



BUFFALO SABRES

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MONTREAL CANADIENS

26-14-7

Last Game: 3-2 OTL at WSH | Last 10: 6-2-2 | Road: 13-4-6
Next Game: Jan. 17 at Ottawa Senators



January 15, 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

Helenius, Konsta:
(heh-LEHN-ee-uhs, 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)
Metsa, Zach: (MEHT-sa)
Ostlund, Noah: (OHST-luhnd)
Samuelsson, Mattias:
(SAM-yew-uhlsuhn, ma-TEE-uhs)
Tuch, Alex: (TUHK)
Zucker, Jason: (ZUK-uhr)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Power Play
25-for-135 (18.5%) -- 22nd
Penalty Kill
104-for-123 (84.6%) -- 4th

LEADING SCORERS

Tage Thompson:
45 GP, 22 G, 22 A, 44 PTS
Alex Tuch:
44 GP, 15 G, 23 A, 38 PTS
Rasmus Dahlin:
41 GP, 6 G, 26 A, 32 PTS

LEADING SCORERS VS. MTL

Rasmus Dahlin:
21 GP, 4 G, 15 A, 19 PTS
Alex Tuch:
19 GP, 6 G, 12 A, 18 PTS
Tage Thompson:
17 GP, 9 G, 7 A, 16 PTS

LAST 5 GAMES VS. MTL

10/20/25: BUF 2 at MTL 4
03/03/25: BUF 3 at MTL 4 (OT)
03/01/25: MTL 4 at BUF 2
12/17/24: BUF 1 at MTL 6
11/11/24: MTL 7 at BUF 5

FORWARDS

6 ZACH BENSON

5'10", 177 lbs. • Chilliwack, BC
2025-26:
32 GP, 5 G, 16 A, 21 PTS, 16 PIM
Career:
178 GP, 26 G, 53 A, 79 PTS, 112 PIM

72 TAGE THOMPSON

6'6", 220 lbs. • Phoenix, AZ
2025-26:
45 GP, 22 G, 22 A, 44 PTS, 23 PIM
Career:
493 GP, 198 G, 171 A, 369 PTS, 226 PIM

89 ALEX TUCH

6'4", 219 lbs. • Syracuse, NY
2025-26:
44 GP, 15 G, 23 A, 38 PTS, 43 PIM
Career:
580 GP, 182 G, 238 A, 420 PTS, 249 PIM

17 JASON ZUCKER

5'11", 198 lbs. • Newport Beach, CA
2025-26:
26 GP, 10 G, 10 A, 20 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
796 GP, 227 G, 216 A, 443 PTS, 404 PIM

71 RYAN MCLEOD

6'3", 204 lbs. • Mississauga, ON
2025-26:
45 GP, 10 G, 19 A, 29 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
343 GP, 62 G, 95 A, 157 PTS, 58 PIM

22 JACK QUINN

6'1", 185 lbs. • Ottawa, ON
2025-26:
45 GP, 10 G, 15 A, 25 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
223 GP, 49 G, 73 A, 122 PTS, 51 PIM

19 PEYTON KREBS

6'0", 188 lbs. • Calgary, AB
2025-26:
45 GP, 3 G, 13 A, 16 PTS, 44 PIM
Career:
341 GP, 33 G, 77 A, 110 PTS, 243 PIM

86 NOAH OSTLUND

5'11", 180 lbs. • Stockholm, SWE
2025-26:
33 GP, 7 G, 6 A, 13 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
41 GP, 7 G, 6 A, 13 PTS, 6 PIM

91 JOSH DOAN

6'2", 198 lbs. • Scottsdale, AZ
2025-26:
45 GP, 14 G, 18 A, 32 PTS, 23 PIM
Career:
107 GP, 26 G, 34 A, 60 PTS, 31 PIM

12 JORDAN GREENWAY

6'6", 231 lbs. • Canton, NY
2025-26:
29 GP, 1 G, 4 A, 5 PTS, 19 PIM
Career:
464 GP, 56 G, 108 A, 164 PTS, 355 PIM

48 TYSON KOZAK

5'11", 185 lbs. • Souris, MB
2025-26:
25 GP, 2 G, 2 A, 4 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
46 GP, 5 G, 4 A, 9 PTS, 4 PIM

29 BECK MALENSTYN

6'3", 209 lbs. • Delta, BC
2025-26:
44 GP, 3 G, 4 A, 7 PTS, 20 PIM
Career:
225 GP, 15 G, 26 A, 41 PTS, 85 PIM

DEFENSEMEN

23 MATTIAS SAMUELSSON

6'4", 229 lbs. • Philadelphia, PA
2025-26:
43 GP, 8 G, 15 A, 23 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
255 GP, 15 G, 51 A, 66 PTS, 98 PIM

26 RASMUS DAHLIN

6'3", 204 lbs. • Lidköping, SWE
2025-26:
41 GP, 6 G, 26 A, 32 PTS, 39 PIM
Career:
550 GP, 89 G, 303 A, 392 PTS, 417 PIM

