



# CAROLINA HURRICANES VS. BUFFALO SABRES

Saturday, December 2, 2023 | 7:00 P.M. | PNC Arena | Broadcast: MSG



## BUFFALO SABRES

10-11-2 | 22 PTS  
6th place in the Atlantic Division  
Last Game: 6-4 L at STL

### Top Scorers

Rasmus Dahlin: 23 GP, 5 G, 15 A, 20 PTS  
Casey Mittelstadt: 23 GP, 4 G, 16 A, 20 PTS  
JJ Peterka: 23 GP, 10 G, 8 A, 18 PTS

### Season Series:

Nov. 7 at CAR | 3-2 L (OT)  
Dec. 2 at CAR | 7:00 P.M.  
Feb. 25 at BUF | 6:00 P.M.

## CAROLINA HURRICANES

13-8-1 | 27 PTS  
2nd place in the Metropolitan Division  
Last Game: 5-4 L (OT) vs. NYI

### Top Scorers

Sebastian Aho: 19 GP, 6 G, 14 A, 20 PTS  
Seth Jarvis: 22 GP, 9 G, 9 A, 18 PTS  
Teuvo Teravainen: 22 GP, 10 G, 6 A, 16 PTS

## THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

**Kyle Okposo** has tallied a point in four straight games and a point in tonight's game would give him a five-game point streak for the first time since he recorded a point in six straight games from Nov. 24 to Dec. 4, 2021.

**Okposo** needs one point to reach 600 in his NHL career.



**Jeff Skinner** has recorded four points (2+2) in his last four games.

A goal in tonight's game would give **Skinner** 140 goals with Buffalo in his career and sole possession of 19th place on Buffalo's all-time goals list, surpassing Jack Eichel.

An assist in tonight's game would give **Skinner** 300 assists in his career.

**JJ Peterka** has registered 16 points (8+8) in his last 16 games, including at least one point in seven of his last eight games.

**Alex Tuch** has tallied 15 points (8+7) in his last 14 games, including five points (3+2) in his last four games.

If he plays tonight, tonight's game will mark the 400th of **Tuch's** NHL career.

**Rasmus Dahlin** has notched nine points (2+7) in his last seven games.

**Casey Mittelstadt** has notched eight points (1+7) in his last eight games.

**Victor Olofsson** has recorded eight points (2+6) in his last eight games, including six assists in his last five.

## BACK-TO-BACK

Tonight's game opens Buffalo's fifth of 12 back-to-back sets in 2023-24, which concludes with a home contest against the Nashville Predators tomorrow night.

The Sabres are 2-2-0 in the first game of back-to-back sets and 2-2-0 in the second game so far this season.

Buffalo's point breakdown in back-to-back sets this season is: four points (0), three points (0), two points (4), one point (0) and zero points (0).

## BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

**Zemgus Girgensons** (lower body, IR); **Jack Quinn** (Achilles, IR); **Tage Thompson** (upper body, IR)

## ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 8-12-1 all-time on December 2.

December 2, 1969: The NHL announces its decision to expand to Buffalo and Vancouver in the 1970-71 season.

December 2, 1981: Buffalo trades Jim Schoenfeld, Danny Gare, and Derek Smith to Detroit for Mike Foligno, Dale McCourt and Brent Peterson. Buffalo trades Bob Sauve to Detroit for a conditional first-round draft choice (Sauve returns to the Sabres after the 1981-82 season).

## ROCK YOU LIKE A HURRICANE

Buffalo has earned at least one point in each of its last two games (1-0-1) against Carolina and a point in tonight's game would give the team its first point streak of three or more games against the Hurricanes since the Sabres earned at least one point in five consecutive games against the Hurricanes from April 6, 2015 to Dec. 17, 2016 (4-0-1).

**Rasmus Dahlin** has recorded six points (3+3) in his last six games against Carolina.

**Alex Tuch** has tallied five points (3+2) in his last five games against the Hurricanes, including one point in each of the last three.

In 11 games against Carolina in his career, **Jeff Skinner** has registered 12 points (6+6).



## HEAD-TO-HEAD

Buffalo Sabres	Carolina Hurricanes
10-11-2	Record ..... 13-8-1
5-5-0	Home Record ..... 7-2-1
5-6-2	Road Record ..... 6-6-0
4-5-1	Last 10 Games ..... 6-3-1
2.96 (T-22nd)	Goals For Per Game ..... 3.36 (8th)
3.35 (21st)	Goals Against Per Game ..... 3.32 (20th)
15.2% (25th)	Power Play ..... 20.3% (15th)
83.3% (12th)	Penalty Kill ..... 75.3% (23rd)
44.6% (31st)	Team FO% ..... 51.0% (14th)
49.2% (16th)	Team SAT% (5-on-5) ..... 60.2% (1st)



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