



COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS vs. BUFFALO SABRES

Saturday, January 3, 2026 | 3:00 P.M. | Nationwide Arena | Broadcast: MSG



BUFFALO SABRES

21-14-4 | 46 PTS

4th place in the Atlantic Division

Last Game: 4-1 W at DAL

Top Scorers

Tage Thompson: 39 GP, 20 G, 17 A, 37 PTS

Alex Tuch: 38 GP, 12 G, 20 A, 32 PTS

Rasmus Dahlin: 35 GP, 4 G, 24 A, 28 PTS

Season Series:

Oct. 28 at BUF | 4-3 L (OT)

Jan. 3 at CBJ | 3:00 P.M.

April 9 at BUF | 7:00 P.M.

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS

17-16-6 | 40 PTS

8th place in the Metropolitan Division

Last Game: 3-2 L vs. NJD

Top Scorers

Zach Werenski: 35 GP, 14 G, 26 A, 40 PTS

Kirill Marchenko: 35 GP, 14 G, 17 A, 31 PTS

Dmitri Voronkov: 39 GP, 13 G, 12 A, 25 PTS

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

The Sabres are riding a 10-game winning streak and a win tonight would give them the longest winning streak in franchise history.

Buffalo's current 10-game winning streak is the longest active streak in the NHL and it is tied for the longest streak by a team this season.

A win tonight would give Buffalo the longest winning streak of 2025-26 and it would mark the 24th instance of an NHL team recording 11 or more consecutive victories since 1999.

The Sabres have earned seven consecutive wins on the road, the fourth-longest road winning streak in franchise history.

Buffalo has allowed two or fewer goals in six consecutive games, the longest such streak by a Sabres team since Nov. 25 to Dec. 5, 2009 (six games).

If the Sabres allow two or fewer goals in tonight's game, it will mark the longest such streak by a Sabres team since Jan. 10 to 24, 2003 (seven games).

The Sabres have allowed two or fewer goals in seven or more consecutive games nine times in franchise history.

Tage Thompson has recorded 16 points (8+8) in his last 14 games, including six points (2+4) in his last five games.

In his last five games, **Bowen Byram** has registered seven points (3+4).

Rasmus Dahlin (3+9) and **Josh Norris** (5+7) have each collected 12 points in their last 12 games.

Mattias Samuelsson has posted seven points (1+6) in his last seven games.

Peyton Krebs has recorded three points (2+1) in his last three games.

Noah Ostlund has tallied four points (2+2) in his last four games and he has posted at least one point in back-to-back contests.

Alex Tuch has collected one point in back-to-back games (1+1).

BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

Justin Danforth (lower body, IR); **Jiri Kulich** (blood clot, IR); **Alex Lyon** (lower body); **Conor Timmins** (broken leg, IR); **Jason Zucker** (upper body/lower body, IR)



ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 13-5-5 all-time on January 3.

January 3, 1974: Rick Martin opens the scoring and then scores twice more to earn his fifth career hat trick as the Sabres dispatch the Penguins 6-1.

January 3, 1993: Alexander Mogilny scores twice and assists on Brad May's overtime goal, stretching his goal streak to eight games.

ALL ABOARD THE C-BUS

Tage Thompson has recorded 17 points (11+6) in 13 games against Columbus as a member of the Sabres and he has registered the most goals of any Sabres skater against the Blue Jackets in franchise history.

Thompson has registered 10 points (7+3) in eight career road games against the Blue Jackets.

Rasmus Dahlin's 18 points and 14 assists are both the most by a Buffalo skater against Columbus in franchise history.

Alex Tuch has recorded 13 points (5+8) in his last 11 games against Columbus, all of which have come with Buffalo.

Josh Doan has notched four points (3+1) in four career games against the Blue Jackets, including one point in each of his last two games against Columbus (1+1).

Bowen Byram has collected three points (1+2) in his last three games against Columbus.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Buffalo Sabres	Columbus Blue Jackets
21-14-4	Record..... 17-16-6
12-5-2	Home Record..... 8-7-3
9-9-2	Road Record..... 9-9-3
10-0-0	Last 10 Games..... 4-6-0
3.10 (T-15th)	Goals For Per Game..... 2.92 (T-20th)
3.10 (T-16th)	Goals Against Per Game..... 3.33 (28th)
18.8% (18th)	Power Play..... 18.6% (19th)
85.0% (2nd)	Penalty Kill..... 75.0% (29th)
44.4% (32nd)	Team FO%..... 50.9% (13th)
49.4% (18th)	Team SAT% (5 on 5)..... 50.4% (14th)