4 BOWEN BYRAM

6'1", 205 lbs. • Cranbrook, BC
2025-26:
45 GP, 10 G, 15 A, 25 PTS, 18 PIM
Career:
291 GP, 43 G, 92 A, 135 PTS, 190 PIM

25 OWEN POWER

6'6", 226 lbs. • Mississauga, ON
2025-26:
44 GP, 3 G, 11 A, 14 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
286 GP, 22 G, 103 A, 125 PTS, 74 PIM

GOALTENDERS

92 COLTEN ELLIS

6'1", 191 lbs. • Whycomagh, NS
2025-26 (NHL):
10 GP, 5-4-0, .900 SV%, 3.11 GAA
Career (NHL):
10 GP, 5-4-0, .900 SV%, 3.11 GAA
vs. MTL:
0 GP, 0-0-0, .000 SV%, 0.00 GAA

1 UKKO-PEKKA LUUKKONEN

6'5", 223 lbs. • Espoo, FIN
2025-26 (NHL):
17 GP, 10-6-1, .904 SV%, 2.59 GAA
Career (NHL):
172 GP, 81-71-16, .899 SV%, 3.01 GAA
vs. MTL:
4 GP, 1-2-0, .847 SV%, 4.54 GAA

78 JACOB BRYSON

5'9", 177 lbs. • London, ON
2025-26:
29 GP, 2 G, 3 A, 5 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
283 GP, 6 G, 42 A, 48 PTS, 56 PIM

73 ZACH METSA

5'9", 198 lbs. • Delafield, WI
2025-26:
16 GP, 1 G, 1 A, 2 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
16 GP, 1 G, 1 A, 2 PTS, 6 PIM

SCRATCHES

8 MICHAEL KESSELRING

6'5", 215 lbs. • Florence, SC
2025-26:
16 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
172 GP, 12 G, 41 A, 53 PTS, 171 PIM

9 JOSH NORRIS

6'2", 196 lbs. • Oxford, MI
2025-26:
19 GP, 6 G, 11 A, 17 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
258 GP, 97 G, 78 A, 175 PTS, 107 PIM

94 KONSTA HELENIOUS

5'11", 190 lbs. • Ylojarvi, FIN
2025-26:
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM

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PRONUNCIATIONS

Blais, Samuel: (BLAY)
Bolduc, Zachary: (bohl-DOOK)
Carrier, Alexandre: (KAIR-ee-ay, al-ehx-AHN-druh)
Danault, Phillip: (duh-NOH)
Demidov, Ivan: (DEH-mih-dahv, IGH-vuhn)
Dobes, Jakub: (DOH-behsh, YA-kuhb)
Guhle, Kaiden: (GOO-lee, KAY-dehn)
Montembeault, Samuel: (mawn-tuh-BOH)
Slafkovsky, Juraj: (SLAHF-kawf-skee, YUR-igh)
Texier, Alexandre: (tehK-SEE-ay, al-ehx-AHN-druh)
Veleno, Joseph: (veh-LEH-noh)
Xhekaj, Arber: (ZHEH-kigh, AR-buhr)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Power Play
30-for-134 (22.4%) -- 12th
Penalty Kill
122-for-153 (79.7%) -- 14th

LEADING SCORERS

Nick Suzuki:
47 GP, 14 G, 36 A, 50 PTS
Lane Hutson:
47 GP, 8 G, 37 A, 45 PTS
Cole Caufield:
47 GP, 21 G, 22 A, 43 PTS

LEADING SCORERS VS. BUF

Brendan Gallagher:
44 GP, 18 G, 6 A, 24 PTS
Nick Suzuki:
18 GP, 6 G, 14 A, 20 PTS
Phillip Danault:
25 GP, 3 G, 12 A, 15 PTS

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FORWARDS

13 COLE CAUFIELD

5'8", 175 lbs. • Mosinee, WI
2025-26:
47 GP, 21 G, 22 A, 43 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
334 GP, 139 G, 123 A, 262 PTS, 54 PIM

14 NICK SUZUKI

5'11", 207 lbs. • London, ON
2025-26:
47 GP, 14 G, 36 A, 50 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
502 GP, 152 G, 273 A, 425 PTS, 149 PIM

85 ALEXANDRE TEXIER

6'1", 196 lbs. • Saint-Martin-d'Heres, FRA
2025-26:
33 GP, 7 G, 10 A, 17 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
265 GP, 47 G, 60 A, 107 PTS, 102 PIM

20 JURAJ SLAFKOVSKY

6'3", 225 lbs. • Kosice, SVK
2025-26:
47 GP, 17 G, 21 A, 38 PTS, 42 PIM
Career:
247 GP, 59 G, 90 A, 149 PTS, 175 PIM

91 OLIVER KAPANEN

6'2", 194 lbs. • Timra, SWE
2025-26:
47 GP, 16 G, 11 A, 27 PTS, 12 PIM
Career:
65 GP, 16 G, 13 A, 29 PTS, 14 PIM

