv)  
**van Riemsdyk, James:** (van REEMZ-dighk)  
**Voronkov, Dmitri:** (voh-RAWN-kahv, dih-MEE-tree)  
**Werenski, Zach:** (wuh-REHN-skee)

## SPECIAL TEAMS

**Power Play**  
28-for-130 (21.5%) -- 16th  
**Penalty Kill**  
109-for-146 (74.7%) -- 26th

## LEADING SCORERS

**Zach Werenski:**  
53 GP, 17 G, 40 A, 57 PTS  
**Kirill Marchenko:**  
53 GP, 21 G, 34 A, 55 PTS  
**Sean Monahan:**  
41 GP, 14 G, 27 A, 41 PTS

## LEADING SCORERS VS. BUF

**James van Riemsdyk:**  
54 GP, 20 G, 10 A, 30 PTS  
**Ivan Provorov:**  
29 GP, 5 G, 13 A, 18 PTS  
**Damon Sevenson:**  
32 GP, 3 G, 12 A, 15 PTS

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## FORWARDS

### 10 DMITRI VORONKOV

6'5", 227 lbs. • Angarsk, RUS  
**2024-25:**  
44 GP, 18 G, 17 A, 35 PTS, 39 PIM  
**Career:**  
119 GP, 36 G, 33 A, 69 PTS, 91 PIM

### 19 ADAM FANTILLI

6'2", 199 lbs. • Nobleton, ON  
**2024-25:**  
53 GP, 16 G, 15 A, 31 PTS, 14 PIM  
**Career:**  
102 GP, 28 G, 30 A, 58 PTS, 30 PIM

### 4 COLE SILLINGER

6'1", 202 lbs. • Columbus, OH  
**2024-25:**  
48 GP, 9 G, 17 A, 26 PTS, 33 PIM  
**Career:**  
268 GP, 41 G, 59 A, 100 PTS, 138 PIM

### 21 JAMES VAN RIEMSDYK

6'3", 209 lbs. • Middletown, NJ  
**2024-25:**  
46 GP, 10 G, 13 A, 23 PTS, 12 PIM  
**Career:**  
1057 GP, 321 G, 331 A, 652 PTS, 406 PIM

### 65 LUCA DEL BEL BELLUZ

6'1", 185 lbs. • Woodbridge, ON  
**2024-25:**  
12 GP, 2 G, 5 A, 7 PTS, 0 PIM  
**Career:**  
13 GP, 3 G, 5 A, 8 PTS, 0 PIM

### 91 KENT JOHNSON

6'0", 180 lbs. • Port Moody, BC  
**2024-25:**  
39 GP, 15 G, 19 A, 34 PTS, 10 PIM  
**Career:**  
169 GP, 37 G, 56 A, 93 PTS, 36 PIM

### 27 ZACH ASTON-REESE

6'1", 200 lbs. • Staten Island, NY  
**2024-25:**  
52 GP, 4 G, 7 A, 11 PTS, 21 PIM  
**Career:**  
362 GP, 46 G, 45 A, 91 PTS, 147 PIM

### 17 JUSTIN DANFORTH

5'8", 188 lbs. • Oshawa, ON  
**2024-25:**  
32 GP, 3 G, 7 A, 10 PTS, 10 PIM  
**Career:**  
154 GP, 25 G, 28 A, 53 PTS, 50 PIM

### 24 MATHIEU OLIVIER

6'1", 226 lbs. • Biloxi, MS  
**2024-25:**  
53 GP, 10 G, 8 A, 18 PTS, 92 PIM  
**Career:**  
221 GP, 23 G, 29 A, 52 PTS, 331 PIM

### 82 MIKAEL PYYHTIA

6'0", 176 lbs. • Turku, FIN  
**2024-25:**  
43 GP, 4 G, 3 A, 7 PTS, 6 PIM  
**Career:**  
62 GP, 4 G, 6 A, 10 PTS, 8 PIM

