



BUFFALO SABRES

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January 17, 2026
KeyBank Center
Buffalo, New York

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Lindy Ruff
Assistant Coach: Seth Appert
Assistant Coach: Mike Bales
Assistant Coach: Matt Ellis
Assistant Coach: Marty Wilford

PRONUNCIATIONS

Helenius, Konsta:
(heh-LEHN-ee-uhs, KAWN-stuh)
Kozak, Tyson: (KOH-zak)
Luukkonen, Ukko-Pekka:
(LOO-koh-nehn, OO-koh-PEH-ka)
Malenstyn, Beck:
(MAL-ehn-stighn, BEHK)
McLeod, Ryan: (muh-KLOWD)
Metsa, Zach: (MEHT-sa)
Ostlund, Noah: (OHST-luhnd)
Samuelsson, Mattias:
(SAM-yew-uhlsuhn, ma-TEE-uhs)
Tuch, Alex: (TUHK)
Zucker, Jason: (ZUK-uhr)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Power Play
27-for-139 (19.4%) -- 21st
Penalty Kill
105-for-126 (83.3%) -- 5th

LEADING SCORERS

Tage Thompson:
46 GP, 25 G, 24 A, 49 PTS
Alex Tuch:
45 GP, 16 G, 23 A, 39 PTS
Josh Doan:
46 GP, 15 G, 19 A, 34 PTS

LEADING SCORERS VS. MIN

Rasmus Dahlin:
12 GP, 4 G, 7 A, 11 PTS
Alex Tuch:
22 GP, 4 G, 6 A, 10 PTS
Jason Zucker:
10 GP, 1 G, 5 A, 6 PTS

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11/10/23: MIN 2 at BUF 3

FORWARDS

6 ZACH BENSON

5'10", 177 lbs. • Chilliwack, BC
2025-26:
33 GP, 5 G, 17 A, 22 PTS, 18 PIM
Career:
179 GP, 26 G, 54 A, 80 PTS, 114 PIM

72 TAGE THOMPSON

6'6", 220 lbs. • Phoenix, AZ
2025-26:
46 GP, 25 G, 24 A, 49 PTS, 23 PIM
Career:
494 GP, 201 G, 173 A, 374 PTS, 226 PIM

89 ALEX TUCH

6'4", 219 lbs. • Syracuse, NY
2025-26:
45 GP, 16 G, 23 A, 39 PTS, 43 PIM
Career:
581 GP, 183 G, 238 A, 421 PTS, 249 PIM

17 JASON ZUCKER

5'11", 198 lbs. • Newport Beach, CA
2025-26:
27 GP, 10 G, 11 A, 21 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
797 GP, 227 G, 217 A, 444 PTS, 404 PIM

71 RYAN MCLEOD

6'3", 204 lbs. • Mississauga, ON
2025-26:
46 GP, 7 G, 19 A, 29 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
344 GP, 62 G, 95 A, 157 PTS, 58 PIM

22 JACK QUINN

6'1", 185 lbs. • Ottawa, ON
2025-26:
46 GP, 10 G, 15 A, 25 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
224 GP, 49 G, 73 A, 122 PTS, 51 PIM

19 PEYTON KREBS

6'0", 188 lbs. • Calgary, AB
2025-26:
46 GP, 3 G, 13 A, 16 PTS, 44 PIM
Career:
342 GP, 33 G, 77 A, 110 PTS, 243 PIM

86 NOAH OSTLUND

5'11", 180 lbs. • Stockholm, SWE
2025-26:
34 GP, 7 G, 8 A, 15 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
42 GP, 7 G, 8 A, 15 PTS, 6 PIM

91 JOSH DOAN

6'2", 198 lbs. • Scottsdale, AZ
2025-26:
46 GP, 15 G, 19 A, 34 PTS, 23 PIM
Career:
108 GP, 27 G, 35 A, 62 PTS, 31 PIM

12 JORDAN GREENWAY

6'6", 231 lbs. • Canton, NY
2025-26:
30 GP, 1 G, 4 A, 5 PTS, 21 PIM
Career:
465 GP, 56 G, 108 A, 164 PTS, 357 PIM

48 TYSON KOZAK

5'11", 185 lbs. • Souris, MB
2025-26:
26 GP, 2 G, 2 A, 4 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
47 GP, 5 G, 4 A, 9 PTS, 4 PIM

29 BECK MALENSTYN

6'3", 209 lbs. • Delta, BC
2025-26:
45 GP, 3 G, 4 A, 7 PTS, 20 PIM
Career:
226 GP, 15 G, 26 A, 41 PTS, 85 PIM

DEFENSEMEN

23 MATTIAS SAMUELSSON

6'4", 229 lbs. • Philadelphia, PA
2025-26:
44 GP, 8 G, 15 A, 23 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
256 GP, 15 G, 51 A, 66 PTS, 98 PIM

