



MONTREAL CANADIENS vs. BUFFALO SABRES



Monday, May 18, 2026 | 7:30 P.M. | KeyBank Center | Broadcast: ESPN

BUFFALO SABRES

Series: 3-3
50-23-9 | 109 PTS
1st Place in the Atlantic Division

Top Scorers

Tage Thompson: 12 GP, 5 G, 10 A, 15 PTS
Rasmus Dahlin: 12 GP, 3 G, 10 A, 13 PTS
Josh Doan: 12 GP, 3 G, 7 A, 10 PTS

Playoff Series:

Game 1: May 6 at BUF | 4-2 W
Game 2: May 8 at BUF | 5-1 L
Game 3: May 10 at MTL | 6-2 L
Game 4: May 12 at MTL | 3-2 W
Game 5: May 14 at BUF | 6-3 L
Game 6: May 16 at MTL | 8-3 W
Game 7: May 18 vs. MTL | 7:30 P.M.

MONTREAL CANADIENS

Series: 3-3
48-24-10 | 106 PTS
3rd Place in the Atlantic Division

Top Scorers

Lane Hutson: 13 GP, 2 G, 11 A, 13 PTS
Nick Suzuki: 13 GP, 4 G, 8 A, 12 PTS
Cole Caufield: 13 GP, 4 G, 5 A, 9 PTS

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

With a win in tonight's game, Buffalo would advance to the Eastern Conference Final for the first time since 2007. It would mark the seventh time the Sabres have appeared in the Conference Final/league Semifinal (1975, 1980, 1998, 1999, 2006, 2007).

A win tonight would mark the Sabres' fourth playoff series victory over the Canadiens in franchise history.

Buffalo's only Game 7 victory came on April 29, 1997 vs. Ottawa (3-2, OT) in the 1997 Eastern Conference Quarterfinal.

In his last seven games, **Zach Benson** has registered eight points (4+4). **Benson** is two goals shy of Danny Gare's record, set in 1975, for goals by a Sabres skater age 21 or younger in a single playoff year (7; 20 years old).

In his last eight games, **Rasmus Dahlin** has posted 12 points (3+9), including at least one assist in four straight games.

Dahlin needs two points to match the most points registered by a Buffalo defenseman in a single playoff year in franchise history (15; Jason Woolley and Zhitnik in 1999). Woolley and Zhitnik appeared in 21 games in the 1999 playoffs and tonight is **Dahlin's** 13th game of the 2026 playoffs.

Tage Thompson has tallied 15 points (5+10) in 12 playoff games thus far, including eight points (3+5) in his last four games.

Thompson's eight points (3+5) in his last four games are the most by a Sabres forward in any four-game span in the playoffs since Derek Roy notched nine points (3+6) from May 2 to 10, 2006.

Konsta Helenius has recorded a goal in two consecutive games and a goal in tonight's game would make **Helenius** the youngest skater in franchise history to record a goal streak of three or more games in the playoffs.

Josh Doan has registered 10 points (3+7) in his last nine games, including seven points (2+5) in six games against Montreal in this series.

Jack Quinn has recorded four points (2+2) in his last two games, including a multi-goal effort in Game 6 against the Canadiens (2+1). **Quinn** joined **Thompson** as the only Sabres skaters to record a multi-goal game in the 2026 playoffs.



BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

Justin Danforth (lower body, IR); **Jiri Kulich** (blood clot, IR); **Noah Ostlund** (lower body)

ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 1-1 all-time on May 18.

May 18, 1999: Geoff Sanderson records two assists, Dominik Hasek makes 23 saves on 25 shots and Curtis Brown registers the game-winning goal as the Sabres close out the Bruins in the 1999 Eastern Conference Semifinal.

POWERING UP

The Sabres have scored nine power-play goals on 24 power-play opportunities against Montreal in this series.

Buffalo's four power-play goals in Game 6 were tied for the most the team has ever recorded in a single playoff game all-time. Prior to Game 6 in Montreal, the Sabres did so most recently on April 29, 1992 vs. Boston.

Rasmus Dahlin (1+4) and **Tage Thompson** (1+4) are tied for the team lead in power-play points against Montreal in the series.

Dahlin (2+4) and **Thompson** (1+5) also lead all Sabres skaters in power-play points in the playoffs.

Eight different Sabres skaters have recorded a power-play goal in the series and **Jack Quinn** (2) is the only Buffalo skater to record multiple.

According to Natural Stat Trick, **Thompson's** 14 scoring chances on the power play lead all Sabres skaters in the playoffs.

Jason Zucker (10) leads all Buffalo skaters in high-danger chances on the power play.

HEAD-TO-HEAD (Regular Season)

| Buffalo Sabres | Montreal Canadiens |
|----------------|---|
| 50-23-9 | Record..... 48-24-10 |
| 26-10-5 | Home Record..... 24-15-2 |
| 24-13-4 | Road Record..... 24-9-8 |
| 6-3-1 | Last 10 Games..... 7-3-0 |
| 3.45 (5th) | Goals For Per Game..... 3.40 (7th) |
| 2.93 (T-10th) | Goals Against Per Game..... 3.06 (T-16th) |
| 19.5% (21st) | Power Play..... 23.1% (10th) |
| 81.9% (4th) | Penalty Kill..... 78.2% (18th) |
| 45.9% (32nd) | Team FO%..... 51.0% (11th) |
| 49.5% (15th) | Team SAT% (5 on 5)..... 48.2% (25th) |

