



WASHINGTON CAPITALS VS. BUFFALO SABRES



Saturday, December 14, 2024 | 7:00 P.M. | Capital One Arena | Broadcast: MSG

BUFFALO SABRES

11-14-4 | 26 PTS
7th place in the Atlantic Division
Last Game: 3-2 L vs. NYR

Top Scorers

Alex Tuch: 29 GP, 8 G, 16 A, 24 PTS
Tage Thompson: 24 GP, 16 G, 7 A, 23 PTS
Jason Zucker: 29 GP, 7 G, 13 A, 20 PTS

Season Series:

Dec. 14 at WSH | 7:00 P.M.
Jan. 6 at BUF | 7:00 P.M.
March 30 at WSH | 3:00 P.M.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS

20-6-2 | 42 PTS
1st place in the Metropolitan Division
Last Game: 2-1 W (OT) at CBJ

Top Scorers

Dylan Strome: 28 GP, 9 G, 27 A, 36 PTS
Connor McMichael: 28 GP, 15 G, 11 A, 26 PTS
Aliaksei Protas: 28 GP, 11 G, 15 A, 26 PTS

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

The Sabres have earned at least one point in eight consecutive games against the Capitals (4-0-4).

Their current point streak against Washington is their longest since they earned at least one point in 22 straight games against the Capitals from Nov. 11, 1978 to Nov. 16, 1984 (18-0-4).

Buffalo possesses an all-time points percentage against Washington of .606, the second-highest among all active teams the Sabres have faced in franchise history (San Jose; .700).



Owen Power is riding a three-game point streak (1+3).

Power would match the second-longest point streak of his career with a point in tonight's game.

Peyton Krebs has recorded three assists in his last two games, including at least one in each of those games.

A point in tonight's game would give **Krebs** the longest point streak of his career.

Jason Zucker has registered six points (2+4) in his last five games.

Tage Thompson has tallied five goals in his last five games.

In his last six games against the Capitals, **Thompson** has registered 10 points (5+5), including at least one point in back-to-back games against Washington (1+3).



BACK-TO-BACK

Tonight's game opens Buffalo's sixth of 13 back-to-back sets in 2024-25, which concludes tomorrow night in Toronto against the Maple Leafs.

The Sabres are 1-2-2 in the first game of back-to-back sets and 1-4-0 in the second game so far this season.

Buffalo's point breakdown in back-to-back sets this season is: four points (1), three points (0), two points (0), one point (2) and zero points (2).

BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

Rasmus Dahlin (back, IR); **Sam Lafferty** (lower body, IR)

ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 13-7-5 all-time on December 14.

December 14, 1982: Tony McKegney scores twice and adds an assist to lead the Sabres to a 5-3 win over the New York Islanders at Nassau Coliseum.

December 14, 2007: Jason Pominville (0+2) and Derek Roy (1+1) each record two points and Tim Connolly records the game-winning goal at 16:18 of the third period as the Sabres defeat the Capitals 5-3.

CAPITAL GAINS

Zach Benson has recorded at least one point in all three career games he has played against the Capitals.

A point in tonight's game would make **Benson** the first Sabres skater since Calle Johansson from Oct. 11, 1987 to Oct. 8, 1988 (four games; 0+6) to record at least one point in their first four career games against Washington.

Jack Quinn is riding a four-game point streak against the Capitals (1+4).

JJ Peterka has notched five points (4+1) in his last four games against the Capitals, including one goal in each of his last two road contests against Washington.

In nine career games against the Capitals, **Alex Tuch** has recorded 10 points (5+5).

Dylan Cozens has seven points (5+2) in his last six games against the Capitals.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Buffalo Sabres	Washington Capitals
11-14-4	Record 20-6-2
6-9-3	Home Record 8-4-2
5-5-1	Road Record 12-2-0
2-5-3	Last 10 Games 7-2-1
2.97 (21st)	Goals For Per Game 3.96 (1st)
3.24 (26th)	Goals Against Per Game 2.68 (7th)
14.1% (30th)	Power Play 20.9% (17th)
80.7% (T-13th)	Penalty Kill 83.5% (4th)
49.3% (21st)	Team FO% 50.4% (17th)
51.6% (10th)	Team SAT% (5-on-5) 51.2% (11th)



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