



FLORIDA PANTHERS vs. BUFFALO SABRES



Saturday, October 18, 2025 | 1:00 P.M. | KeyBank Center | Broadcast: MSG

BUFFALO SABRES

1-3-0 | 2 PTS

8th place in the Atlantic Division

Last Game: 8-4 W vs. OTT

Top Scorers

Zach Benson: 1 GP, 0 G, 4 A, 4 PTS

Jason Zucker: 4 GP, 3 G, 0 A, 3 PTS

Tage Thompson: 4 GP, 1 G, 2 A, 3 PTS

Season Series:

Oct. 18 at BUF | 1:00 P.M.

Jan. 12 at BUF | 7:00 P.M.

Feb. 2 at FLA | 7:00 P.M.

Feb. 27 at FLA | 7:00 P.M.

FLORIDA PANTHERS

3-3-0 | 6 PTS

5th place in the Atlantic Division

Last Game: 3-1 L vs. NJD

Top Scorers

Brad Marchand: 6 GP, 3 G, 3 A, 6 PTS

Anton Lundell: 6 GP, 2 G, 3 A, 5 PTS

Evan Rodrigues: 6 GP, 2 G, 2 A, 4 PTS

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Zach Benson registered four assists in his first game of the season on Oct. 15 vs. Ottawa.

If he records an assist today, he would join Pat LaFontaine (1992-93) as the only players in Sabres history to record five or more assists in their first two games of a season.

Jason Zucker is riding a three-game point streak (1+2) against the Panthers, having recorded one point in each game he has appeared in against Florida as a member of the Sabres.



A point in today's game would make **Zucker** the first Sabres forward since Sam Reinhart from Feb. 1, 2018 to Feb. 19, 2019 (seven games; 4+6) to register a point streak of four or more games against the Panthers.

In his last six games against Florida, **Rasmus Dahlin** has posted six points (2+4), including a two-point showing (1+1) in Buffalo's most recent contest against the Panthers.

Alex Tuch has six points (3+3) in his last six home matchups against Florida.

Tuch has tallied three points (1+2) in his last two games and a point in today's game would give him a three-game point streak.

Tage Thompson has registered one point in back-to-back home games against the Panthers (1+1) and a point today's would give him a three-game point streak.

Alex Lyon has made 101 saves on 109 shots (.927) in his last three games against Florida and has made at least 32 saves in each of his four career starts against the Panthers.

If **Lyon** makes 32 or more saves today, he will become the second goaltender in NHL history to register at least that many saves in each of their first five career starts against Florida (Casey DeSmith; Feb. 7, 2019 to Oct. 21, 2023).

Jack Quinn needs one point to reach 100 points in his NHL career.

BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

Justin Danforth (lower body); **Jordan Greenway** (middle body, IR); **Michael Kesselring** (undisclosed, IR); **Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen** (lower body, IR); **Josh Norris** (upper body, IR); **Mattias Samuelsson** (undisclosed)

ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 11-6-4 all-time on October 18.

October 18, 1970: Gerry Meehan scores the first ever Sabres goal at Buffalo Memorial Auditorium at 5:48 of the second period against Pittsburgh. The game ended in a 1-1 tie, the first in Sabres history.

October 18, 2003: Mika Noronen stops all 20 Flames shots to record his second career shutout in a 2-0 Sabres win at Calgary.

LYON KING

Alex Lyon has made at least 28 saves in each of his first four starts with Buffalo and his 123 saves in his first four starts with Buffalo are the most he has made in his first four games of any season in his career.

It marks the most saves by a Sabres goaltender in their first four games with the team since Eric Comrie made 138 saves through his first four games with the Sabres from Oct. 15 to 25, 2022.

With a .912 save percentage, **Lyon** ranks 13th in that category among all NHL goaltenders with at least three starts in 2025-26.

His 124 saves are the second-most among all goaltenders, behind only Igor Shesterkin.

Lyon's save percentage through his first four games with the Sabres is the highest by a Buffalo goaltender since Craig Anderson posted a .944 save percentage from Oct. 14 to 25, 2021.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Buffalo Sabres

Florida Panthers

1-3-0	Record	3-3-0
1-2-0	Home Record	3-0-0
0-1-0	Road Record	0-3-0
1-3-0	Last 10 Games	3-3-0
2.50 (T-28th)	Goals For Per Game	2.50 (T-28th)
3.50 (22nd)	Goals Against Per Game	2.83 (13th)
21.4% (15th)	Power Play	25.0% (T-6th)
93.8% (3rd)	Penalty Kill	90.0% (T-8th)
40.0% (32nd)	Team FO%	46.7% (26th)
49.0% (21st)	Team SAT% (5 on 5)	52.9% (7th)