93 IVAN DEMIDOV

6'1", 192 lbs. • Sergiyev Posad, RUS
2025-26:
47 GP, 10 G, 29 A, 39 PTS, 22 PIM
Career:
49 GP, 11 G, 30 A, 41 PTS, 22 PIM

76 ZACHARY BOLDUC

6'0", 187 lbs. • Trois-Rivieres, QC
2025-26:
47 GP, 10 G, 8 A, 18 PTS, 14 PIM
Career:
144 GP, 34 G, 29 A, 63 PTS, 57 PIM

24 PHILLIP DANAUULT

6'1", 200 lbs. • Victoriaville, QC
2025-26:
41 GP, 0 G, 9 A, 9 PTS, 12 PIM
Career:
752 GP, 125 G, 278 A, 403 PTS, 335 PIM

17 JOSH ANDERSON

6'3", 226 lbs. • Burlington, ON
2025-26:
41 GP, 10 G, 4 A, 14 PTS, 48 PIM
Career:
657 GP, 156 G, 108 A, 264 PTS, 599 PIM

27 SAMUEL BLAIS

6'2", 206 lbs. • Montmagny, QC
2025-26:
20 GP, 3 G, 5 A, 8 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
277 GP, 30 G, 49 A, 79 PTS, 132 PIM

90 JOSEPH VELENO

6'1", 201 lbs. • Montreal, QC
2025-26:
42 GP, 2 G, 2 A, 4 PTS, 15 PIM
Career:
348 GP, 40 G, 45 A, 85 PTS, 113 PIM

11 BRENDAN GALLAGHER

5'9", 185 lbs. • Edmonton, AB
2025-26:
47 GP, 4 G, 11 A, 15 PTS, 22 PIM
Career:
881 GP, 243 G, 236 A, 479 PTS, 577 PIM

DEFENSEMEN

8 MIKE MATHESON

6'2", 196 lbs. • Pointe-Claire, QC
2025-26:
44 GP, 5 G, 16 A, 21 PTS, 18 PIM
Career:
671 GP, 79 G, 207 A, 286 PTS, 378 PIM

53 NOAH DOBSON

6'4", 200 lbs. • Summerside, PE
2025-26:
47 GP, 9 G, 20 A, 29 PTS, 24 PIM
Career:
435 GP, 59 G, 200 A, 259 PTS, 142 PIM

48 LANE HUTSON

5'9", 162 lbs. • Holland, MI
2025-26:
47 GP, 8 G, 37 A, 45 PTS, 8 PIM
Career:
131 GP, 14 G, 99 A, 113 PTS, 42 PIM

45 ALEXANDRE CARRIER

5'11", 174 lbs. • Quebec City, QC
2025-26:
47 GP, 3 G, 11 A, 14 PTS, 20 PIM
Career:
343 GP, 16 G, 85 A, 101 PTS, 191 PIM

GOALTENDERS

32 JACOB FOWLER

6'1", 223 lbs. • Melbourne, FL
2025-26 (NHL):
9 GP, 4-3-2, .908 SV%, 2.46 GAA
Career (NHL):
9 GP, 4-3-2, .908 SV%, 2.46 GAA
vs. BUF:
0 GP, 0-0-0, .000 SV%, 0.00 GAA

35 SAMUEL MONTEMBEAULT

6'3", 218 lbs. • Becancour, QC
2025-26 (NHL):
19 GP, 8-6-2, .874 SV%, 3.35 GAA
Career (NHL):
225 GP, 88-90-30, .897 SV%, 3.22 GAA
vs. BUF:
10 GP, 5-5-0, .905 SV%, 3.04 GAA

21 KAIDEN GUHLE

6'3", 202 lbs. • Edmonton, AB
2025-26:
7 GP, 1 G, 1 A, 2 PTS, 7 PIM
Career:
176 GP, 17 G, 43 A, 60 PTS, 137 PIM

72 ARBER XHEKAJ

6'4", 240 lbs. • Hamilton, ON
2025-26:
43 GP, 1 G, 1 A, 2 PTS, 102 PIM
Career:
208 GP, 10 G, 21 A, 31 PTS, 402 PIM

SCRATCHES

47 JAYDEN STRUBLE

6'0", 207 lbs. • Cumberland, RI
2025-26:
36 GP, 0 G, 6 A, 6 PTS, 36 PIM
Career:
148 GP, 5 G, 24 A, 29 PTS, 145 PIM

62 OWEN BECK

6'0", 199 lbs. • Port Hope, ON
2025-26:
15 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
28 GP, 1 G, 1 A, 2 PTS, 6 PIM

75 JAKUB DOBES

6'4", 215 lbs. • Ostrava, CZE
2025-26 (NHL):
22 GP, 14-5-3, .888 SV%, 3.01 GAA
Career (NHL):
38 GP, 21-9-6, .898 SV%, 2.90 GAA
vs. BUF:
2 GP, 2-0-0, .930 SV%, 2.00 GAA

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