



TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING AT BUFFALO SABRES

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 | 7:30 P.M. | KeyBank Center | Broadcast: ESPN



BUFFALO SABRES

0-2-0 | 0 PTS

8th place in the Atlantic Division

Last Game: 3-2 L at NYI

Top Scorers

Casey Mittelstadt: 2 GP, 1 G, 1 A, 2 PTS

Zach Benson: 2 GP, 0 G, 2 A, 2 PTS

Jordan Greenway: 2 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PT

Season Series:

Oct. 17 at BUF | 7:30 P.M.

Jan. 20 at BUF | 12:30 P.M.

Feb. 29 at TBL | 7:00 P.M.

April 15 at TBL | 7:00 P.M.

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING

1-2-0 | 2 PTS

6th place in the Atlantic Division

Last Game: 5-2 L at OTT

Top Scorers

Victor Hedman: 3 GP, 1 G, 4 A, 5 PTS

Nikita Kucherov: 3 GP, 2 G, 2 A, 4 PTS

Steven Stamkos: 2 GP, 2 G, 2 A, 4 PTS

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Buffalo has defeated Tampa Bay in each of the last two matchups between the two clubs and a win in tonight's game would give the Sabres three straight wins over the Lightning for the first time since the team won four consecutive games against Tampa Bay from Oct. 24, 2009 to March 27, 2010.

In each of the last 10 meetings between Buffalo and Tampa Bay, at least one team has recorded five or more goals.

With a point in tonight's game, **Zach Benson** would become the first Sabres skater to record at least three points in the first three games of their career since Casey Nelson tallied four points (0+4) from March 26 to 29, 2016.

Tagge Thompson has registered 12 points (7+5) in 10 career games against the Lightning, including eight points (5+3) in his last four.



Jeff Skinner has posted six points (3+3) in his last four games against the Lightning, including at least one point in each game.

Kyle Okposo (7+16) and **Skinner** (14+9) have both recorded 23 career points against Tampa Bay, the most among current Sabres skaters.

Rasmus Dahlin has notched four points (0+4) in his last three games against the Lightning, including at least one assist in each game.

LIGHT WORK

Among Buffalo skaters with at least two games played against Tampa Bay in 2022-23, four Sabres (**Rasmus Dahlin**, 1.33; **Tyson Jost**, 1.00; **Jeff Skinner**, 1.50; **Tagge Thompson**, 2.00) recorded at least one point per game played.

11 of the 12 Sabres skaters who appeared in at least one game against Tampa Bay last season recorded at least one point.

Thompson (5+3) was tied for the NHL lead in points scored against the Lightning last season.

Among all NHL skaters against the Lightning in 2022-23, **Mattias Samuelsson** ranked first in time on ice per game played (25:29) and was tied for second in plus/minus (plus-5) and **Owen Power** ranked second in time on ice per game (25:07).

BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

Jack Quinn (Achilles, IR); **Matt Savoie** (upper body, IR)

ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 10-14-2 all-time on October 17.

October 17, 1974: Lee Fogolin and Don Luce score goals four seconds apart in the third period as the Sabres defeat the California Golden Seals by a score of 6-1.

October 17, 1990: Gilbert Perreault's No. 11 is raised to the rafters at Buffalo Memorial Auditorium, making Perreault the first player in franchise history to have his number retired.

THE GREEN MACHINE

Through two games, the line of **Zach Benson**, **Jordan Greenway** and **Casey Mittelstadt** has a corsi for percentage of 59.09 at 5-on-5, according to Natural Stat Trick.

In 5-on-5 situations, their line has generated 15 scoring chances for and has only allowed five scoring chances to opposing teams. They have outscored their opponents 2-0 in 23:00 of time on ice together.

According to Natural Stat Trick, **Benson** and **Greenway** are tied for the team lead in individual high-danger chances for (2) at 5-on-5.



HEAD-TO-HEAD

Buffalo Sabres	Tampa Bay Lightning
0-2-0	Record 1-2-0
0-1-0	Home Record 1-0-0
0-1-0	Road Record 0-2-0
0-2-0	Last 10 Games 1-2-0
1.50 (27th)	Goals For Per Game 3.67 (T-9th)
4.00 (26th)	Goals Against Per Game 4.67 (T-29th)
0.0% (T-26th)	Power Play 33.3% (4th)
85.7% (T-11th)	Penalty Kill 85.7% (T-11th)
36.0% (31st)	Team FO% 56.2% (8th)
47.8% (22nd)	Team SAT% (5-on-5) 48.4% (20th)



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