



# COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS AT BUFFALO SABRES

Tuesday, December 19, 2023 | 7:00 P.M. | KeyBank Center | Broadcast: MSG



## BUFFALO SABRES

13-16-2 | 29 PTS  
7th place in the Atlantic Division  
Last Game: 2-0 L at ARI

### Top Scorers

**Rasmus Dahlin:** 31 GP, 7 G, 18 A, 25 PTS  
**Casey Mittelstadt:** 32 GP, 8 G, 17 A, 25 PTS  
**JJ Peterka:** 32 GP, 12 G, 10 A, 22 PTS

### Season Series:

Dec. 19 at BUF | 7:00 P.M.  
Dec. 30 at BUF | 5:00 P.M.  
Feb. 23 at CBJ | 7:00 P.M.

## COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS

10-17-5 | 25 PTS  
8th place in the Metropolitan Division  
Last Game: 6-3 L vs. NJD

### Top Scorers

**Zach Werenski:** 30 GP, 1 G, 22 A, 23 PTS  
**Kirill Marchenko:** 30 GP, 10 G, 8 A, 18 PTS  
**Boone Jenner:** 29 GP, 13 G, 5 A, 18 PTS

## FULL METAL JACKETS

The Sabres have recorded 17 goals in their last three games against the Blue Jackets, outscoring Columbus by six goals in that span.

**Tage Thompson** has recorded 14 points (10+4) in his last seven games against the Blue Jackets, including at least one point in every game in that span.

His seven-game point streak is the longest ever by any Sabres skater against Columbus.

Among all NHL skaters all-time, **Thompson** ranks second in points per game (1.75) and goals per game (1.25) against Columbus (Min. 5 GP).



**Alex Tuch** is riding a four-game personal point streak against Columbus and he has registered seven points (3+4) in that span.

In six games against the Blue Jackets in his career, **Dylan Cozens** has notched seven points (2+5).

**Rasmus Dahlin** has tallied 12 points (2+10) in his last nine games against Columbus, including eight points (2+6) in his last five games against the Blue Jackets.

He is the only Sabres defenseman who has ever recorded at least one point per game played in a nine-game span against the Blue Jackets.

**Peyton Krebs** has recorded one point in each of his last four games against the Blue Jackets (2+2).

## ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 13-9-5 all-time on December 19.

December 19, 1987: Lindy Ruff appears in his 500th NHL game, a 2-1 Sabres win at Montreal.

December 19, 2005: Ryan Miller stops 33 of 34 Philadelphia shots and stops three of four in the shootout and Maxim Afinogenov scores the shootout winner as the Sabres top the Flyers 2-1 in Philadelphia.

December 19, 2022: **Jeff Skinner** and **Tage Thompson** each record a goal and **Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen** makes 41 saves on 43 shots as the Sabres defeat the Golden Knights 3-2 in Vegas.

## BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

**Zemgus Girgenons** (lower body, IR); **Jordan Greenway** (upper body, IR); **Jeff Skinner** (upper body, IR)

## THE BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Over his last four starts, **Devon Levi** has made 114 saves on 121 shots (.942).

It is the fifth time in his career, and the first time he has done so while allowing seven or fewer goals, that **Levi** has made 110 or more saves in a four-game span.

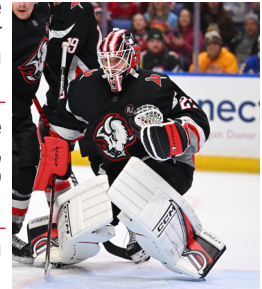
**Levi** (21 years, 354 days on Dec. 15) became the second-youngest goaltender in Sabres history, and the youngest since Barrasso from Jan. 14 to 27, 1984 to do so.

It marks the first time he has ever allowed seven or fewer goals in a four-game span.

**Levi** is 3-0-1 in his last four starts and he is one of six goaltenders with three or more wins and no regulation losses since **Levi's** first game back from Rochester on Dec. 7 at Boston.

On Dec. 9 vs. Montreal, **Levi** (21 years, 347 days) made 29 saves and became the youngest Sabres goaltender since Tom Barrasso from Feb. 8, 1987 to Feb. 20, 1987 (four games) to record 29 or more saves in two or more consecutive games.

In two games with the Rochester Americans (AHL) before being recalled by Buffalo, **Levi** stopped 70 of 76 shots (.921).



## HEAD-TO-HEAD

Buffalo Sabres	Columbus Blue Jackets
13-16-3	Record 10-17-5
6-7-1	Home Record 7-9-2
7-9-2	Road Record 3-8-3
3-6-1	Last 10 Games 4-5-1
2.81 (26th)	Goals For Per Game 3.00 (T-19th)
3.25 (21st)	Goals Against Per Game 3.63 (31st)
13.3% (27th)	Power Play 15.4% (25th)
81.2% (13th)	Penalty Kill 84.3% (7th)
45.7% (31st)	Team FO% 47.9% (25th)
49.8% (15th)	Team SAT% (5-on-5) 46.4% (28th)



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