



# BUFFALO SABRES

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# PITTSBURGH PENGUINS

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**October 6, 2023**  
**KeyBank Center**  
**Buffalo, New York**

## COACHING STAFF

**Head Coach:** Don Granato  
**Assistant Coach:** Mike Bales  
**Assistant Coach:** Jason Christie  
**Assistant Coach:** Matt Ellis  
**Assistant Coach:** Marty Wilford

## PRONUNCIATIONS

**Cozens, Dylan:** (KUH-zihnz)  
**Dahlin, Rasmus:** (dah-LEEN, RAS-muhs)  
**Girgensons, Zemgus:** (GEER-gehn-suhnz, ZEHM-guhz)  
**Jokiharju, Henri:** (yoh-kee-HAHR-yoo, HEHN-ree)  
**Luukkonen, Ukko-Pekka:** (LOO-koh-nehn, OO-koh-PEH-ka)  
**Okposo, Kyle:** (oh-POH-soh)  
**Peterka, JJ:** (peh-TUHR-kah)  
**Samuelsson, Mattias:** (TUHK)  
**Tuch, Alex:** (TUHK)

## PRESEASON LEADING SCORERS

### Zach Benson:

5 GP, 3 G, 2 A, 5 PTS

### Tage Thompson:

3 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS

### Jeff Skinner:

2 GP, 3 G, 0 A, 3 PTS

## 2022-23 LEADING SCORERS

### Tage Thompson:

78 GP, 47 G, 47 A, 94 PTS

### Jeff Skinner:

79 GP, 35 G, 47 A, 82 PTS

### Alex Tuch:

74 GP, 36 G, 43 A, 79 PTS

## FORWARDS

### 53 JEFF SKINNER

5'11", 197 lbs. • Toronto, ON  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
79 GP, 35 G, 47 A, 82 PTS, 39 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
932 GP, 333 G, 291 A, 624 PTS, 417 PIM

### 72 TAGE THOMPSON

6'6", 220 lbs. • Phoenix, AZ  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
78 GP, 47 G, 47 A, 94 PTS, 39 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
301 GP, 103 G, 94 A, 197 PTS, 125 PIM

### 89 ALEX TUCH

6'4", 215 lbs. • Syracuse, NY  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
74 GP, 36 G, 43 A, 79 PTS, 20 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
379 GP, 109 G, 147 A, 256 PTS, 105 PIM

### 12 JORDAN GREENWAY

6'6", 233 lbs. • Canton, NY  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
62 GP, 6 G, 5 A, 11 PTS, 26 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
334 GP, 42 G, 81 A, 123 PTS, 227 PIM

### 37 CASEY MITTELSTADT

6'1", 195 lbs. • Eden Prairie, MN  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
82 GP, 15 G, 44 A, 59 PTS, 22 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
277 GP, 48 G, 91 A, 139 PTS, 50 PIM

### 9 ZACH BENSON

5'10", 170 lbs. • Chilliwack, BC  
**2022-23 (WHL):**  
60 GP, 36 G, 62 A, 98 PTS, 49 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM

### 77 JJ PETERKA

6'0", 189 lbs. • Munich, GER  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
77 GP, 12 G, 20 A, 32 PTS, 26 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
79 GP, 12 G, 20 A, 32 PTS, 26 PIM

### 24 DYLAN COZENS

6'3", 201 lbs. • Whitehorse, YT  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
81 GP, 31 G, 37 A, 68 PTS, 41 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
201 GP, 48 G, 71 A, 119 PTS, 112 PIM

### 71 VICTOR OLOFSSON

5'11", 182 lbs. • Ornskoldsvik, SWE  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
75 GP, 28 G, 12 A, 40 PTS, 4 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
263 GP, 83 G, 84 A, 167 PTS, 24 PIM

### 28 ZEMGUS GIRGENSONS

6'2", 200 lbs. • Riga, LVA  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
80 GP, 10 G, 8 A, 18 PTS, 14 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
625 GP, 81 G, 93 A, 174 PTS, 171 PIM

### 19 PEYTON KREBS

6'0", 186 lbs. • Calgary, AB  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
74 GP, 9 G, 17 A, 26 PTS, 50 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
135 GP, 16 G, 33 A, 49 PTS, 72 PIM

### 17 TYSON JOST

5'11", 184 lbs. • St. Albert, AB  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
71 GP, 7 G, 18 A, 25 PTS, 34 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
413 GP, 54 G, 80 A, 134 PTS, 154 PIM

