



COLORADO AVALANCHE vs. BUFFALO SABRES

Wednesday, December 13, 2023 | 10:00 P.M. | Ball Arena | Broadcast: TNT



BUFFALO SABRES

12-14-3 | 27 PTS
7th place in the Atlantic Division
Last Game: 5-2 W vs. ARI

Top Scorers

Rasmus Dahlin: 28 GP, 7 G, 16 A, 23 PTS
Jeff Skinner: 29 GP, 12 G, 10 A, 22 PTS
Casey Mittelstadt: 29 GP, 6 G, 16 A, 22 PTS

Season Series:

Oct. 29 at BUF | 4-0 W
Dec. 13 at COL | 10:00 P.M.

COLORADO AVALANCHE

17-9-2 | 36 PTS
1st place in the Central Division
Last Game: 6-5 W vs. CGY

Top Scorers

Nathan MacKinnon: 28 GP, 12 G, 27 A, 39 PTS
Cale Makar: 26 GP, 8 G, 28 A, 36 PTS
Mikko Rantanen: 28 GP, 13 G, 21 A, 34 PTS

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Buffalo has earned at least one point in each of its last three games (2-0-1) and a point in tonight's game would give the Sabres their first point streak of four or more games this season.

The Sabres last recorded a point streak of four or more games from March 24 to April 1, 2023 (five games, 4-0-1).

The Sabres have won two consecutive games against the Avalanche and a win in tonight's game would give them a three-game win streak against Colorado for the first time since they won three straight games against Colorado from March 24, 2003 to Dec. 4, 2005.



Kyle Okposo has notched four points (2+2) in his last two games, including one goal in each game in that span.

A goal in tonight's game would give **Okposo** his second three-game goal streak of 2023-24.

If he scores a goal tonight, it will mark the fourth time that **Okposo** has registered multiple goal streaks of three or more games in the same season.

He also did so in 2008-09, 2011-12 and 2013-14.

Connor Clifton has registered four points (0+4) in his last three games, including at least one assist in each game in that span.

An assist in tonight's game would give **Clifton** the longest assist and point streak of his career.

Jeff Skinner has recorded four points (2+2) in his last four games and a point in tonight's game would give him a four-game point streak.

Rasmus Dahlin has notched 12 points (4+8) in his last 12 games.

Dahlin recorded two points (1+1) on Dec. 11 vs. Arizona and a multi-point effort in tonight's game would move him into a tie with Doug Bodger (57) for the second-most multi-point games by a defenseman in Sabres history.

If he plays, tonight's game will mark **Henri Jokiharju's** 300th NHL game.

BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

Zemgus Girgensons (lower body, IR); **Jordan Greenway** (upper body, IR); **Jack Quinn** (Achilles, IR); **Mattias Samuelsson** (undisclosed); **Alex Tuch** (undisclosed, IR)

ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 10-10-3 all-time on December 13.

December 13, 2008: Thomas Vanek scores the 10,000th goal in franchise history in a 4-2 win at New Jersey.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGHS

If he plays, tonight's game will mark **Erik Johnson's** first game back in Colorado since he signed with Buffalo.

Johnson played in 717 games with Colorado and recorded 246 points (68+178) in that span.

In his last two starts against Colorado, **Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen** has made 62 saves on 64 shots (.969), including a 23-save shutout on Oct. 29.

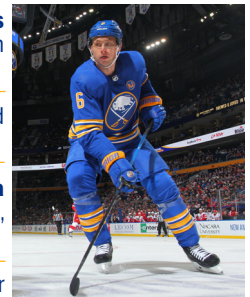
Jeff Skinner has recorded at least one assist in four straight games against the Avalanche, including two assists in each of his last three games against Colorado.

In his last four games against Colorado, **Tage Thompson** has posted nine points (5+4), including at least one point in each game in that span.

Rasmus Dahlin (2+3), **Skinner** (0+7) and **Alex Tuch** (2+2) are also riding four-game point streaks against the Avalanche.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Buffalo Sabres	Colorado Avalanche
12-14-3	Record 17-9-2
6-7-1	Home Record 10-4-0
6-7-2	Road Record 7-5-2
4-5-1	Last 10 Games 5-3-2
2.90 (25th)	Goals For Per Game 3.54 (5th)
3.28 (21st)	Goals Against Per Game 3.07 (T-12th)
14.0% (26th)	Power Play 18.7% (19th)
81.7% (11th)	Penalty Kill 85.6% (7th)
45.2% (31st)	Team FO% 47.9% (25th)
50.0% (15th)	Team SAT% (5-on-5) 53.3% (6th)



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