



BUFFALO SABRES OVERALL: 5-2 - SERIES 1-0

Home Playoff Record (All-Time): 75-56
Playoff Record vs. MTL (All-Time): 18-18
Next Game: May 10 at Montreal Canadiens - Game 3

MONTREAL CANADIENS OVERALL: 4-4 - SERIES: 0-1

Road Playoff Record (All-Time): 187-192-3
Playoff Record vs. BUF (All-Time): 18-18
Next Game: May 10 vs. Buffalo Sabres - Game 3



May 8, 2026
KeyBank Center
Buffalo, New York

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Lindy Ruff
Assistant Coach: Seth Appert
Assistant Coach: Mike Bales
Assistant Coach: Matt Ellis
Assistant Coach: Marty Wilford

PRONUNCIATIONS

Carrick, Sam: (KAIR-ihk)
Helenius, Konsta: (hehl-ehn-OOHS, KAWN-stuh)
Kozak, Tyson: (KOH-zak)
Luukkonen, Ukko-Pekka: (LOO-koh-nehn, OO-koh-PEH-ka)
Malenstyn, Beck: (MAL-ehn-stighn, BEHK)
McLeod, Ryan: (muh-KLOWD)
Ostlund, Noah: (OHST-luhnd)
Pearson, Tanner: (PEER-suhn)
Samuelsson, Mattias: (SAM-yew-uhlsuhn, ma-TEE-uhs)
Schenn, Luke: (SHEHN)
Tuch, Alex: (TUHK)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Power Play
3-for-27 (11.1%) -- 13th
Penalty Kill
15-for-18 (83.3%) -- 10th

LEADING SCORERS

Tage Thompson:
7 GP, 2 G, 5 A, 7 PTS
Alex Tuch:
7 GP, 4 G, 3 A, 7 PTS
Bowen Byram:
7 GP, 4 G, 2 A, 6 PTS

LAST 5 PLAYOFF GAMES VS. MTL

05/06/26: **BUF 4** vs. MTL 2
05/14/98: MTL 1 vs. **BUF 3**
05/12/98: MTL 4 vs. **BUF 5** (2OT)
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05/08/98: **BUF 3** vs. MTL 2 (OT)

FORWARDS

19 PEYTON KREBS

6'0", 188 lbs. • Calgary, AB
2025-26 Playoffs:
7 GP, 2 G, 4 A, 6 PTS, 8 PIM
Playoff Career:
7 GP, 2 G, 4 A, 6 PTS, 8 PIM

72 TAGE THOMPSON

6'6", 220 lbs. • Phoenix, AZ
2025-26 Playoffs:
7 GP, 2 G, 5 A, 7 PTS, 18 PIM
Playoff Career:
7 GP, 2 G, 5 A, 7 PTS, 18 PIM

89 ALEX TUCH

6'4", 219 lbs. • Syracuse, NY
2025-26 Playoffs:
7 GP, 4 G, 3 A, 7 PTS, 4 PIM
Playoff Career:
73 GP, 23 G, 17 A, 40 PTS, 38 PIM

17 JASON ZUCKER

5'11", 198 lbs. • Newport Beach, CA
2025-26 Playoffs:
7 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 2 PIM
Playoff Career:
59 GP, 9 G, 10 A, 19 PTS, 14 PIM

71 RYAN MCLEOD

6'3", 204 lbs. • Mississauga, ON
2025-26 Playoffs:
7 GP, 1 G, 2 A, 3 PTS, 2 PIM
Playoff Career:
63 GP, 8 G, 8 A, 16 PTS, 28 PIM

22 JACK QUINN

6'1", 185 lbs. • Ottawa, ON
2025-26 Playoffs:
7 GP, 0 G, 3 A, 3 PTS, 0 PIM
Playoff Career:
7 GP, 0 G, 3 A, 3 PTS, 0 PIM

6 ZACH BENSON

5'10", 177 lbs. • Chilliwack, BC
2025-26 Playoffs:
7 GP, 2 G, 3 A, 5 PTS, 28 PIM
Playoff Career:
7 GP, 2 G, 3 A, 5 PTS, 28 PIM

9 JOSH NORRIS

6'2", 196 lbs. • Oxford, MI
2025-26 Playoffs:
4 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PTS, 0 PIM
Playoff Career:
4 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PTS, 0 PIM

91 JOSH DOAN

6'2", 198 lbs. • Scottsdale, AZ
2025-26 Playoffs:
7 GP, 2 G, 3 A, 5 PTS, 2 PIM
Playoff Career:
7 GP, 2 G, 3 A, 5 PTS, 2 PIM

12 JORDAN GREENWAY

6'6", 231 lbs. • Canton, NY
2025-26 Playoffs:
7 GP, 1 G, 1 A, 2 PTS, 4 PIM
Playoff Career:
29 GP, 4 G, 5 A, 9 PTS, 20 PIM

