



MONTREAL CANADIENS VS. BUFFALO SABRES

Thursday, January 4, 2024 | 7:00 P.M. | Bell Centre | Broadcast: MSG



BUFFALO SABRES

15-19-4 | 34 PTS
7th place in the Atlantic Division
Last Game: 5-1 L at OTT

Top Scorers

Casey Mittelstadt: 38 GP, 10 G, 21 A, 31 PTS
Rasmus Dahlin: 37 GP, 10 G, 19 A, 29 PTS
Jeff Skinner: 35 GP, 15 G, 12 A, 27 PTS

Season Series:

Oct. 23 at BUF | 3-1 L
Dec. 9 at BUF | 3-2 L (SO)
Jan. 4 at MTL | 7:00 P.M.
Feb. 21 at MTL | 7:00 P.M.

MONTREAL CANADIENS

16-16-5 | 37 PTS
6th place in the Atlantic Division
Last Game: 4-3 W at DAL

Top Scorers

Nick Suzuki: 37 GP, 12 G, 22 A, 34 PTS
Cole Caufield: 37 GP, 11 G, 16 A, 27 PTS
Mike Matheson: 37 GP, 6 G, 21 A, 27 PTS

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

The Sabres have earned more wins (134) against the Canadiens than they have against any other NHL team.

In his last eight games, **Casey Mittelstadt** has registered nine points (4+5).

Tage Thompson has recorded six points (3+3) in his last five games.

Jeff Skinner has tallied five points (3+2) in his last five games.

Owen Power has recorded three assists in his last three games.

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



HOT AGAINST THE HABS

Since being acquired by Buffalo, **Jeff Skinner** has recorded 25 points (14+11) in 15 games against Montreal, including two five-point performances and four multi-goal games in that span.



In that span, **Skinner** has registered more multi-point games (7) than games without a point (4) against Montreal.

Skinner has 12 points (8+4) in five career games in Montreal as a member of the Sabres.

Tage Thompson has tallied 10 points (5+5) in 10 career games against Montreal, including five points (1+4) in his last three games against the Canadiens.

Thompson has recorded five points (2+3) in three road games against Montreal in his career.

Alex Tuch has registered 11 points (3+8) in his last 10 games against the Canadiens.

Since joining the Sabres, **Tuch** has notched six points (1+5) in three games in Montreal.

In his last seven games against Montreal, **Connor Clifton** has recorded seven points (1+6).

BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

Kyle Okposo (lower body)

ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 7-8-3 all-time on January 4.

January 4, 1976: The Sabres defeat the Soviet Wings 12-6 in an international exhibition game at Buffalo Memorial Auditorium, handing the Soviets the worst loss ever by a USSR squad in international play. The Sabres were one of only two teams from the NHL to defeat the Wings on their tour.

January 4, 1984: Real Cloutier records his second hat trick in six days and Gilbert Perreault registers five assists as the Sabres roll to a 9-4 win at Winnipeg.

MITTELSTADT MODE

Casey Mittelstadt has registered 31 points (10+21) through Buffalo's first 38 games of 2023-24, which is the most among all Sabres skaters.

He leads all Sabres skaters in even-strength points (28) and assists (21).

His 31 points are the most he has recorded through the first 38 games of a season in his career and he is currently on pace to surpass his single-season career highs in goals, assists and points.

Mittelstadt ranks tied for 11th among all NHL skaters in even-strength points in 2023-24.



HEAD-TO-HEAD

Buffalo Sabres	Montreal Canadiens
15-19-4	Record 16-16-5
8-9-1	Home Record 7-9-2
7-10-3	Road Record 9-7-3
4-5-1	Last 10 Games 4-4-2
2.92 (24th)	Goals For Per Game 2.78 (27th)
3.45 (T-25th)	Goals Against Per Game 3.38 (24th)
12.8% (29th)	Power Play 18.6% (21st)
77.8% (22nd)	Penalty Kill 72.8% (T-30th)
46.3% (30th)	Team FO% 54.3% (2nd)
51.0% (12th)	Team SAT% (5-on-5) 47.1% (25th)



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