



# TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS POSTGAME NOTES



TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS (21-10-2, 44 POINTS) AT BUFFALO SABRES (11-18-4, 26 POINTS)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2024

	1	2	3	FINAL
TORONTO	2	3	1	6
BUFFALO	0	2	1	3

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## PLAYER NOTES

- **Bobby McMann** scored for the Maple Leafs at 1:29 of the first period, posting his eighth goal of the season. McMann also recorded the primary assist on Domi’s goal, posting his fourth assist of the season. McMann is currently on a three-game point streak where he has recorded five points (2G, 3A). McMann marked his fourth multi-point game of the season.
- **Auston Matthews** scored on a Toronto power play opportunity at 6:05 of the first period, posting his 11th goal of the season. Matthews is currently on a four-game point streak where he has recorded four points (2G, 2A).
- **Nicholas Robertson** scored for the Maple Leafs at 1:53 of the second period, recording his fifth goal of the season. Robertson also posted the secondary assist on McMann’s goal, recording his third assist of the season. Robertson is currently on a three-game point streak where he has recorded six points (3G, 3A). Robertson has set a new record for the longest goal and assist streak of his NHL career with three-consecutive games. Robertson marked his third multi-point game of the season.
- **Max Domi** scored for Toronto at 4:27 of the second period, posting his third goal of the season. Domi also registered the primary assist on McMann’s goal, recording his eighth assist of the season. Domi is currently on a three-game goal streak where he has recorded five points (3G, 2A). Domi marked his fourth multi-point game of the season.
- **Max Pacioretty** scored for the Maple Leafs at 10:47 of the second period, posting his fifth goal of the season.
- **William Nylander** capitalized on Buffalo’s empty net at 19:40 of the third period, registered the primary assist on Matthews’ power play goal and the primary assist on Pacioretty’s goal. Nylander is currently on a five-game point streak where he has recorded eight points (4G, 4A). Nylander marked his second multi-assist game of the season, his 12th multi-point game of the season and his third game of the season with three points.
- **Conor Timmins** recorded the secondary assist on Robertson’s goal, posting his fifth assist of the season. Timmins led the team with six blocks registered tonight, setting a new single-game NHL career-high.
- **Mitch Marner** recorded the secondary assist on Matthews’ power play goal and the secondary assist on Domi’s goal, improving to 34 assists this season. Marner is currently on four-game assist streak where he has recorded six assists. Marner marked his 10th multi-assist game of the season and his 17th multi-point game of the season.
- **Morgan Rielly** recorded the primary assist on Robertson’s goal, posting his 14th assist of the season. Rielly has registered an assist in back-to-back games.
- **John Tavares** recorded the secondary assist on Pacioretty’s goal and the primary assist on Nylander’s goal. Tavares has recorded an assist in back-to-back games (3A) while extending his current point streak to three games where he has posted six points (3G, 3A). With his second assist, Tavares marked the 600th assist of his NHL career.
- **Chris Tanev** posted the secondary assist on Nylander’s goal, recording his ninth assist of the season. With the assist, Tanev recorded the 200th point of his NHL career.

- **Matt Murray** stopped 24 of 27 shots he faced in tonight's win.
- **Jake McCabe** was on the ice for a team-high 18 Toronto shot attempts-for at 5-on-5.
- **Max Domi** finished the game with a team-high 5-on-5 shot attempt percentage of 68.42 percent (13 for, 6 against).

### TEAM NOTES

- The Maple Leafs were 1-for-3 on the power play and 2-for-2 on the penalty kill tonight.
- Toronto has posted a 7-6-2 record on the road this season.
- The Maple Leafs have posted a 3-5-0 record in the first game of a back-to-back this season.
- The Maple Leafs have won three-consecutive games, scoring five or more goals in each matchup, outscoring their opponents 16-9. Toronto has won five of their last six games.
- At 16:34 of the third period, a coach's challenge was initiated by Toronto to determine whether there was goaltender interference on the play that led to Buffalo's goal. Per the NHL's Situation Room, "Video review determined that the skate of Buffalo's Sam Lafferty contacted Matt Murray's stick and impaired his ability to play his position in the crease prior to Owen Power's goal. According to Rule 69.3, "If an attacking player initiates contact with a goalkeeper, incidental or otherwise, while the goalkeeper is in his goal crease, and a goal is scored, the goal will be disallowed." **Result: Call on the ice is overturned – No goal Buffalo**

### SHOTS ON GOAL (5-on-5 in brackets)

	1st	2nd	3rd	TOTAL
<b>TORONTO</b>	9 (7)	12 (11)	8 (6)	29 (24)
<b>BUFFALO</b>	9 (7)	11 (7)	8 (5)	28 (19)

### SHOT ATTEMPTS (5-on-5 in brackets)

	1st	2nd	3rd	TOTAL
<b>TORONTO</b>	19 (13)	17 (14)	17 (11)	53 (38)
<b>BUFFALO</b>	21 (17)	24 (18)	19 (12)	64 (47)

### MAPLE LEAFS LEADERS

<b>Shots</b>	5 ( <i>Matthews</i> )	<b>Takeaways</b>	1 ( <i>Marner, Nylander</i> )
<b>Shot Attempts</b>	8 ( <i>Matthews, Pacioretty</i> )	<b>TOI</b>	21:02 ( <i>Tanev</i> )
<b>Face-off Wins</b>	9 ( <i>Matthews, Tavares</i> )	<b>Power Play TOI</b>	0:52 ( <i>Nylander</i> )
<b>Face-off Win Percentage</b>	100% ( <i>Holmberg – 1 won, 0 lost</i> )	<b>Shorthanded TOI</b>	3:48 ( <i>Nylander</i> )
<b>Hits</b>	5 ( <i>Benoit, Tavares</i> )	<b>Shifts</b>	33 ( <i>Tanev</i> )
<b>Blocked Shots</b>	6 ( <i>Timmins</i> )	<b>5-on-5 Shot Attempt Percentage</b>	68.42% ( <i>Domi – 13 for, 6 against</i> )

## **UPCOMING GAMES**

Saturday, December 21 vs. NYI – 7:00 pm ET – Sportsnet (TV), Sportsnet 590 (Radio)

Monday, December 23 vs. WPG – 2:00 pm ET – TSN (TV), Sportsnet 590 (Radio)

Friday, December 27 at DET – 7:00 pm ET – Sportsnet Ontario (TV), Sportsnet 590 (Radio)

Saturday, December 28 vs. WSH – 7:00 pm ET – Sportsnet (TV), TSN 1050 (Radio)

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