



MONTREAL CANADIENS AT BUFFALO SABRES

Saturday, December 9, 2023 | 7:00 P.M. | KeyBank Center | Broadcast: MSG



BUFFALO SABRES

11-14-2 | 24 PTS
7th place in the Atlantic Division
Last Game: 3-1 W at BOS

Top Scorers

Casey Mittelstadt: 27 GP, 6 G, 16 A, 22 PTS
Rasmus Dahlin: 26 GP, 6 G, 15 A, 21 PTS
JJ Peterka: 27 GP, 11 G, 9 A, 20 PTS

Season Series:

Oct. 23 at BUF | 3-1 L
Dec. 9 at BUF | 7:00 P.M.
Jan. 4 at MTL | 7:00 P.M.
Feb. 21 at MTL | 7:00 P.M.

MONTREAL CANADIENS

11-12-3 | 25 PTS
6th place in the Atlantic Division
Last Game: 4-0 L vs. LAK

Top Scorers

Nick Suzuki: 26 GP, 7 G, 14 A, 21 PTS
Cole Caufield: 26 GP, 7 G, 13 A, 20 PTS
Mike Matheson: 26 GP, 5 G, 13 A, 18 PTS

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Tage Thompson has tallied a point in each of the two games (1+1) he has played in since returning from injury and a point in tonight's game would give him a three-game point streak.



Thompson recorded 11 points (5+6) in 10 games played before his injury.

JJ Peterka has notched one point in back-to-back games (1+1) and a point in tonight's game would give him his fourth point streak of three or more games in 2023-24.

Dylan Cozens has recorded an assist in consecutive games and an assist in tonight's game would give him a three-game assist streak, which would match his previous career high.

Rasmus Dahlin has notched 10 points (3+7) in his last 10 games.

Kyle Okposo needs one point to reach 600 in his NHL career.

Victor Olofsson has tallied eight points (2+6) in his last nine games, including three multi-assist performances in that span.

Dating back to Nov. 14 (12 games), **Olofsson** is tied for the most points (10) among all Sabres skaters.

Nine of **Olofsson's** 10 points in that span have come in even-strength situations.

Casey Mittelstadt has recorded nine points (3+6) in his last 10 games.

MITTELSTONKS

Casey Mittelstadt has registered 22 points (6+16) through Buffalo's first 27 games of 2023-24, which is the most among all Sabres skaters.

He leads all Sabres skaters in assists (16) and even-strength points (19).

His 22 points are the most he has recorded through the first 27 games of a season in his career.

Mittelstadt is tied for fourth among all NHL skaters in primary assists at 5-on-5 (8).

BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

Rasmus Dahlin (lower body); **Zemgus Girgensons** (lower body, IR); **Jordan Greenway** (upper body, IR); **Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen** (illness); **Jack Quinn** (Achilles, IR); **Alex Tuch** (undisclosed, IR)

ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 9-5-5 all-time on December 9.

December 9, 1981: Tony McKegney scores his second NHL hat trick as the Sabres top the Colorado Rockies 7-1 at Buffalo Memorial Auditorium.

December 9, 1992: Alexander Mogilny scores his second of seven hat tricks in the 1992-93 season, leading Buffalo to a 5-2 win against Boston.

HOT AGAINST THE HABS

Since being acquired by Buffalo, **Jeff Skinner** has recorded 24 points (13+11) in 14 games against Montreal, including two five-point performances and four multi-goal games in that span.

In that span, **Skinner** has registered more multi-point games (7) than games without a point (4) against Montreal.

Tage Thompson has tallied nine points (5+4) in nine career games against Montreal.

In his last four games against Montreal, **Dylan Cozens** has tallied four points (1+3).



HEAD-TO-HEAD

| Buffalo Sabres | Montreal Canadiens |
|----------------|------------------------------------|
| 11-14-2 | Record 11-12-3 |
| 5-7-0 | Home Record 6-8-1 |
| 6-7-2 | Road Record 5-4-2 |
| 4-5-1 | Last 10 Games 4-5-1 |
| 2.85 (25th) | Goals For Per Game 2.69 (27th) |
| 3.37 (T-22nd) | Goals Against Per Game 3.50 (28th) |
| 15.2% (25th) | Power Play 17.2% (24th) |
| 81.4% (12th) | Penalty Kill 72.6% (30th) |
| 44.8% (32nd) | Team FO% 53.4% (4th) |
| 49.2% (15th) | Team SAT% (5-on-5) 46.9% (25th) |



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