



CAROLINA HURRICANES AT BUFFALO SABRES

Wednesday, January 15, 2025 | 6 P.M. | KeyBank Center



BUFFALO SABRES

17-22-5 | 39 PTS

Season Series

2024-25 | 1-0-0

2024-25

Home | 9-11-3

Last 10 Games | 6-3-1

	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	SO	Final
Hurricanes	0	0	2	--	--	2
Sabres	1	2	1	--	--	4

CAROLINA HURRICANES

26-16-3 | 55 PTS

Season Series

2024-25 | 0-1-0

2024-25

Road | 9-11-2

Last 10 Games | 5-3-2

TODAY'S GOALTENDERS

Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen



Updated Season Stats			
14-13-4	RECORD	4-2-0	
.898	SV%	.902	
2.99	GAA	2.18	

Today's Stats		
W	DECISION	L
37	SA	24
2	GA	3

Dustin Tokarski



STAT CORNER

Buffalo Sabres

Carolina Hurricanes

0-for-1 (0.0%).....	Power Play	0-for-3 (0.0%)
3-for-3 (100.0%).....	Penalty Kill	1-for-1 (100.0%)
28-for-56 (50.0%).....	Faceoffs	28-for-56 (50.0%)
24.....	Shots on Goal	37
51.....	Shot Attempts	92
41.....	Shot Attempts (5-on-5)	74
Power (23:10).....	TOI Leader	Burns (22:46)

THREE STARS

1st Ryan McLeod - Buffalo Sabres
3 G, +3, 17:06 TOI

2nd Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen - Buffalo Sabres
35 SV, 2 GA, W

3rd Dylan Cozens - Buffalo Sabres
1 G,+1, 13:38 TOI



UP NEXT

Thursday, Jan. 16
Practice with media availability to follow, 12 p.m., KeyBank Center

Friday, Jan. 17
Morning skate with media availability to follow, 10:30 a.m., KeyBank Center
Buffalo Sabres vs. Pittsburgh Penguins, 7 p.m., KeyBank Center

Saturday, Jan. 18
No practice scheduled

**All practice and morning skate times are subject to change.
Please visit the Sabres media calendar for more information.**

TOP NOTES

Ryan McLeod has now registered at least one point in three consecutive games against the Hurricanes (4+1).

McLeod's first goal marked the sixth time this season that the Sabres have scored on their first shot of a game. They last did so on Dec. 29 at St. Louis (**Peyton Krebs**).

Dylan Cozens' goal gave him one point in back-to-back games against the Hurricanes (1+1) and one point in three straight home games against Carolina (1+2).

Alex Tuch registered the lone assist on **Cozens'** goal and now has four points (2+2) in his last four games. **Tuch's** 10 points (4+6) against the Hurricanes in his career are the most among all current Sabres skaters against Carolina.

McLeod's second goal of the game marked his first multi-goal game as a member of the Sabres and his first since he notched two goals on Dec. 21, 2023 at New Jersey as a member of the Edmonton Oilers. It was the third multi-goal performance of his career.

Jason Zucker registered the only assist on **McLeod's** second goal and the secondary assist on **McLeod's** third goal. His two assists in tonight's game marked his second multi-assist game of the season (Oct. 16, 2024 at Pittsburgh; 0+2).

In his last 11 games including tonight, **Zucker** has recorded 12 points (7+5).

McLeod's empty-net goal marked the first hat trick of his NHL career and the third hat trick by a Sabres skater this season. **Tuch** (Dec. 27 vs. Chicago) and **Zucker** (Jan. 2 at Colorado) recorded Buffalo's two other hat tricks.

Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen made 35 saves on 37 shots (.946) in tonight's game, which marked the ninth time this season he has recorded a save percentage of .940 or better.

Tonight's game marked the 16th start this season in which **Luukkonen** has allowed two or fewer goals.

The Sabres have earned at least one point in four of their last five games against the Hurricanes (3-1-1) and seven of the team's last eight home games against Carolina (4-1-3).



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