



UTAH HOCKEY CLUB VS. BUFFALO SABRES

Saturday, December 7, 2024 | 1:00 P.M. | KeyBank Center | Broadcast: MSG



BUFFALO SABRES

11-12-3 | 25 PTS
5th place in the Atlantic Division
Last Game: 3-2 L (OT) vs. WPG

Top Scorers

Alex Tuch: 26 GP, 8 G, 16 A, 24 PTS
Tage Thompson: 21 GP, 14 G, 7 A, 21 PTS
Rasmus Dahlin: 25 GP, 6 G, 13 A, 19 PTS

Season Series:

Dec. 7 at BUF | 1:00 P.M.
March 20 at UTA | 9:00 P.M.

UTAH HOCKEY CLUB

10-11-4 | 24 PTS
6th place in the Central Division
Last Game: 2-1 L vs. DAL

Top Scorers

Clayton Keller: 25 GP, 7 G, 15 A, 22 PTS
Dylan Guenther: 25 GP, 10 G, 11 A, 21 PTS
Logan Cooley: 25 GP, 6 G, 14 A, 20 PTS

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Buffalo has allowed just three power-play goals in the team's last 28 penalty-kill opportunities (89.3 percent).

Tage Thompson has registered 15 points (10+5) in his last 12 home games.

Thompson has scored at least one goal in back-to-back games and a goal in tonight's game would give him his third goal streak of three or more goals this season.

Alex Tuch has recorded 12 points (4+8) in his last 11 games, including one assist in each of his last two.

Dylan Cozens has tallied four points (2+2) in his last four games and he has posted six points (3+3) in his last six home contests.

In his last four games, **Zach Benson** has recorded four assists.

Jason Zucker has tallied one assist in back-to-back games.

JJ Peterka is one point away from 100 in his career.



POWER MOVE

Since the beginning of the 2022-23 season (**Owen Power's** first full season), only 37 NHL defensemen have recorded 65 or more even-strength points.

Among those defensemen, **Power** (22 years old; 67 even-strength points) is the youngest.

Since 2022-23 and among all Sabres defensemen to play a game with Buffalo in that span, he ranks tied for first in plus/minus (plus-16) and he ranks second in games played (181), goals (13), assists (70), points (83), even-strength goals (13), even-strength points, power-play points (14) and time on ice per game (23:13).

Power (22:19 time on ice per game played) is one of 12 NHL defensemen this season to record 2.50 or fewer giveaways per 60 while averaging 22 or more minutes of ice time.

Power is tied for first among all Sabres defensemen in takeaways (12) and leads all Sabres defensemen in blocked shots (41) this season.

BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

Rasmus Dahlin (back); **Jordan Greenway** (middle body, IR); **Sam Lafferty** (lower body); **Mattias Samuelsson** (lower body, IR)

ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 7-13-5 all-time on December 7.

December 7, 1980: Eleven different Sabres record multi-point games, led by Rick Dudley's second career hat trick, as the Sabres defeat the Pittsburgh Penguins 10-1 at home.

December 7, 2002: The Sabres record the 1,200th win in franchise history on a game-winning goal from Adam Mair, topping the Washington Capitals 4-3 at home.

CAN'T TUCH THIS

Alex Tuch leads all Buffalo skaters in points (24), even-strength points (17), assists (16), plus/minus (plus-10) and shorthanded goals (3).

Tuch leads all Sabres forwards in time on ice per game (20:15) and shorthanded time on ice (67:47).

Tuch ranks eighth among all NHL forwards in shorthanded time on ice and his three shorthanded goals rank second among all NHL skaters.



Tuch has blocked 42 shots this season, the most among all Sabres skaters and tied for the most among all NHL forwards.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Buffalo Sabres	Utah Hockey Club
11-12-3	Record 10-11-4
6-7-2	Home Record 4-5-2
5-5-1	Road Record 6-6-2
4-4-2	Last 10 Games 4-5-1
2.96 (18th)	Goals For Per Game 2.80 (22nd)
3.12 (T-20th)	Goals Against Per Game 3.00 (T-14th)
15.4% (29th)	Power Play 16.9% (24th)
80.2% (15th)	Penalty Kill 76.6% (23rd)
49.2% (22nd)	Team FO% 52.4% (7th)
52.1% (8th)	Team SAT% (5-on-5) 53.1% (4th)



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