



COLORADO AVALANCHE VS. BUFFALO SABRES

Thursday, January 2, 2025 | 9:00 P.M. | Ball Arena | Broadcast: MSG



BUFFALO SABRES

14-20-4 | 32 PTS
8th place in the Atlantic Division
Last Game: 4-2 L at DAL

Top Scorers

Tage Thompson: 33 GP, 18 G, 12 A, 30 PTS
Alex Tuch: 38 GP, 12 G, 16 A, 28 PTS
JJ Peterka: 36 GP, 10 G, 16 A, 26 PTS

Season Series:

Dec. 3 at BUF | 5-4 L
Jan. 2 at COL | 9:00 P.M.

COLORADO AVALANCHE

23-15-0 | 46 PTS
3rd place in the Central Division
Last Game: 5-2 W vs. WPG

Top Scorers

Nathan MacKinnon: 38 GP, 14 G, 47 A, 61 PTS
Mikko Rantanen: 38 GP, 21 G, 33 A, 54 PTS
Cale Makar: 38 GP, 11 G, 35 A, 46 PTS

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

The Sabres are 3-1-0 in their last four games and they have not allowed a power-play goal in that span (7-for-7).

If Buffalo does not allow a power-play goal tonight, it will mark the team's longest such streak of the season.

Each of the last 21 meetings between Buffalo and Colorado have been decided in regulation.



In his last five games, **Jason Zucker** has recorded five points (3+2), including one goal in back-to-back games.

A goal in tonight's game would give **Zucker** his second three-game goal streak of the season (Oct. 26 to Nov. 1).

Tage Thompson has posted five points (2+3) in his last four games, including

one assist in three consecutive games.

Bowen Byram is riding a three-game assist streak and he would earn the longest assist streak of his career with an assist in tonight's game.

In his last four games dating back to Dec. 23, **Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen** has a save percentage of .930, a goals-against average of 2.02 and a 3-1-0 record.

Rasmus Dahlin has recorded seven assists in his last four games.

Jack Quinn has recorded eight points (4+4) in his last seven games.

JJ Peterka has posted eight points (2+6) in his last eight games.

In his last three road contests, **Jiri Kulich** has tallied four points (3+1).

ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 7-6-5 all-time on January 2.

January 2, 1993: Alexander Mogilny scores his third hat trick in an 11-day span in a 7-2 win at Ottawa. Mogilny would finish the season with seven hat tricks, tying Rick Martin's franchise record set in 1975-76.

January 2, 1999: Miroslav Satan extends his goal streak to eight games to tie a franchise record with a game-winning tally in a 7-1 win at home against Calgary.

BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

Jordan Greenway (middle body, IR)

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGHS

In his last six games against Colorado, **Tage Thompson** has posted 11 points (7+4), including four multi-point performances in that span.

Rasmus Dahlin has registered six points (2+4) in his last six games against Colorado.

Dahlin has posted at least one point in back-to-back road contests against the Avalanche (1+2).

Dylan Cozens has tallied five points (2+3) in his last five games against the Avalanche.

JJ Peterka is riding a three-game point streak against Colorado (2+1).

Jason Zucker has recorded one assist in back-to-back games against the Avalanche and he has four points (1+3) in his last four games against Colorado.

Zach Benson has notched one point in consecutive games against the Avalanche (1+1) and a point in tonight's game would make **Benson** (19 years, 235 days) the youngest Sabres skater since Pierre Turgeon (18 years, 177 days) from Oct. 17, 1987 to Feb. 21, 1988 (five games; 2+3) to record a point streak of three or more games against Colorado.



HEAD-TO-HEAD

Buffalo Sabres	Colorado Avalanche
14-20-4	Record 23-15-0
7-10-3	Home Record 10-8-0
7-10-1	Road Record 13-7-0
3-7-0	Last 10 Games 8-2-0
3.03 (19th)	Goals For Per Game 3.39 (T-6th)
3.34 (26th)	Goals Against Per Game 3.24 (24th)
16.0% (27th)	Power Play 23.5% (11th)
78.2% (20th)	Penalty Kill 77.6% (22nd)
48.1% (28th)	Team FO% 44.6% (30th)
50.3% (13th)	Team SAT% (5-on-5) 53.0% (4th)



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