48 TYSON KOZAK

5'11", 185 lbs. • Souris, MB
2025-26 Playoffs:
5 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 0 PIM
Playoff Career:
5 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 0 PIM

29 BECK MALENSTYN

6'3", 209 lbs. • Delta, BC
2025-26 Playoffs:
7 GP, 1 G, 1 A, 2 PTS, 6 PIM
Playoff Career:
11 GP, 1 G, 1 A, 2 PTS, 8 PIM

DEFENSEMEN

26 RASMUS DAHLIN

6'3", 204 lbs. • Lidköping, SWE
2025-26 Playoffs:
7 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS, 8 PIM
Playoff Career:
7 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS, 8 PIM

23 MATTIAS SAMUELSSON

6'4", 229 lbs. • Philadelphia, PA
2025-26 Playoffs:
7 GP, 2 G, 1 A, 3 PTS, 0 PIM
Playoff Career:
7 GP, 2 G, 1 A, 3 PTS, 0 PIM

25 OWEN POWER

6'6", 226 lbs. • Mississauga, ON
2025-26 Playoffs:
7 GP, 0 G, 4 A, 4 PTS, 0 PIM
Playoff Career:
7 GP, 0 G, 4 A, 4 PTS, 0 PIM

4 BOWEN BYRAM

6'1", 205 lbs. • Cranbrook, BC
2025-26 Playoffs:
7 GP, 4 G, 2 A, 6 PTS, 2 PIM
Playoff Career:
34 GP, 4 G, 14 A, 18 PTS, 12 PIM

64 LOGAN STANLEY

6'7", 231 lbs. • Waterloo, ON
2025-26 Playoffs:
6 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 5 PIM
Playoff Career:
23 GP, 2 G, 2 A, 4 PTS, 57 PIM

21 CONOR TIMMINS

6'3", 213 lbs. • St. Catharines, ON
2025-26 Playoffs:
7 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 6 PIM
Playoff Career:
19 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 10 PIM

GOALTENDERS

34 ALEX LYON

6'1", 199 lbs. • Baudette, MN
2025-26 (Playoffs):
6 GP, 4-1, .950 SV%, 1.30 GAA
Career (Playoffs):
10 GP, 5-3, .923 SV%, 2.19 GAA
2025-26 (Regular Season):
36 GP, 20-10-4, .907 SV%, 2.77 GAA
Career (Regular Season):
149 GP, 71-48-15, .903 SV%, 2.93 GAA

1 UKKO-PEKKA LUUKKONEN

6'5", 223 lbs. • Espoo, FIN
2025-26 (Playoffs):
2 GP, 1-1, .825 SV%, 4.19 GAA
Career (Playoffs):
2 GP, 1-1, .825 SV%, 4.19 GAA
2025-26 (Regular Season):
35 GP, 22-9-3, .910 SV%, 2.52 GAA
Career (Regular Season):
190 GP, 93-74-18, .900 SV%, 2.96 GAA

SCRATCHES

5 LUKE SCHENN

8 MICHAEL KESSELRING

10 SAM CARRICK

44 JOSH DUNNE

70 TANNER PEARSON

73 ZACH METSA

86 NOAH OSTLUND

92 COLTEN ELLIS

94 KONSTA HELENIUS

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Goaltending Coach: Marco Marciano

PRONUNCIATIONS

Bolduc, Zachary: (bohl-DOOK)
Carrier, Alexandre:
(KAIR-ee-ay, al-ehx-AHN-druh)
Dach, Kirby: (DAHK, KUHR-bee)
Danault, Phillip: (duh-NOH, FIHL-ihp)
Demidov, Ivan:
(DEH-mih-dahv, IGH-vuhn)
Dobes, Jakub: (DOH-behsh, YA-kuhb)
Guhle, Kaiden: (GOO-lee, KAY-dehn)
Kapanen, Oliver: (KA-puh-nihn)
Montembeault, Samuel: (mawn-tuh-BOH)
Slafkovsky, Juraj:
(slaf-KAHV-skee, YUHR-igh)
Struble, Jayden: (STROO-buhl)
Texier, Alexandre:
(TEHX-ee-ay, al-ehx-AHN-druh)
Veleno, Joseph: (veh-LEH-noh)
Xhekaj, Arber: (ZHEH-kigh, AR-buhr)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Power Play
6-for-28 (21.4%) -- 5th
Penalty Kill
25-for-32 (78.1%) -- 13th

LEADING SCORERS

Nick Suzuki:
8 GP, 2 G, 5 A, 7 PTS
Lane Hutson:
8 GP, 2 G, 4 A, 6 PTS
Zachary Bolduc:
8 GP, 1 G, 4 A, 5 PTS

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FORWARDS

13 COLE CAUFIELD

5'8", 175 lbs. • Mosinee, WI
2025-26 Playoffs:
8 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS, 0 PIM
Playoff Career:
33 GP, 8 G, 12 A, 20 PTS, 0 PIM

