



CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS AT BUFFALO SABRES

Friday, December 27, 2024 | 7:00 P.M. | KeyBank Center | Broadcast: ESPN2



BUFFALO SABRES

12-19-4 | 28 PTS
8th place in the Atlantic Division
Last Game: 7-1 W at NYI

Top Scorers

Tage Thompson: 30 GP, 17 G, 9 A, 26 PTS
JJ Peterka: 33 GP, 10 G, 15 A, 25 PTS
Alex Tuch: 35 GP, 9 G, 16 A, 25 PTS

Season Series:

Oct. 19 at CHI | 4-2 W
Dec. 27 at BUF | 7:00 P.M.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS

12-21-2 | 26 PTS
8th place in the Central Division
Last Game: 4-3 L at MIN

Top Scorers

Connor Bedard: 35 GP, 9 G, 21 A, 30 PTS
Teuvo Teravainen: 35 GP, 7 G, 16 A, 23 PTS
Ryan Donato: 33 GP, 11 G, 9 A, 20 PTS

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

The Sabres have earned three consecutive wins over the Blackhawks and they have earned at least one point in each of their last seven games against Chicago (6-0-1).

Buffalo would match the longest winning streak against Chicago in franchise history with a win in tonight's game.

Buffalo has won each of its last three home games against Chicago and a win tonight would give the team a four-game home winning streak against Chicago for the first time since Dec. 31, 1986 to Jan. 12, 1989 (five games).

The Sabres have allowed two or fewer goals in each of their last three meetings with the Blackhawks.

JJ Peterka is riding a five-game point streak (2+5) and he would match the longest point streak of his career with a point in tonight's game.

Jiri Kulich has tallied four points (2+2) in his last three games.

Owen Power has notched at least one point in four straight home games (2+4).

In his last four games, **Jack Quinn** has recorded four points (3+1).

Dylan Cozens has registered four points (1+3) in his last four games.

Jason Zucker has posted one point in back-to-back games (1+1).

Bowen Byram is expected to play in his 200th NHL game tonight.



TOMMY DANGLES

Tage Thompson leads all Sabres skaters in goals (17), points (26), even-strength goals (15), and points per game (0.87).

His 17 goals are tied for 10th and his 15 even-strength goals rank fifth among all NHL skaters.

Thompson's 13 goals at 5-on-5 are tied for the most among all NHL skaters.

Thompson has registered 10 points (6+4) in his last eight games against Chicago.

Thompson has scored six goals in his last six games against the Blackhawks.

BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

Jordan Greenway (middle body, IR)

ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 13-10-3 all-time on December 27.

December 27, 1991: Dave Andreychuk and Pat LaFontaine each score twice and Clint Malarchuk makes 38 saves in an 8-1 victory over the Boston Bruins.

December 27, 2003: Jason Pominville makes his NHL debut in a 3-1 win at Washington.

BLACKHAWK DOWN

Rasmus Dahlin has recorded seven points (2+5) in his last seven games against Chicago, including one point in back-to-back home games against the Blackhawks (1+1).

Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen has earned a win in all three of his starts against Chicago and he has made 78 saves on 82 shots (.951) in that span.

Luukkonen is the first Sabres goaltender all-time to earn a win in each of their first three games against Chicago.

In his last 12 games against Chicago, **Alex Tuch** has recorded 12 points (4+8).

Tuch has recorded one assist in two consecutive games against Chicago.

JJ Peterka is riding a three-game point streak (2+3) against the Blackhawks.

Beck Malenstyn has posted three points (1+2) in his last three games against Chicago.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Buffalo Sabres	Chicago Blackhawks
12-19-4	Record 12-21-2
6-10-3	Home Record 7-8-0
6-9-1	Road Record 5-13-2
1-7-2	Last 10 Games 4-6-0
2.94 (T-19th)	Goals For Per Game 2.57 (28th)
3.40 (27th)	Goals Against Per Game 3.20 (T-23rd)
14.7% (29th)	Power Play 22.5% (10th)
77.0% (24th)	Penalty Kill 85.3% (4th)
48.7% (24th)	Team FO% 43.6% (31st)
50.8% (12th)	Team SAT% (5-on-5) 45.6% (31st)

