



TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING VS. BUFFALO SABRES

Thursday, February 29, 2024 | 7:00 P.M. | Amalie Arena | Broadcast: MSG



BUFFALO SABRES

27-28-4 | 58 PTS

6th place in the Atlantic Division

Last Game: 3-2 L at FLA

Top Scorers

Rasmus Dahlin: 58 GP, 14 G, 30 A, 44 PTS

Casey Mittelstadt: 59 GP, 13 G, 31 A, 44 PTS

Alex Tuch: 52 GP, 16 G, 23 A, 39 PTS

Season Series:

Oct. 17 at BUF | 3-2 W (OT)

Jan. 20 at BUF | 3-1 L

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

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

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING

32-24-5 | 69 PTS

5th place in the Atlantic Division

Last Game: 6-2 L at PHI

Top Scorers

Nikita Kucherov: 60 GP, 38 G, 65 A, 103 PTS

Brayden Point: 61 GP, 30 G, 33 A, 63 PTS

Victor Hedman: 59 GP, 10 G, 49 A, 59 PTS

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

The Sabres are 7-2-0 in road contests since Jan. 1 and they rank third in road point percentage (.778) in that span.

Buffalo has earned at least one point in five of its last six matchups with Tampa Bay (3-1-2).

In Buffalo's last 17 games, **Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen** has made 15 starts and has recorded 380 saves on 407 shots (.934) in that span.

Luukkonen ranks seventh in goals-against average (2.47), fourth in shutouts (4) and 10th in save percentage (.914) this season.

Rasmus Dahlin has skated 29 or minutes in each of Buffalo's last seven games, which is the longest streak by a Sabre skater since the league began tracking time on ice in 1997-98.

On Feb. 27 at Florida, **Dahlin** became the fourth Sabres skater, and the first since Rasmus Ristolainen from Dec. 5 to 8, 2017, to skate 30 or more minutes in consecutive games.



No Sabres skater has ever done so in three consecutive games.

Dylan Cozens has 14 points (5+9) in his last 14 games, including six points in his last six games (2+4).

Owen Power has recorded one point in back-to-back games and a point in tonight's game would give him his second point streak of three or more games this season.

Power registered a four-game point streak (1+3) from Oct. 24 to Nov. 1.

NEW YEAR, NEW ME

Since Jan. 1, Buffalo has allowed just 46 goals in 21 games, tied for the fewest goals allowed in the NHL in that span.

Buffalo has allowed the fewest third-period goals since Jan. 1 (12).

The Sabres have the second-fewest goals allowed among all NHL teams at 5-on-5 (28) since Jan. 1.

BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

Jack Quinn (lower body, IR); Mattias Samuelsson (upper body, IR)

ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 3-4-0 all-time on February 29.

February 29, 1980: Danny Gare records his 200th career goal in a 4-2 win over Edmonton.

February 29, 2012: The Sabres and Ducks combine for 106 penalty minutes and Ryan Miller stops 43 shots to earn a shutout in a 2-0 win in Anaheim. Cody Hodgson makes his Sabres debut.

THE ELECTRIC SLIDE

Rasmus Dahlin has recorded six assists in his last five games against the Lightning, including at least one assist in each game in that span.

An assist in today's game would make **Dahlin** the eighth NHL defenseman to ever record an assist streak of six or more games against the Lightning.

In 12 games against the Lightning in his career, **Tagge Thompson** has registered 12 points (7+5).

Thompson has recorded 10 points (5+5) in his last eight games against Tampa Bay, including four multi-point performances in that span.

Jeff Skinner is riding a five-game point streak against the Lightning and he has registered seven points (4+3) in that span.



HEAD-TO-HEAD

Buffalo Sabres	Tampa Bay Lightning
27-28-4	Record 32-24-5
13-16-1	Home Record 18-8-3
14-12-3	Road Record 14-16-2
5-5-0	Last 10 Games 5-5-0
2.88 (24th)	Goals For Per Game 3.38 (7th)
3.00 (13th)	Goals Against Per Game 3.39 (25th)
15.2% (27th)	Power Play 29.0% (2nd)
79.1% (17th)	Penalty Kill 80.7% (13th)
46.3% (30th)	Team FO% 51.1% (10th)
51.1% (12th)	Team SAT% (5-on-5) 50.8% (13th)



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