



MONTREAL CANADIENS vs. BUFFALO SABRES



Thursday, May 14, 2026 | 7:00 P.M. | KeyBank Center | Broadcast: TNT

BUFFALO SABRES

Series: 2-2
50-23-9 | 109 PTS
1st Place in the Atlantic Division

Top Scorers

Tage Thompson: 10 GP, 4 G, 7 A, 11 PTS
Josh Doan: 10 GP, 2 G, 7 A, 9 PTS
Zach Benson: 10 GP, 4 G, 3 A, 7 PTS

Playoff Series:

Game 1: May 6 at BUF | 4-2 W
Game 2: May 8 at BUF | 5-1 L
Game 3: May 10 at MTL | 6-2 L
Game 4: May 12 at MTL | 3-2 W
Game 5: May 14 at BUF | 7:00 P.M.
Game 6: May 16 at MTL | 8:00 P.M.

MONTREAL CANADIENS

Series: 2-2
48-24-10 | 106 PTS
3rd Place in the Atlantic Division

Top Scorers

Lane Hutson: 11 GP, 2 G, 8 A, 10 PTS
Nick Suzuki: 11 GP, 3 G, 6 A, 9 PTS
Cole Caufield: 11 GP, 3 G, 4 A, 7 PTS

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Buffalo's win in Game 4 marked the first Sabres playoff victory in which their opponent had at least seven power-play opportunities since May 4, 2007 vs. NY Rangers (7).

The win marked the third time Buffalo has earned four wins in the team's first five road contests in a single playoff year.

In his last five games, **Zach Benson** has registered six points (3+3), including the game-winning goal in Game 4 at Montreal on Tuesday.

With one more goal, **Benson** would become the first Sabres skater age 21 or younger to register five or more goals in a single playoff year since Danny Gare in 1976 (5; 21 years old).



In his last seven games, **Josh Doan** has registered nine points (2+7), including at least one assist in each of his last five contests.

An assist tonight would make **Doan** the first Sabres skater since Alexei Zhitnik from May 14 to 27, 1999 (six games; 1+6) to register an assist streak of six or more games in the playoffs (within a single playoff year).

Tage Thompson has tallied 11 points (4+7) in 10 playoff games thus far, including two points in each of the last two contests.

A multi-point effort tonight would make **Thompson** the first Buffalo skater to register three or more consecutive multi-point games in the playoffs since Miroslav Satan from April 14 to 17, 2001 (three games; 2+4).

In his last six games, **Rasmus Dahlin** has posted six points (2+4), including an assist in back-to-back games.

With an assist tonight, **Dahlin** would join **Doan**, **Thompson** and **Owen Power** as the only Sabres skaters who have registered an assist streak of at least three games in this year's playoffs.

Bowen Byram has recorded four goals in the playoffs and is one goal away from recording the most goals by a Sabres defenseman in a single playoff year all-time.

Mattias Samuelsson (42 hits; three goals) is the only NHL defenseman with 40 or more hits and three or more goals in the playoffs.

BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

Justin Danforth (lower body, IR); **Jiri Kulich** (blood clot, IR); **Noah Ostlund** (lower body)

ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 2-2 all-time on May 14.

May 14, 1998: Donald Audette registers two points (1+1) and Dominik Hasek makes 37 saves on 38 shots as the Sabres down the Canadiens in Game 4 of the 1998 Eastern Conference Semifinal to complete the sweep.

BOUNCING BACK

A series win would mark the first time the Sabres have won a playoff series after trailing 2-1 all-time. Buffalo has suffered a Game 3 loss and come back to win a series six times in franchise history.

The most recent example of this came when the Sabres dropped Game 3 of the Eastern Conference Semifinal against the New York Rangers on April 29, 2007 (2-1 OTL) and went on to win the series 4-2 with victories in Game 5 and Game 6.

Against Montreal, the Sabres lost Game 3 of the Semifinal in 1975 and went on to win the series 4-2.

A Game 4 win has propelled Buffalo to a playoff series victory 12 times in franchise history, most recently in Round 1 vs. Boston.

Prior to this series, the Sabres' most recent Game 4 victory over the Canadiens came when Buffalo finished off a sweep of Montreal in the 1998 Eastern Conference Semifinal on May 14, 1998.

Buffalo has a 2-2 record all-time in Game 5 matchups with Montreal, and three of those four meetings were decided in overtime.

HEAD-TO-HEAD (Regular Season)

Buffalo Sabres	Montreal Canadiens
50-23-9	Record 48-24-10
26-10-5	Home Record 24-15-2
24-13-4	Road Record 24-9-8
6-3-1	Last 10 Games 7-3-0
3.45 (5th)	Goals For Per Game 3.40 (7th)
2.93 (T-10th)	Goals Against Per Game 3.06 (T-16th)
19.5% (21st)	Power Play 23.1% (10th)
81.9% (4th)	Penalty Kill 78.2% (18th)
45.9% (32nd)	Team FO% 51.0% (11th)
49.5% (15th)	Team SAT% (5 on 5) 48.2% (25th)

