

MONTREAL CANADIENS VI. RIFFAIN SARRES

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 | 7:00 P.M. | Bell Centre | Broadcast: MSG



BUFFALO SABRES

24-27-4 | 52 PTS 6th place in the Atlantic Division **Last Game:** 4-3 L vs. ANA

Top Scorers

Casey Mittelstadt: 55 GP, 13 G, 31 A, 44 PTS **Rasmus Dahlin:** 54 GP, 14 G, 28 A, 42 PTS **Alex Tuch:** 48 GP, 15 G, 22 A, 37 PTS

Season Series:

Oct. 23 at BUF | 3-1 L Dec. 9 at BUF | 3-2 L (SO) Jan. 4 at MTL | 6-1 W Feb. 21 at MTL | 7:00 P.M.

MONTREAL CANADIENS

22-25-8 | 52 PTS 7th place in the Atlantic Division **Last Game:** 4-3 L vs. WSH

Top Scorers

Nick Suzuki: 55 GP, 20 G, 33 A, 53 PTS **Cole Caufield:** 55 GP, 19 G, 26 A, 45 PTS **Mike Matheson:** 55 GP, 7 G, 34 A, 41 PTS

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Buffalo has scored four or more goals in five of its last six road games against Montreal.

Jordan Greenway has recorded five points (3+2) in his last four games and a point in tonight's game would give him a point streak of three or more games for the first time as a member of the Sabres.

Henri Jokiharju has posted at least one point in consecutive games (1+2), including the overtime goal on Feb. 17 at Minnesota. A point in tonight's game would give **Jokiharju** the third three-game point streak of his career, and his second of 2023-24 (Oct. 24 to 29; 0+3).

Rasmus Dahlin has skated 29 or minutes in each of Buffalo's last three games. If he skates 29 or more minutes in tonight's game, he will match the longest streak by a Sabre since the NHL began tracking time on ice (1997-98).

Rasmus Ristolainen skated 29 or more minutes in four consecutive games on two occasions with Buffalo (Dec. 3 to 9, 2016; Jan. 20 to 26, 2017).

Dahlin currently ranks sixth all-time among all Sabres defensemen in assists and he needs one assist to move into a tie with Jerry Korab (216) for fifth place on Buffalo's all-time list.



HAB IT YOUR WAY

Since being acquired by Buffalo, **Jeff Skinner** has recorded 29 points (15+14) in 16 games against Montreal, including two five-point performances and four multi-goal games in that span.

In that span, **Skinner** has registered twice as many multi-point games (8) as games without a point (4) against Montreal. He has 16 points (9+7) in six career games in Montreal as a member of the Sabres.

Tage Thompson has tallied 13 points (7+6) in 11 career games against Montreal, including eight points (3+5) in his last four games against the Canadiens. **Thompson** has recorded eight points (4+4) in four road games against Montreal in his career.

Alex Tuch has registered 13 points (3+10) in his last 11 games against the Canadiens. Since joining the Sabres, **Tuch** has notched eight points (1+7) in four games in Montreal.

In his last eight games against Montreal, **Connor Clifton** has recorded eight points (1+7).



BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

Eric Comrie (illness), Victor Olofsson (illness), Owen Power (upper body, IR); Jack Quinn (lower body, IR): Mattias Samuelsson (upper body, IR)



ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 12-10-4 all-time on February 21.

<u>February 21, 2000</u>; Maxim Afinogenov (0+2) and Miroslav Satan (1+1) each tally two points and Dominik Hasek makes 35 saves on 37 shots in a 3-2 win over New Jersey.

<u>February 21, 2008:</u> Brian Campbell (1+1), Ales Kotalik (2+0), Jaroslav Spacek (0+2) and Thomas Vanek (1+2) all record multiple points, Ryan Miller makes 34 saves and the Sabres defeat the Maple Leafs 5-1.



BEAST MODE

In 10 games with Rochester in 2023-24, **Devon Levi** has posted a 6-2-2 record, a .930 save percentage and a 2.38 goals-against average.



On Feb. 19 at Toronto, **Levi** made 52 saves in a 2-1 Amerks overtime victory over the Marlies.

Levi has made 35 or more saves in three consecutive games, including two games with 40 or more saves in that span.

In that span, he has made 130 saves on 136 shots (.956).

Among all AHL goaltenders with at least five games played in 2023-24, **Levi** ranks third in save percentage.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Buffalo Sabres		Montreal Canadiens
24-27-4	Record	22-25-8
12-16-1	Home Record	11-15-3
12-11-3	Road Record	11-10-5
4-6-0	Last 10 Games	3-6-1
2.93 (21st)	Goals For Per Game	2.78 (27th)
3.07 (15th)	Goals Against Per Can	1 2 3.53 (28th)
14.6% (27th)	Power Play	20.1% (18th)
79.8% (15th)	Penalty Kill	74.0% (31st)
46.7% (30th)	Team F0%	52.6% (6th)
51.3% (10th)	Team SAT% (5-on-5)	46.2% (28th)



