



COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS VS. BUFFALO SABRES

Saturday, December 30, 2023 | 5:00 P.M. | KeyBank Center | Broadcast: MSG



BUFFALO SABRES

14-18-4 | 32 PTS
7th place in the Atlantic Division
Last Game: 4-1 L vs. BOS

Top Scorers

Casey Mittelstadt: 36 GP, 9 G, 21 A, 30 PTS
Rasmus Dahlin: 35 GP, 10 G, 19 A, 29 PTS
Jeff Skinner: 33 GP, 14 G, 11 A, 25 PTS

Season Series:

Dec. 19 at BUF | 9-4 L
Dec. 30 at BUF | 5:00 P.M.
Feb. 23 at CBJ | 7:00 P.M.

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS

12-18-7 | 31 PTS
8th place in the Metropolitan Division
Last Game: 6-5 W (OT) vs. TOR

Top Scorers

Zach Werenski: 34 GP, 1 G, 24 A, 25 PTS
Johnny Gaudreau: 37 GP, 7 G, 18 A, 25 PTS
Adam Fantilli: 37 GP, 10 G, 12 A, 22 PTS

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

The Sabres and the Blue Jackets have combined to score at least seven total goals in each of their last eight matchups.

In that span, the two teams have recorded 10 or more total goals on four occasions.

The Sabres have recorded 21 total goals in their last four games against the Blue Jackets.

Rasmus Dahlin has tallied eight points (4+4) in his last eight games.

Dahlin is one even-strength goal away from surpassing Bill Hajt (36) and moving into a tie with Richard Smehlik (37) for the fourth-most all-time among Buffalo defensemen.



In his last six games, Casey Mittelstadt has registered eight points (3+5).

Mittelstadt is riding a four-game point streak and a point in tonight's game would give him a point streak of five or more games for the third time in 2023-24 and the fifth time in his career.

Alex Tuch has tallied seven points (1+6) in his last six games.

Tage Thompson has recorded four points (2+2) in his last three games.

Kyle Okposo has recorded seven points (5+2) in his last five home games, including at least one goal in four of those games.

Jordan Greenway has registered three points (1+2) in his last three games.

BACK-TO-BACK

Tonight's game opens Buffalo's sixth of 12 back-to-back sets in 2023-24, which concludes with a road matchup against the Ottawa Senators tomorrow night.

The Sabres are 3-2-0 in the first game of back-to-back sets and 2-3-0 in the second game so far this season.

Buffalo's point breakdown in back-to-back sets this season is: four points (0), three points (0), two points (5), one point (0) and zero points (0).

BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

Zemgus Girgensons (lower body, IR)

ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 3-8-0 all-time on December 30.

December 30, 2000: Martin Biron makes 15 saves as the Sabres record their second shutout in as many nights with a 2-0 victory over the New York Islanders.

December 30, 2006: The Sabres, led by a three-point night (2+1) from Thomas Vanek and a 29-save effort from Ryan Miller, defeat second-place Atlanta by a 4-1 margin to improve to a conference-leading 28-7-3 record.

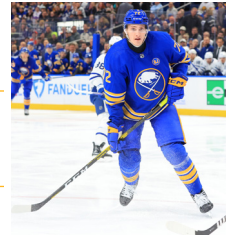
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Tage Thompson has recorded 15 points (11+4) in his last eight games against Columbus, including at least one point in every game in that span.

Alex Tuch is riding a five-game personal point streak against the Blue Jackets and he has registered eight points (3+5) in that span.

In seven games against the Blue Jackets in his career, Dylan Cozens has notched nine points (3+6), including at least one point in back-to-back contests against Columbus.

Rasmus Dahlin has tallied 14 points (3+11) in his last 10 games against Columbus, including eight points (3+5) in his last five games against the Blue Jackets dating back to the beginning of the 2021-22 season.



HEAD-TO-HEAD

Buffalo Sabres	Columbus Blue Jackets
14-18-4	Record 12-18-7
7-9-1	Home Record 8-10-3
7-9-3	Road Record 4-8-4
4-4-2	Last 10 Games 4-4-2
2.97 (21st)	Goals For Per Game 3.16 (15th)
3.44 (26th)	Goals Against Per Game 3.68 (31st)
13.3% (T-26th)	Power Play 15.5% (25th)
78.3% (23rd)	Penalty Kill 80.8% (13th)
45.9% (30th)	Team FO% 47.5% (25th)
50.2% (13th)	Team SAT% (5-on-5) 47.1% (26th)



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