## DEFENSEMEN

### 26 RASMUS DAHLIN

6'3", 204 lbs. • Lidköping, SWE  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
78 GP, 15 G, 58 A, 73 PTS, 92 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
355 GP, 46 G, 187 A, 233 PTS, 258 PIM

### 75 CONNOR CLIFTON

5'11", 192 lbs. • Matawan, NJ  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
78 GP, 5 G, 18 A, 23 PTS, 60 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
232 GP, 10 G, 33 A, 43 PTS, 157 PIM

### 25 OWEN POWER

6'6", 221 lbs. • Mississauga, ON  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
79 GP, 4 G, 31 A, 35 PTS, 24 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
87 GP, 6 G, 32 A, 38 PTS, 26 PIM

### 10 HENRI JOKIHARJU

6'0", 200 lbs. • Oulu, FIN  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
60 GP, 3 G, 10 A, 13 PTS, 30 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
273 GP, 13 G, 54 A, 67 PTS, 102 PIM

### 23 MATTIAS SAMUELSSON

6'4", 224 lbs. • Philadelphia, PA  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
55 GP, 2 G, 8 A, 10 PTS, 20 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
109 GP, 2 G, 20 A, 22 PTS, 40 PIM

### 6 ERIK JOHNSON

6'4", 225 lbs. • Bloomington, MN  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
63 GP, 0 G, 8 A, 8 PTS, 12 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
920 GP, 88 G, 249 A, 337 PTS, 514 PIM

## GOALTENDERS

### 27 DEVON LEVI

6'0", 192 lbs. • Dollard-des-Ormeaux, QC

**2022-23 (NHL):**  
7 GP, 5-2-0, .905 SV%, 2.94 GAA  
**Career (NHL):**  
7 GP, 5-2-0, .905 SV%, 2.94 GAA  
**vs. PIT:**  
0 GP, 0-0-0, .000 SV%, 0.00 GAA

### 1 UKKO-PEKKA LUUKKONEN

6'5", 217 lbs. • Espoo, FIN

**2022-23 (NHL):**  
33 GP, 17-11-4, .892 SV%, 3.61 GAA  
**Career (NHL):**  
46 GP, 20-19-6, .898 SV%, 3.47 GAA  
**vs. PIT:**  
1 GP, 0-1-0, .903 SV%, 3.08 GAA

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## PRONUNCIATIONS

**Acciari, Noel:** (a-CHAHR-ee, NOHL)  
**Harkins, Jansen:** (HAHR-kihnhz, YAN-suhn)  
**Jarry, Tristan:** (JAIR-ee, TRIHST-ihn)  
**Malkin, Evgeni:** (MAHL-kihn, ehv-GEH-nee)  
**Nedeljkovic, Alex:** (nuh-DEHL-koh-vihch)  
**Nieto, Matt:** (nee-EH-toh)  
**Pettersson, Marcus:** (PEH-tuhr-suhn, MAHR-kuhs)  
**Rakell, Rickard:** (ra-KEHL, REE-kahrd)  
**Zohorna, Radim:** (zoh-HOHR-nah, ra-DEEM)

## PRESEASON LEADING SCORERS

**Drew O'Connor:**  
3 GP, 2 G, 1 A, 3 PTS  
**Valtteri Puustinen:**  
3 GP, 1 G, 2 A, 3 PTS  
**Radim Zohorna:**  
4 GP, 1 G, 2 A, 3 PTS

## 2022-23 LEADING SCORERS

**Sidney Crosby:**  
82 GP, 33 G, 60 A, 93 PTS  
**Evgeni Malkin:**  
82 GP, 27 G, 56 A, 83 PTS  
**Jake Guentzel:**  
78 GP, 36 G, 37 A, 73 PTS

## FORWARDS

### 10 DREW O'CONNOR

6'3", 200 lbs. • Chatham, NJ  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
46 GP, 5 G, 6 A, 11 PTS, 12 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
78 GP, 8 G, 9 A, 17 PTS, 18 PIM

### 87 SIDNEY CROSBY

5'11", 200 lbs. • Cole Harbour, NS  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
82 GP, 33 G, 60 A, 93 PTS, 52 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
1190 GP, 550 G, 952 A, 1502 PTS, 783 PIM

### 17 BRYAN RUST

5'11", 192 lbs. • Pontiac, MI  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
81 GP, 20 G, 26 A, 46 PTS, 31 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
505 GP, 144 G, 172 A, 316 PTS, 167 PIM

### 19 REILLY SMITH

6'1", 185 lbs. • Mimico, ON  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
78 GP, 26 G, 30 A, 56 PTS, 16 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
764 GP, 200 G, 273 A, 473 PTS, 192 PIM