26 RASMUS DAHLIN

6'3", 204 lbs. • Lidköping, SWE
2025-26:
42 GP, 6 G, 27 A, 33 PTS, 39 PIM
Career:
551 GP, 89 G, 304 A, 393 PTS, 417 PIM

4 BOWEN BYRAM

6'1", 205 lbs. • Cranbrook, BC
2025-26:
46 GP, 10 G, 15 A, 25 PTS, 22 PIM
Career:
292 GP, 43 G, 92 A, 135 PTS, 194 PIM

25 OWEN POWER

6'6", 226 lbs. • Mississauga, ON
2025-26:
45 GP, 3 G, 11 A, 14 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
287 GP, 22 G, 103 A, 125 PTS, 74 PIM

GOALTENDERS

1 UKKO-PEKKA LUUKKONEN

6'5", 223 lbs. • Espoo, FIN
2025-26 (NHL):
17 GP, 10-6-1, .904 SV%, 2.59 GAA
Career (NHL):
172 GP, 81-71-16, .899 SV%, 3.01 GAA
vs. MIN:
6 GP, 3-2-1, .922 SV%, 2.44 GAA

92 COLTEN ELLIS

6'1", 191 lbs. • Whycocomagh, NS
2025-26 (NHL):
11 GP, 6-4-0, .898 SV%, 3.10 GAA
Career (NHL):
11 GP, 6-4-0, .898 SV%, 3.10 GAA
vs. MIN:
1 GP, 1-0-0, .917 SV%, 1.85 GAA

73 ZACH METSA

5'9", 198 lbs. • Delafield, WI
2025-26:
17 GP, 1 G, 1 A, 2 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
17 GP, 1 G, 1 A, 2 PTS, 6 PIM

8 MICHAEL KESSELRING

6'5", 215 lbs. • Florence, SC
2025-26:
16 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
172 GP, 12 G, 41 A, 53 PTS, 171 PIM

SCRATCHES

9 JOSH NORRIS

6'2", 196 lbs. • Oxford, MI
2025-26:
19 GP, 6 G, 11 A, 17 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
258 GP, 97 G, 78 A, 175 PTS, 107 PIM

78 JACOB BRYSON

5'9", 177 lbs. • London, ON
2025-26:
30 GP, 2 G, 3 A, 5 PTS, 8 PIM
Career:
284 GP, 6 G, 42 A, 48 PTS, 58 PIM

94 KONSTA HELENIOUS

5'11", 190 lbs. • Ylojarvi, FIN
2025-26:
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM

