



TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS AT BUFFALO SABRES

Thursday, December 21, 2023 | 7:00 P.M. | KeyBank Center



BUFFALO SABRES

14-17-3 | 31 PTS

Season Series

2023-24 | 2-0-0

2023-24

Home | 7-8-1

Last 10 Games | 4-5-1

	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	SO	Final
Maple Leafs	2	1	0	--	--	3
Sabres	3	3	3	--	--	9

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS

16-8-6 | 38 PTS

Season Series

2023-24 | 0-2-0

2023-24

Road | 7-3-4

Last 10 Games | 5-2-3

TODAY'S GOALTENDERS

Devon Levi



Updated Season Stats		
7-4-2	RECORD	5-2-5
.892	SV%	.871
3.25	GAA	3.79
Today's Stats		
W	DECISION	L
27	SA	19
3	GA	5

Ilya Samsonov



STAT CORNER

Buffalo Sabres

Toronto Maple Leafs

1-for-5 (20.0%)	Power Play	1-for-4 (25.0%)
3-for-4 (75.0%)	Penalty Kill	4-for-5 (80.0%)
22-for-53 (41.5%)	Faceoffs	31-for-53 (58.5%)
34	Shots on Goal	27
65	Shot Attempts	62
54	Shot Attempts (5-on-5)	41
Power (23:29)	TOI Leader	Liljegren (23:30)

TOP NOTES

Per NHL Stats, tonight's game marked the 14th instance in NHL history that a team had allowed nine or more goals in a game and then scored nine or more in their following contest, and the first since Dec. 21 to 23, 1983, when the Red Wings fell 9-5 to the Canucks and then won their next game 9-2 vs. the Maple Leafs.

Zach Benson registered his second assist of the game with a primary assist on Power's goal, which marked his second multi-assist performance of the season. He also recorded two assists on Oct. 14 at the New York Islanders. **Benson** has now recorded six points (2+4) in his last five games.

Jeff Skinner's goal was his first since returning from injury and he added a second goal to now lead all Sabres skaters in goals (14) this season. He has recorded at least one point in each of his last four games against the Maple Leafs and has totaled six points (4+2) in that span.

With two goals and an assist in the game, **Skinner** has recorded three points on three separate occasions against the Maple Leafs. He last did so on Nov. 13, 2021 (2+1). With his assist on **Thompson's** goal, **Alex Tuch** became the first Sabres skater since Jason Pominville from March 27 to Nov. 30, 2009 to tally multiple points in four or more consecutive games against Toronto. He is now one of seven Sabres skaters (Phil Housley, Rick Martin, Tony McKegney, Alexander Mogilny, Pominville, **Tuch**, Pierre Turgeon) who have done so.

Tuch's four assists in tonight's game are the most he has ever recorded in a single game. He is the first Sabres skater to record four or more assists in a single game since **Jeff Skinner** on Dec. 7, 2022 at Columbus (0+4). **Tuch** has now tallied seven points (1+6) in his last four games.

With his goal, **Rasmus Dahlin** has now recorded eight points (4+4) in his last eight games, including seven points (3+4) in his last six games. Including tonight, in his last 14 games against Toronto, **Dahlin** has recorded 14 points (4+10).

Dahlin now has 55 goals in his career, tied with Alexei Zhitnik for the fourth-most by a defenseman in Sabres history. Among the 14 defensemen who have played as many or more games than **Dahlin** with Buffalo, he ranks second in goals scored per game played (0.14) with the Sabres.

Tage Thompson recorded the primary assist on **Dahlin's** goal, which extended his point streak against the Maple Leafs to four games. He has tallied six points (2+4) in that span. Dating back to the beginning of the 2021-22 season, Thompson has 12 points (6+6) in nine games against Toronto.

THREE STARS

1st **Jeff Skinner - Buffalo Sabres**

2 G, 1 A, 14:26 TOI

2nd **Alex Tuch - Buffalo Sabres**

4 A, +2, 16:14 TOI

3rd **Kyle Okposo - Buffalo Sabres**

2 G (1 SHG), +3, 11:57 TOI



UP NEXT

Friday, December 22

Practice with media availability to follow, 11:30 a.m., KeyBank Center

Saturday, December 23

Don Granato media availability, 6 p.m., Madison Square Garden
Buffalo Sabres vs. New York Rangers, 7:30 p.m., Madison Square Garden

December 24-26

NHL Holiday Break

All practice and morning skate times are subject to change. Please visit the Sabres media calendar for more information.



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