14 NICK SUZUKI

5'11", 207 lbs. • London, ON
2025-26 Playoffs:
8 GP, 2 G, 5 A, 7 PTS, 2 PIM
Playoff Career:
45 GP, 15 G, 17 A, 32 PTS, 6 PIM

20 JURAJ SLAFKOVSKY

6'3", 225 lbs. • Kosice, SVK
2025-26 Playoffs:
8 GP, 3 G, 1 A, 4 PTS, 7 PIM
Playoff Career:
13 GP, 5 G, 1 A, 6 PTS, 11 PIM

15 ALEX NEWHOOK

5'11", 200 lbs. • St. John's, NL
2025-26 Playoffs:
8 GP, 1 G, 1 A, 2 PTS, 4 PIM
Playoff Career:
40 GP, 3 G, 8 A, 11 PTS, 18 PIM

71 JAKE EVANS

6'0", 190 lbs. • Toronto, ON
2025-26 Playoffs:
8 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 6 PIM
Playoff Career:
26 GP, 1 G, 4 A, 5 PTS, 12 PIM

93 IVAN DEMIDOV

6'1", 192 lbs. • Sergiyev Posad, RUS
2025-26 Playoffs:
8 GP, 0 G, 2 A, 2 PTS, 6 PIM
Playoff Career:
13 GP, 0 G, 4 A, 4 PTS, 6 PIM

85 ALEXANDRE TEXIER

6'1", 196 lbs. • Saint-Martin-d'Hères, FRA
2025-26 Playoffs:
8 GP, 2 G, 2 A, 4 PTS, 2 PIM
Playoff Career:
29 GP, 4 G, 8 A, 12 PTS, 6 PIM

24 PHILLIP DANAUULT

6'1", 200 lbs. • Victoriaville, QC
2025-26 Playoffs:
8 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 2 PIM
Playoff Career:
70 GP, 9 G, 20 A, 29 PTS, 34 PIM

17 JOSH ANDERSON

6'3", 226 lbs. • Burlington, ON
2025-26 Playoffs:
8 GP, 2 G, 1 A, 3 PTS, 10 PIM
Playoff Career:
56 GP, 10 G, 8 A, 18 PTS, 87 PIM

76 ZACHARY BOLDUC

6'0", 187 lbs. • Trois-Rivières, QC
2025-26 Playoffs:
8 GP, 1 G, 4 A, 5 PTS, 2 PIM
Playoff Career:
15 GP, 1 G, 5 A, 6 PTS, 18 PIM

90 JOSEPH VELENO

6'1", 201 lbs. • Montreal, QC
2025-26 Playoffs:
1 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM
Playoff Career:
1 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM

77 KIRBY DACH

6'4", 221 lbs. • Fort Saskatchewan, AB
2025-26 Playoffs:
8 GP, 3 G, 1 A, 4 PTS, 6 PIM
Playoff Career:
17 GP, 4 G, 6 A, 10 PTS, 10 PIM

DEFENSEMEN

8 MIKE MATHESON

6'2", 196 lbs. • Pointe-Claire, QC
2025-26 Playoffs:
8 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 12 PIM
Playoff Career:
33 GP, 1 G, 8 A, 9 PTS, 28 PIM

45 ALEXANDRE CARRIER

5'11", 174 lbs. • Quebec City, QC
2025-26 Playoffs:
8 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 2 PIM
Playoff Career:
29 GP, 2 G, 9 A, 11 PTS, 8 PIM

48 LANE HUTSON

5'9", 162 lbs. • Holland, MI
2025-26 Playoffs:
8 GP, 2 G, 4 A, 6 PTS, 4 PIM
Playoff Career:
13 GP, 2 G, 9 A, 11 PTS, 4 PIM

21 KAIDEN GUHLE

6'3", 202 lbs. • Edmonton, AB
2025-26 Playoffs:
8 GP, 0 G, 4 A, 4 PTS, 14 PIM
Playoff Career:
13 GP, 0 G, 4 A, 4 PTS, 18 PIM

72 ARBER XHEKAJ

6'4", 240 lbs. • Hamilton, ON
2025-26 Playoffs:
7 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 12 PIM
Playoff Career:
10 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 16 PIM

53 NOAH DOBSON

6'4", 200 lbs. • Summerside, PE
2025-26 Playoffs:
2 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM
Playoff Career:
33 GP, 0 G, 10 A, 10 PTS, 8 PIM

32 JACOB FOWLER

6'1", 223 lbs. • Melbourne, FL
2025-26 (Playoffs):
0 GP, 0-0, .000 SV%, 0.00 GAA
Career (Playoffs):
0 GP, 0-0, .000 SV%, 0.00 GAA
2025-26 (Regular Season):
17 GP, 9-6-2, .908 SV%, 2.43 GAA
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