### 7 SEAN KURALY

6'2", 215 lbs. • Niagara Falls, NY  
**2024-25:**  
53 GP, 3 G, 7 A, 11 PTS, 20 PIM  
**Career:**  
533 GP, 62 G, 85 A, 147 PTS, 323 PIM

### 62 KEVIN LABANC

5'11", 185 lbs. • Brooklyn, NY  
**2024-25:**  
33 GP, 2 G, 10 A, 12 PTS, 12 PIM  
**Career:**  
511 GP, 84 G, 153 A, 237 PTS, 229 PIM

## DEFENSEMEN

### 5 DENTON MATEYCHUK

5'11", 185 lbs. • Winnipeg, MB  
**2024-25:**  
16 GP, 1 G, 2 A, 3 PTS, 2 PIM  
**Career:**  
16 GP, 1 G, 2 A, 3 PTS, 2 PIM

### 9 IVAN PROVOROV

6'1", 213 lbs. • Yaroslavl, RUS  
**2024-25:**  
53 GP, 4 G, 18 A, 22 PTS, 14 PIM  
**Career:**  
667 GP, 74 G, 197 A, 271 PTS, 230 PIM

### 2 JAKE CHRISTIANSEN

6'0", 197 lbs. • West Vancouver, BC  
**2024-25:**  
53 GP, 1 G, 6 A, 7 PTS, 11 PIM  
**Career:**  
97 GP, 2 G, 12 A, 14 PTS, 17 PIM

### 78 DAMON SEVERSON

6'2", 204 lbs. • Melville, SK  
**2024-25:**  
50 GP, 6 G, 14 A, 20 PTS, 24 PIM  
**Career:**  
764 GP, 73 G, 238 A, 311 PTS, 463 PIM

### 3 JACK JOHNSON

6'2", 225 lbs. • Indianapolis, IN  
**2024-25:**  
31 GP, 0 G, 4 A, 4 PTS, 2 PIM  
**Career:**  
1218 GP, 77 G, 263 A, 340 PTS, 639 PIM

### 22 JORDAN HARRIS

5'11", 187 lbs. • Haverhill, MA  
**2024-25:**  
26 GP, 1 G, 2 A, 3 PTS, 6 PIM  
**Career:**  
157 GP, 9 G, 26 A, 35 PTS, 62 PIM

## GOALTENDERS

### 90 ELVIS MERZLIKINS

6'3", 190 lbs. • Riga, LAT  
**2024-25 (NHL):**  
34 GP, 19-12-3, .895 SV%, 2.96 GAA  
**Career (NHL):**  
225 GP, 87-91-33, .903 SV%, 3.16 GAA  
**vs. BUF:**  
3 GP, 2-1-0, .865 SV%, 4.71 GAA

### 40 DANIIL TARASOV

6'5", 203 lbs. • Novokuznetsk, RUS  
**2024-25 (NHL):**  
14 GP, 5-7-2, .876 SV%, 3.69 GAA  
**Career (NHL):**  
59 GP, 17-31-6, .898 SV%, 3.47 GAA  
**vs. BUF:**  
4 GP, 2-1-1, .902 SV%, 3.28 GAA

## SCRATCHES

### 8 ZACH WERENSKI

6'2", 211 lbs. • Grosse Pointe, MI  
**2024-25:**  
53 GP, 17 G, 40 A, 57 PTS, 27 PIM  
**Career:**  
539 GP, 107 G, 252 A, 359 PTS, 142 PIM

### 15 DANTE FABBRO

6'0", 189 lbs. • Coquitlam, BC  
**2024-25:**  
43 GP, 4 G, 9 A, 13 PTS, 24 PIM  
**Career:**  
352 GP, 20 G, 65 A, 85 PTS, 183 PIM

### 18 DYLAN GAMBRELL

6'0", 191 lbs. • Bonney Lake, WA  
**2024-25:**  
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM  
**Career:**  
223 GP, 17 G, 23 A, 40 PTS, 79 PIM

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