

BUFFALO SABRES 2025-26 PRESEASON GAME NOTES

2025-26 PRESEASON SCHEDULE

DATE:	OPPONENT:	LOCATION:	TIME:	RESULT:
Mon., Sept. 22	at Columbus	Nationwide Arena	7 p.m.	W, 4-0
Tues., Sept. 23	COLUMBUS	KeyBank Center	7 p.m.	W, 2-1
Thurs., Sept. 25	at Detroit	Little Caesars Arena	7 p.m.	L, 5-2
Sat., Sept. 27	DETROIT	KeyBank Center	3 p.m.	W, 5-2
Wed., Oct. 1	PITTSBURGH	KeyBank Center	7 p.m.	L, 5-3
Fri., Oct. 3	at Pittsburgh	PPG Paints Arena	7 p.m.	

TONIGHT'S GAME – BUFFALO at PITTSBURGH – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2025

Tonight's game marks Buffalo's sixth and final preseason game after the Sabres opened their preseason with a 3-2-0 record. Tonight's matchup is being broadcast on MSG and WGR 550 in Western New York.

After opening their home-and-home series with the Penguins Wednesday night, the Sabres conclude their final series of the preseason tonight.

Buffalo and Pittsburgh have played 39 preseason games against each other all-time. The Sabres are 17-13-9 in preseason contests against the Penguins all-time. In their preseason history, the Sabres are 5-4-2 at Pittsburgh and 7-5-0 against the Penguins at home. Buffalo and Pittsburgh have played 16 preseason games at neutral sites and the Sabres hold a 5-4-7 record in those meetings. The Sabres have faced the Penguins in the preseason 19 times since 1998, going 12-6-1 in those games.

The Sabres and Penguins will meet three times in the regular season, with road matchups on Nov. 26 and March 5 and a home game in Buffalo on Feb. 5.

The Sabres are 178-179-53 all-time in the preseason, including a 65-43-7 record since the 2005-06 season. These totals only include games against NHL opponents; the Sabres also defeated Adler Mannheim 8-3 in an exhibition game as part of the 2011 NHL Premiere Series.

The Sabres open the 2025-26 regular season with four home contests in their first five games, beginning on Thursday, Oct. 9 when Buffalo hosts the New York Rangers at KeyBank Center. That stretch includes games against Boston (Oct. 11), Colorado (Oct. 13), Ottawa (Oct. 15) and Florida (Oct. 18). Ten of Buffalo's first 14 games will come at home.

GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS

2025-26 PRESEASON

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No.	Player	9/22 at CBJ	9/23 vs. CBJ	9/25 at DET	9/27 vs. DET	10/1 vs. PIT	10/3 at PIT
3	Rathbone, Jack	DND	DND	0-0, -2	DND	MIN	MIN
4	Byram, Bowen	1-0, +2	DND	DND	0-1, +2	DND	
6	Benson, Zach	DND	0-1, +1	DND	0-1, +3	DND	
8	Kesselring, Michael	0-1, +1	DND	0-0, -1	DND	0-0, -1	
9	Norris, Josh	DND	0-1, +1	DND	1-2, +3	2-0, +1	
12	Greenway, Jordan	DND	DND	DND	DND	DND	
13	Leschyshyn, Jake	DND	0-0, E	DND	0-0, -1	MIN	MIN
15	Danforth, Justin	0-0, +1	DND	0-0, E	DND	0-0, -1	
17	Zucker, Jason	DND	1-0, +1	DND	0-0, E	0-0, -2	
19	Krebs, Peyton	0-0, +1	DND	0-0, -1	DND	0-2, +1	
20	Kulich, Jiri	0-1, +1	DND	DND	DND	0-0, -1	
21	Timmins, Conor	DND	0-0, E	DND	0-0, E	0-0, E	
22	Quinn, Jack	1-0, +1	DND	0-2, -1	DND	0-0, E	
23	Samuelsson, Mattias	DND	0-0, +1	DND	DND	DND	
25	Power, Owen	0-1, +1	DND	0-0, -2	DND	DND	
26	Dahlin, Rasmus	DND	0-0, +1	DND	1-0, +1	1-0, -1	
28	Jones, Zac	DND	0-0, +1	0-0, E	DND	MIN	MIN
29	Malenstyn, Beck	1-0, +1	DND	0-0, E	DND	0-0, -1	
33	Johnson, Ryan	DND	0-0, +1	DNP	0-0, E	0-1, +2	
36	Fulp, Aidan	DND	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN
37	Laberge, Noah	DND	DND	DND	JR	JR	JR
41	Kopff, Tyler	DND	0-0, E	DND	DND	MIN	MIN
42	Warren, Brendan	DND	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN
43	Brunet, Simon-Pier	JR	JR	JR	JR	JR	JR
44	Dunne, Josh	0-0, +1	DND	0-0, -1	0-0, E	DND	
45	Fiddler-Schultz, Riley	DNP	DND	0-0, -1	DND	MIN	MIN
46	Laaouan, Noah	DND	DNP	DND	DND	MIN	MIN
48	Kozak, Tyson	0-1, +1	0-0, E	0-0, -1	0-0, E	DND	
49	Meyer, Carson	DND	DND	DND	DND	DND	
52	Kuntar, Trevor	DND	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN
54	Nadeau, Olivier	DND	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN
55	Geertsen, Mason	0-0, +1	0-0, E	DND	0-0, E	0-0, E	
56	Tischke, Peter	DND	DNP	DND	DND	MIN	MIN
57	Mrtka, Radim	0-1, +2	DND	0-0, E	1-0, E	0-0, -1	
59	Costantini, Matteo	DND	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN
63	Rosen, Isak	DND	0-0, E	0-0, -2	0-1, -1	MIN	MIN
67	Slaggert, Graham	DND	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN
71	McLeod, Ryan	DND	0-1, +1	DND	0-0, E	0-0, -1	
72	Thompson, Tage	DND	1-0, +1	DND	2-1, +3	0-1, +1	
73	Metsa, Zach	DND	DND	0-0, -2	DND	MIN	MIN
74	Novikov, Nikita	0-0, +1	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN
75	Belliveau, Isaac	DND	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN
76	Komarov, Vsevolod	0-1, +1	DND	DND	DND	DND	
78	Bryson, Jacob	DND	0-0, E	DND	0-0, +1	0-0, E	
79	Neuchev, Viktor	DND	0-0, E	DND	DND	MIN	MIN
81	Savage, Redmond	DND	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN
86	Ostlund, Noah	0-0, +1	DND	1-1, -2	DND	DND	
89	Tuch, Alex	DND	DND	DND	0-1, E	0-0, -2	
91	Doan, Josh	0-1, +1	DND	1-1, -1	DND	0-0, E	
92	Wahlberg, Anton	0-1, +1	DND	0-0, E	DND	MIN	MIN
93	Bedkowski, David	JR	JR	JR	JR	JR	JR
94	Helenius, Konsta	1-0, +1	0-1, +1	0-0, -2	0-1, -1	MIN	MIN
95	Joshua, Jagger	DND	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN

