



UTAH HOCKEY CLUB VS. BUFFALO SABRES

Thursday, March 20, 2025 | 9:00 P.M. | Delta Center | Broadcast: MSG



BUFFALO SABRES

27-33-6 | 60 PTS

8th place in the Atlantic Division

Last Game: 3-2 W (OT) at BOS

Top Scorers

Tage Thompson: 60 GP, 34 G, 25 A, 59 PTS

Rasmus Dahlin: 58 GP, 12 G, 40 A, 52 PTS

JJ Peterka: 61 GP, 19 G, 32 A, 51 PTS

Season Series:

Dec. 7 at BUF | 5-2 L

March 20 at UTA | 9:00 P.M.

UTAH HOCKEY CLUB

30-27-11 | 71 PTS

6th place in the Central Division

Last Game: 7-1 L at EDM

Top Scorers

Clayton Keller: 67 GP, 24 G, 51 A, 75 PTS

Nick Schmaltz: 68 GP, 16 G, 37 A, 53 PTS

Logan Cooley: 61 GP, 18 G, 31 A, 49 PTS

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Tage Thompson has posted 34 points (18+16) in his last 31 games, including 19 points (12+7) in his last 16.

Thompson ranks second in even-strength goals among all NHL skaters, trailing only Leon Draisaitl (34).

Thompson is one even-strength goal away from becoming just the third Sabres skater to record 30 or more even-strength goals in a single season since 1993 (Jason Pominville, 2006-07, 30 EVG; Jeff Skinner, 2018-19, 32 EVG).

Rasmus Dahlin has registered 21 points (6+15) in his last 21 games.

Dahlin is six games away from becoming the 33rd Sabres skater, and the 12th Sabres defenseman, to appear in 500 or more games with Buffalo.

JJ Peterka has tallied 19 points (9+10) in his last 17 games and he has registered seven points (2+5) in his last six games.

Peterka is one goal away from reaching 20 goals for the second consecutive season and becoming the first Sabres skater to record multiple seasons of 20 or more goals at age 23 or younger since Jack Eichel (five times).



In his last six games, **Ryan McLeod** has recorded six points (1+5), including one point in each of his last four contests.

McLeod would match the longest point streak of his career with a point tonight.

McLeod's longest point streak lasted five games and came from Oct. 12 to 22, 2024 (4+1).

Bowen Byram has registered at least one assist in three consecutive games.

Byram would record the longest assist streak of his career with an assist tonight.

Owen Power has collected four points (1+3) in his last three games.

Josh Norris has notched one point in two consecutive games (1+1) and a goal tonight would give him his third three-game point streak this season.

BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

Jiri Kulich (concussion); **Josh Norris** (undisclosed); **JJ Peterka** (lower body)

ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 14-10-1 all-time on March 20.

March 20, 1977: The Sabres get goals from five different players, including two from Gilbert Perreault, as they defeat the Washington Capitals 6-2 on the road.

BENNY THE KID

According to Natural Stat Trick, **Zach Benson** leads all Sabres skaters in high-danger chances at 5-on-5 (60), five more than the next-closest Sabres skater (**Alex Tuch**, 55).

Benson ranks second among all Sabres skaters in high-danger chances at all strengths (87) and he trails only **Tuch** (91) in that category.

At 5-on-5, **Benson** ranks first among all Sabres skaters in shot attempts percentage (56.3 percent) and he ranks second in unblocked shot attempts percentage (55.0 percent).

Benson also ranks first among all Sabres skaters in shot attempts percentage when leading (53.8 percent).

Benson (170) shot attempts differential at 5-on-5 is one of two Sabres skaters (**Rasmus Dahlin**; 234), and the only Sabres forward, with a shot attempts differential greater than 60 at 5-on-5.

Benson is one of four players under the age of 20 in the NHL currently.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Buffalo Sabres	Utah Hockey Club
27-33-6	Record..... 30-27-11
17-14-3	Home Record..... 13-13-7
10-19-3	Road Record..... 17-14-4
3-6-1	Last 10 Games..... 5-3-2
3.12 (12th)	Goals For Per Game..... 2.79 (22nd)
3.50 (29th)	Goals Against Per Game..... 2.97 (18th)
17.9% (27th)	Power Play..... 22.9% (13th)
76.4% (23rd)	Penalty Kill..... 80.8% (13th)
48.4% (26th)	Team FO%..... 51.6% (10th)
50.7% (11th)	Team SAT% (5-on-5)..... 52.6% (6th)



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