



# NEW JERSEY DEVILS VS. BUFFALO SABRES

Friday, October 4, 2024 | 1:00 P.M. | O2 Arena | Prague, Czechia | Broadcast: MSG



## BUFFALO SABRES

0-0-0 | 0 PTS

### 2023-24 Top Scorers

**Alex Tuch:** 75 GP, 22 G, 37 A, 59 PTS

**Rasmus Dahlin:** 81 GP, 20 G, 39 A, 59 PTS

**Tage Thompson:** 71 GP, 29 G, 27 A, 56 PTS

### Season Series:

Oct. 4 at BUF | 1:00 P.M.\*

Oct. 5 at NJD | 10:00 A.M.\*

Feb. 2 at BUF | 1:00 P.M.

\*NHL Global Series

## NEW JERSEY DEVILS

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### 2023-24 Top Scorers

**Jesper Bratt:** 82 GP, 27 G, 56 A, 83 PTS

**Jack Hughes:** 62 GP, 27 G, 47 A, 74 PTS

**Nico Hischier:** 71 GP, 27 G, 40 A, 67 PTS

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Tonight's game marks the 54th season-opener in franchise history.

Buffalo is 24-22-7 all-time in their first home game of the season and this is the team's 10th season-opener in the last 11 seasons to be considered a home contest.

Tonight's game marks the first time the Sabres have opened their season against the Devils in franchise history.

Buffalo has defeated New Jersey in each of its last two home games against the Devils.

A victory in tonight's game would give the Sabres three consecutive home wins over the Devils for the first time since the team won four straight home games against New Jersey from Jan. 8, 2019 to Jan. 30, 2021.

The victorious team has scored at least five goals in each of the last five matchups between the Sabres and the Devils dating back to a 5-4 Buffalo win on March 24, 2023.



Tonight's game marks Lindy Ruff's first game as Buffalo's head coach since Feb. 19, 2013 vs. Winnipeg.

Ruff served as head coach of the Devils for 281 games from 2020 to 2024 and he led New Jersey to the most wins (52) and points (112) in a single season in Devils history in 2022-23.

If he plays, tonight's game will mark **Alex Tuch's** 200th game as a member of the Sabres.

### SPEAK OF THE DEVIL

**Alex Tuch** has posted 16 points (4+12) in 13 career games against New Jersey, is riding a five-game point streak against the Devils and has tallied nine points (2+7) during the streak.

**Tage Thompson** has recorded 10 points (8+2) in his last seven games against the Devils, including a four-goal performance on March 29, 2024 and at least one goal in each of his last two contests against New Jersey.

**JJ Peterka** has notched one point in each of his last three games (2+1) against New Jersey and five points (2+3) in his last five games against the Devils.

**Owen Power** is riding a three-game assist streak (0+3) against the Devils.

### BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

N/A

### ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 1-5-1 all-time on October 4.

October 4, 1991: Brad May scores his first NHL goal on his first NHL shot in his debut vs. Pittsburgh.

October 4, 2018: **Rasmus Dahlin** makes his NHL debut and **Tage Thompson** makes his Sabres debut.

### CZECH YOURSELF

Buffalo's two games against New Jersey as part of the NHL Global Series mark the second time the Sabres have participated in the Global Series and the first time since the team played two games against the Tampa Bay Lightning in Stockholm, Sweden on Nov. 8 and Nov. 9, 2019 as part of the 2019 NHL Global Series.



The Sabres also participated in an exhibition contest against EHC Red Bull Munchen on Sept. 27, in which they won by a score of 5-0.

The Sabres participated in the 2011 NHL Premiere in which they faced off against Adler Mannheim in Mannheim, Germany on Oct. 4, 2011, the Anaheim Ducks in Helsinki, Finland on Oct. 7, 2011 and the Los Angeles Kings in Berlin, Germany on Oct. 8, 2011.

Buffalo's record in international contests, excluding exhibition games, is 2-2-0.

### 2023-24 HEAD-TO-HEAD

#### Buffalo Sabres

#### New Jersey Devils

39-37-6	<b>Record</b>	38-39-5
21-19-1	<b>Home Record</b>	17-21-3
18-18-5	<b>Road Record</b>	21-18-2
5-4-1	<b>Last 10 Games</b>	3-6-1
2.98 (23rd)	<b>Goals For Per Game</b>	3.22 (12th)
2.96 (T-11th)	<b>Goals Against Per Game</b>	3.43 (T-26th)
16.6% (29th)	<b>Power Play</b>	22.5% (13th)
79.8% (13th)	<b>Penalty Kill</b>	80.7% (T-10th)
45.0% (32nd)	<b>Team FO%</b>	53.5% (3rd)
50.7% (16th)	<b>Team SAT% (5-on-5)</b>	51.9% (7th)



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