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Assistant Coach: Jack Capuano
Assistant Coach: Jason King
Assistant Coach: Pat Dwyer
Goaltending Coach: Frederic Chabot**PRONUNCIATIONS****Aube-Kubel, Nicolas:** (oh-BAY-koo-BEHL)
Faber, Brock: (FAY-buhr)
Foligno, Marcus: (foh-LEE-noh)
Gustavsson, Filip: (GUHS-tahf-suhn, FIHL-ihp)
Haight, Hunter: (HAYT)
Hinostroza, Vincent: (hihn-oh-STROH-za)
Jiricek, David: (YIHR-ih-chehk)
Johansson, Marcus: (yoh-HAHN-suhn)
Kaprizov, Kirill: (ka-PREE-zahv, kih-RIHL)
Spacek, David: (SPAH-chehk)
Spurgeon, Jared: (SPUHR-juhn)
Sturm, Nico: (STUHRM, NEE-koh)
Tarasenko, Vladimir: (tahr-uh-SEHNG-koh, vlah-DEE-meer)
Trenin, Yakov: (TREH-nihn, YAH-kawv)
Wallstedt, Jesper: (WAHL-steht, YEHS-puhr)
Yurov, Danila: (YOO-rawv, da-NIHL-uh)
Zuccarello, Mats: (zoo-kuh-REHL-oh, MAHTS)**SPECIAL TEAMS****Power Play**
35-for-157 (22.3%) -- 11th
Penalty Kill
89-for-116 (76.7%) -- 26th**LEADING SCORERS****Kirill Kaprizov:**
48 GP, 25 G, 27 A, 52 PTS
Matt Boldy:
48 GP, 27 G, 24 A, 51 PTS
Quinn Hughes:
42 GP, 3 G, 36 A, 39 PTS**LEADING SCORERS VS. BUF****Mats Zuccarello:**
28 GP, 6 G, 16 A, 22 PTS
Marcus Johansson:
33 GP, 12 G, 8 A, 20 PTS
Vladimir Tarasenko:
26 GP, 11 G, 9 A, 20 PTS**LAST 5 GAMES VS. BUF**11/29/25: **BUF 3** at MIN 2 (SO)
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11/10/23: MIN 2 at **BUF 3****FORWARDS****97 KIRILL KAPRIZOV**5'10", 202 lbs. • Novokuznetsk, RUS
2025-26:
48 GP, 25 G, 27 A, 52 PTS, 14 PIM
Career:
367 GP, 210 G, 228 A, 438 PTS, 161 PIM**38 RYAN HARTMAN**6'0", 197 lbs. • Hilton Head Island, SC
2025-26:
44 GP, 25 G, 8 A, 20 PTS, 21 PIM
Career:
693 GP, 151 G, 173 A, 324 PTS, 673 PIM**36 MATS ZUCCARELLO**5'8", 181 lbs. • Oslo, NOR
2025-26:
28 GP, 5 G, 16 A, 21 PTS, 8 PIM
Career:
932 GP, 222 G, 489 A, 711 PTS, 351 PIM**13 YAKOV TRENIN**6'2", 201 lbs. • Chelyabinsk, RUS
2025-26:
48 GP, 3 G, 11 A, 14 PTS, 23 PIM
Career:
423 GP, 58 G, 53 A, 111 PTS, 241 PIM**22 DANILA YUROV**6'1", 178 lbs. • Chelyabinsk, RUS
2025-26:
41 GP, 7 G, 10 A, 17 PTS, 12 PIM
Career:
41 GP, 7 G, 10 A, 17 PTS, 12 PIM**91 VLADIMIR TARASENKO**6'1", 219 lbs. • Yaroslavl, RUS
2025-26:
41 GP, 8 G, 13 A, 21 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
872 GP, 312 G, 371 A, 683 PTS, 209 PIM**18 VINCENT HINOSTROZA**5'10", 183 lbs. • Chicago, IL
2025-26:
34 GP, 2 G, 5 A, 7 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
446 GP, 61 G, 107 A, 168 PTS, 119 PIM**37 HUNTER HAIGHT**5'10", 173 lbs. • Strathroy, ON
2025-26:
2 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
2 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM**17 MARCUS FOLIGNO**6'3", 226 lbs. • Buffalo, NY
2025-26:
38 GP, 2 G, 4 A, 6 PTS, 38 PIM
Career:
913 GP, 142 G, 187 A, 329 PTS, 921 PIM**39 BEN JONES**6'0", 187 lbs. • Waterloo, ON
2025-26:
23 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
51 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PTS, 12 PIM**78 NICO STURM**6'3", 209 lbs. • Augsburg, DEU
2025-26:
26 GP, 3 G, 5 A, 8 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
357 GP, 49 G, 51 A, 100 PTS, 90 PIM**19 TYLER PITLICK**6'2", 199 lbs. • Minneapolis, MN
2025-26:
24 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PTS, 24 PIM
Career:
444 GP, 57 G, 53 A, 110 PTS, 126 PIM**DEFENSEMEN****43 QUINN HUGHES**5'10", 180 lbs. • Orlando, FL
2025-26:
42 GP, 3 G, 36 A, 39 PTS, 14 PIM
Career:
475 GP, 62 G, 386 A, 448 PTS, 189 PIM**7 BROCK FABER**6'1", 200 lbs. • Maple Grove, MN
2025-26:
48 GP, 10 G, 18 A, 28 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
210 GP, 28 G, 76 A, 104 PTS, 59 PIM**GOALTENDERS****32 FILIP GUSTAVSSON**6'2", 184 lbs. • Skelleftea, SWE
2025-26 (NHL):
29 GP, 14-9-5, .912 SV%, 2.50 GAA
Career (NHL):
198 GP, 97-68-25, .913 SV%, 2.64 GAA
vs. BUF:
5 GP, 2-1-2, .938 SV%, 1.77 GAA**5 JAKE MIDDLETON**6'3", 219 lbs. • Wainwright, AB
2025-26:
41 GP, 1 G, 9 A, 10 PTS, 48 PIM
Career:
347 GP, 23 G, 65 A, 88 PTS, 332 PIM**46 JARED SPURGEON**5'9", 166 lbs. • Edmonton, AB
2025-26:
48 GP, 4 G, 9 A, 13 PTS, 8 PIM
Career:
981 GP, 121 G, 308 A, 429 PTS, 168 PIM**48 DAEMON HUNT**6'1", 193 lbs. • Brandon, MB
2025-26:
16 GP, 0 G, 3 A, 3 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
29 GP, 0 G, 4 A, 4 PTS, 4 PIM**55 DAVID JIRICEK**6'4", 204 lbs. • Klatovy, CZE
2025-26:
18 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 12 PIM
Career:
77 GP, 2 G, 11 A, 13 PTS, 42 PIM**SCRATCHES****16 NICOLAS AUBE-KUBEL**6'0", 213 lbs. • Slave Lake, AB
2025-26:
4 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
308 GP, 32 G, 49 A, 81 PTS, 208 PIM**82 DAVID SPACEK**6'0", 174 lbs. • Columbus, OH
2025-26:
1 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
1 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM**90 MARCUS JOHANSSON**6'1", 203 lbs. • Landskrona, SWE
2025-26:
46 GP, 13 G, 21 A, 34 PTS, 8 PIM
Career:
1029 GP, 198 G, 353 A, 551 PTS, 162 PIM

Projected lines are unofficial and subject to change.