



CAROLINA HURRICANES VS. BUFFALO SABRES

Sunday, February 25, 2024 | 6:00 P.M. | KeyBank Center | Broadcast: MSG



BUFFALO SABRES

26-27-4 | 56 PTS
6th place in the Atlantic Division
Last Game: 2-1 W at CBJ

Top Scorers

Casey Mittelstadt: 57 GP, 13 G, 31 A, 44 PTS
Rasmus Dahlin: 56 GP, 14 G, 29 A, 43 PTS
Alex Tuch: 50 GP, 16 G, 22 A, 38 PTS

Season Series:

Nov. 7 at CAR | 3-2 L (OT)
Dec. 2 at CAR | 6-2 L
Feb. 25 at BUF | 6:00 P.M.

CAROLINA HURRICANES

34-18-5 | 73 PTS
2nd place in the Metropolitan Division
Last Game: 2-1 L vs. DAL

Top Scorers

Sebastian Aho: 54 GP, 22 G, 39 A, 61 PTS
Seth Jarvis: 57 GP, 18 G, 28 A, 46 PTS
Martin Necas: 52 GP, 17 G, 23 A, 40 PTS

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

In Buffalo's last 15 games, **Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen** has made 13 starts and has recorded 316 saves on 338 shots (.935) in that span.

Luukkonen has allowed two or fewer goals in 10 of his last 13 starts.

Rasmus Dahlin has skated 29 or minutes in each of Buffalo's last five games and is the only Sabres skater to do so since the league began tracking time on ice in 1997-98.

If he skates 29 or more minutes in tonight's game, it will mark the longest streak by an NHL skater since Erik Karlsson did so in seven straight games from Feb. 25, 2016 to March 8, 2016.

Zemgus Girgensons has registered one goal in back-to-back games and a goal in tonight's game would give him the longest goal streak of his career.

Dylan Cozens has 12 points (4+8) in his last 12 games, including four points in his last four games (1+3).

Henri Jokiharju (1+3) and **Tage Thompson** (1+3) have each posted four points in their last four games.

ROCK YOU LIKE A HURRICANE

Rasmus Dahlin has recorded five points (3+2) in his last five games against Carolina.

Alex Tuch has tallied six points (3+3) in his last six games against the Hurricanes, including one point in each of the last four (2+2).

A point in tonight's game would make **Tuch** the first Sabres skater to record a point in at least five consecutive games against Carolina since **Victor Olofsson** recorded at least one point in five consecutive games against the Hurricanes from Nov. 14, 2019 to Nov. 4, 2022.

In 12 games against Carolina in his career, **Jeff Skinner** has registered 12 points (6+6).

Casey Mittelstadt has notched four points (3+1) in his last three games against Carolina, including at least one point in each of those games.

Tage Thompson has notched one point in each of his last two games against Carolina (1+1).

BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

Erik Johnson (illness); **Victor Olofsson** (illness); **Owen Power** (upper body, IR); **Jack Quinn** (lower body, IR); **Mattias Samuelsson** (upper body, IR)

ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 12-10-4 all-time on February 25.

February 25, 1978: The Sabres and Cleveland Barons combine for 16 goals as the Sabres pick up a 13-3 road victory. Danny Gare tallies five points (3+2) and Andre Savard and Jerry Korab each score two goals in the game.

February 25, 1998: Dominik Hasek makes 33 saves in his return from Olympic action and Geoff Sanderson scores just 1:22 into his Sabres debut as the Sabres battle to a 2-2 tie at home against the Toronto Maple Leafs.

LIFE IN THE RAS LANE

Rasmus Dahlin leads all Sabres skaters in power-play points (16) and time on ice per game (25:33) this season.

Dahlin ranks second among all Sabres skaters in assists (29) and points (43).

Dahlin is currently tied with Jerry Korab (216) for fifth all-time among all Sabres defensemen in assists and he needs one assist to gain sole possession of fifth place on Buffalo's all-time list.

Dahlin is tied for second among all NHL defensemen in goals (14) and he is tied for eighth among all NHL defensemen in points.

Dahlin needs one goal to match his previous single-season career high (15), which he set in 78 games in 2022-23.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Buffalo Sabres	Carolina Hurricanes
26-27-4	Record 34-18-5
12-16-1	Home Record 19-7-4
14-11-3	Road Record 15-11-1
6-4-0	Last 10 Games 7-3-0
2.91 (T-21st)	Goals For Per Game 3.30 (12th)
3.02 (14th)	Goals Against Per Game 2.75 (8th)
14.6% (27th)	Power Play 27.2% (3rd)
80.0% (15th)	Penalty Kill 84.7% (3rd)
46.6% (30th)	Team FO% 51.9% (8th)
51.2% (12th)	Team SAT% (5-on-5) 59.3% (1st)



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