PLAYER STATS = Goals-Assists, +/-
JR = Returned to Junior

INJ = Missed Game Due to Injury
MIN = Assigned to Rochester (AHL)

DND = Did Not Dress
FA = Free Agent

No.	Player	9/22 at CBJ	9/23 vs. CBJ	9/25 at DET	9/27 vs. DET	10/1 vs. PIT	10/3 at PIT
1	Luukkonen, Ukko-Pekka	DND	DND	DND	DND	ND, 11-12, 20:00	
27	Levi, Devon	ND, 6-6, 20:00	W, 5-5, 19:27	DNP	DNP	MIN	MIN
32	Ratzlaff, Scott	DND	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN
34	Lyon, Alex	DND	ND, 13-14, 39:47	DND	W, 26-28, 60:00	DND	
35	Leenders, Ryerson	DND	DND	DND	JR	JR	JR
40	Georgiev, Alexandar	W, 16-16, 40:00	DND	L, 35-40, 60:00	DND	L, 10-13, 37:22	
47	Meloche, Samuel	JR	JR	JR	JR	JR	JR
50	Leinonen, Topias	DND	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN

GOALTENDER STATS = Decision, Saves-Shots, Minutes
DND = Did not Play ND = No Decision

INJ = Missed Game Due to Injury
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PRESEASON AT A GLANCE

2025-26 PRESEASON RECORD...							
	GP	W	L	OTL	GF	GA	PTS
HOME:	3	2	1	0	10	8	4
ROAD:	2	1	1	0	6	5	2
OVERALL:	5	3	2	0	16	13	6

GOALS BY PERIOD...					
	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL
SABRES:	4	5	7	0	16
OPPONENTS:	4	7	2	0	13

SHOTS BY PERIOD...					
	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL
SABRES:	37	55	46	0	138
OPPONENTS:	55	48	32	0	135

SABRES POWER PLAY...			
	PPG	OPP	%
HOME:	2	10	20.0%
ROAD:	2	7	28.6%
OVERALL:	4	17	23.5%

SABRES PENALTY KILLING...			
	PPGA	OPP	%
HOME:	3	9	66.7%
ROAD:	1	4	75.0%
OVERALL:	4	13	69.2%

SABRES TRAINING CAMP TRANSACTIONS...	
Date	Transaction(s)
Sept. 19	Returned defensemen David Bedkowski and Simon-Pier Brunet and goaltender Samuel Meloche to their respective junior clubs.
Sept. 26	Returned defenseman Noah Laberge and goaltender Ryerson Leenders to their respective junior clubs.
Sept. 27	Assigned forwards Matteo Costantini , Riley Fiddler-Schultz , Konsta Helenius , Jagger Joshua , Tyler Kopff , Trevor Kuntar , Olivier Nadeau , Viktor Neuchev , Isak Rosen , Redmond Savage , Graham Slaggert , Anton Wahlberg and Brendan Warren , defensemen Isaac Belliveau , Aidan Fulp , Vsevolod Komarov , Noah Laaouan , Zach Metsa , Nikita Novikov , Jack Rathbone and Peter Tischke and goaltenders Topias Leinonen , Devon Levi and Scott Ratzlaff to the Rochester Americans (AHL).
Sept. 29	Recalled defenseman Vsevolod Komarov from Rochester; Assigned defenseman Zac Jones and forward Jake Leschyshyn to Rochester pending waiver clearance.

NOTE: The Sabres have 31 players on their training camp roster (18 forwards, 10 defensemen and three goaltenders).