



TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS VS. BUFFALO SABRES

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



BUFFALO SABRES

13-17-3 | 29 PTS
7th place in the Atlantic Division
Last Game: 9-4 L vs. CBJ

Top Scorers

Rasmus Dahlin: 32 GP, 8 G, 19 A, 27 PTS
Casey Mittelstadt: 33 GP, 8 G, 19 A, 27 PTS
JJ Peterka: 33 GP, 12 G, 11 A, 23 PTS

Season Series:

Nov. 4 at TOR | 6-4 W
Dec. 21 at BUF | 7:00 P.M.
March 6 at TOR | 7:00 P.M.
March 30 at BUF | 7:00 P.M.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS

16-7-6 | 38 PTS
2nd place in the Atlantic Division
Last Game: 5-2 L vs. NYR

Top Scorers

William Nylander: 29 GP, 15 G, 26 A, 41 PTS
Auston Matthews: 28 GP, 25 G, 12 A, 37 PTS
Mitchell Marner: 29 GP, 13 G, 21 A, 34 PTS

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

The Sabres have earned two consecutive wins against the Maple Leafs and a win in tonight's game would give Buffalo its first three-game win streak against Toronto since the team won three games in a row from March 2 to April 12, 2022.



Buffalo has emerged victorious in five of its last seven games against Toronto.

23 of the last 25 games between these clubs have been decided in regulation, including each of the last 10.

Rasmus Dahlin has recorded seven points (3+4) in his last seven games, including six points (2+4) in his last five games.

Dahlin is one even-strength goal away from moving into a tie with **Bill Hajt** (36) for the fifth-most among Buffalo defensemen all-time.

In their last three games, **Dylan Cozens** (2+3) and **Casey Mittelstadt** (2+3) have each registered five points.

Zach Benson has recorded four points (2+2) in his last four games.

Alex Tuch has tallied three points (1+2) in his last three games.

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Alex Tuch has registered nine points (6+3) in his last five games against the Maple Leafs, including two points in each of his last three against the Maple Leafs.

JJ Peterka has recorded two points in back-to-back games against the Maple Leafs.

In his last 13 games against Toronto, **Rasmus Dahlin** has recorded 13 points (3+10).

Tage Thompson is riding a three-game point streak against the Maple Leafs and he has tallied three points (1+2) in that span. Dating back to the beginning of the 2021-22 season, **Thompson** has nine point (5+4) in eight games against Toronto.

Owen Power has recorded at least one point in back-to-back games against Toronto and he has recorded three assists in that span.

BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

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

ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 14-6-3 all-time on December 21.

December 21, 1975: Rick Martin scores four goals and Fred Stanfield scores three as the Sabres defeat Washington by a score of 14-2, the largest winning margin in franchise history. The Sabres roster combined for 40 points in the game, the most in team history.

December 21, 1991: Alexander Mogilny sets the franchise record for fastest goal from the start of a game, beating Toronto goaltender Jeff Reese just five seconds after the opening faceoff.

QUINNTER WONDERLAND

Jack Quinn made his season debut on Dec. 19 after missing the first 32 games of the season due to an Achilles injury.

Last season, **Quinn** was one of 13 NHL rookies to play in 75 or more games and he finished the season ranked seventh among all rookies in points (37).

Quinn led all Sabres rookies in goals (14), points (37), even-strength goals (13), even-strength points (30), and game-winning goals (2) last season.



HEAD-TO-HEAD

Buffalo Sabres	Toronto Maple Leafs
13-17-3	Record 16-7-6
6-8-1	Home Record 9-5-2
7-9-2	Road Record 7-2-4
3-6-1	Last 10 Games 6-1-3
2.85 (25th)	Goals For Per Game 3.59 (2nd)
3.42 (25th)	Goals Against Per Game 3.24 (19th)
14.0% (27th)	Power Play 25.9% (5th)
80.6% (14th)	Penalty Kill 78.2% (22nd)
46.0% (30th)	Team FO% 53.0% (6th)
49.8% (15th)	Team SAT% (5-on-5) 49.3% (18th)



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