### 71 EVGENI MALKIN

6'3", 195 lbs. • Magnitogorsk, RUS  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
82 GP, 27 G, 56 A, 83 PTS, 82 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
1063 GP, 471 G, 758 A, 1229 PTS, 1090 PIM

### 67 RICKARD RAKELL

6'1", 195 lbs. • Sundbyberg, SWE  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
82 GP, 28 G, 32 A, 60 PTS, 16 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
651 GP, 186 G, 226 A, 412 PTS, 136 PIM

### 43 JANSEN HARKINS

6'2", 197 lbs. • Cleveland, OH  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
22 GP, 3 G, 2 A, 5 PTS, 12 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
154 GP, 13 G, 14 A, 27 PTS, 36 PIM

### 20 LARS ELLER

6'2", 205 lbs. • Rodovre, DEN  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
60 GP, 7 G, 9 A, 16 PTS, 36 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
954 GP, 163 G, 208 A, 371 PTS, 567 PIM

### 36 COLIN WHITE

6'1", 194 lbs. • Boston, MA  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
68 GP, 8 G, 7 A, 15 PTS, 12 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
292 GP, 44 G, 69 A, 113 PTS, 103 PIM

### 83 MATT NIETO

5'11", 187 lbs. • Long Beach, CA  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
81 GP, 12 G, 12 A, 24 PTS, 16 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
651 GP, 85 G, 114 A, 199 PTS, 121 PIM

### 55 NOEL ACCIARI

5'10", 209 lbs. • Johnston, RI  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
77 GP, 14 G, 9 A, 23 PTS, 21 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
384 GP, 59 G, 41 A, 100 PTS, 142 PIM

### 77 JEFF CARTER

6'3", 219 lbs. • London, ON  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
79 GP, 13 G, 16 A, 29 PTS, 30 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
1249 GP, 431 G, 405 A, 836 PTS, 623 PIM

## DEFENSEMEN

### 27 RYAN GRAVES

6'5", 220 lbs. • Yarmouth, NS  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
78 GP, 8 G, 18 A, 26 PTS, 28 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
302 GP, 28 G, 72 A, 100 PTS, 154 PIM

### 58 KRIS LETANG

6'0", 201 lbs. • Montreal, QC  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
64 GP, 12 G, 29 A, 41 PTS, 30 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
1005 GP, 156 G, 535 A, 691 PTS, 691 PIM

### 28 MARCUS PETTERSSON

6'3", 177 lbs. • Skelleftea, SWE  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
68 GP, 1 G, 23 A, 24 PTS, 58 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
362 GP, 10 G, 93 A, 103 PTS, 225 PIM

### 65 ERIK KARLSSON

6'0", 190 lbs. • Landsbro, SWE  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
82 GP, 25 G, 76 A, 101 PTS, 36 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
920 GP, 178 G, 583 A, 761 PTS, 422 PIM

### 73 P.O. JOSEPH

6'2", 185 lbs. • Laval, QC  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
75 GP, 5 G, 16 A, 21 PTS, 44 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
95 GP, 6 G, 20 A, 6 PTS, 52 PIM

### 2 CHAD RUHWEDEL

5'11", 191 lbs. • San Diego, CA  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
47 GP, 1 G, 4 A, 5 PTS, 18 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
312 GP, 12 G, 33 A, 45 PTS, 90 PIM

## GOALTENDERS

### 35 TRISTAN JARRY

6'2", 194 lbs. • Surrey, BC  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
47 GP, 24-13-7, .909 SV%, 2.90 GAA  
**Career (NHL):**  
206 GP, 117-60-20, .914 SV%, 2.65 GAA  
**vs. BUF:**  
10 GP, 8-2-0, .914 SV%, 2.29 GAA

### 39 ALEX NEDELJKOVIC

6'0", 208 lbs. • Parma, OH  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
15 GP, 5-7-2, .895 SV%, 3.53 GAA  
**Career (NHL):**  
103 GP, 42-38-15, .907 SV%, 2.96 GAA  
**vs. BUF:**  
6 GP, 4-1-1, .900 SV%, 3.09 GAA

## SCRATCHES

### 5 RYAN SHEA

6'2", 200 lbs. • Milton, MA  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM

### 63 RADIM ZOHORNA

6'6", 220 lbs. • Havlickuv CZE  
**2022-23 (NHL):**  
10 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PTS, 0 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
35 GP, 5 G, 6 A, 11 PTS, 8 PIM

Projected lines are unofficial and subject to change.