



EDMONTON OILERS vs. BUFFALO SABRES

Saturday, March 9, 2024 | 12:30 P.M. | KeyBank Center | Broadcast: MSG



BUFFALO SABRES

29-30-5 | 63 PTS
6th place in the Atlantic Division
Last Game: 4-2 L at NSH

Top Scorers

Rasmus Dahlin: 63 GP, 15 G, 32 A, 47 PTS
Jeff Skinner: 56 GP, 20 G, 20 A, 40 PTS
Alex Tuch: 57 GP, 17 G, 23 A, 40 PTS

Season Series:

March 9 at BUF | 12:30 P.M.
March 21 at EDM | 9:00 P.M.

EDMONTON OILERS

38-21-2 | 78 PTS
2nd place in the Pacific Division
Last Game: 4-2 L at CBJ

Top Scorers

Connor McDavid: 59 GP, 23 G, 77 A, 100 PTS
Leon Draisaitl: 61 GP, 32 G, 49 A, 81 PTS
Zach Hyman: 60 GP, 43 G, 19 A, 62 PTS

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

In Buffalo's last 22 games, **Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen** has made 19 starts and has recorded 478 saves on 514 shots (.930) in that span.

Luukkonen has allowed two or fewer goals in six of his last eight games.

Bowen Byram recorded two points (1+1) in his Sabres debut on March 7.

If he records a point in today's game, he will become the fourth defenseman in Sabres history to record three or more points in their first two games with Buffalo.

Jordan Leopold (Oct. 8 to 9, 2010; 2+1), Lindy Ruff (Oct. 11 to 13, 1979; 1+2) and John Van Boxmeer (Oct. 11 to 13, 1979; 0+4) are the last three Sabres defensemen who have done so.

Jeff Skinner has tallied four points (1+3) in his last four games.

In his last two games against the Oilers, **Jeff Skinner** has posted two points (1+1).

Dylan Cozens has registered four points (3+1) in four career games against Edmonton, including one point in each of his last two against the Oilers (1+1).

In seven games since returning from injury, **Owen Power** has notched six points (3+3).

LIFE IN THE RAS LANE

Rasmus Dahlin leads all Sabres skaters in assists (32), points (47), points per game (0.75), power-play points (18) and time on ice per game (25:49) this season.

Dahlin ranks tied for second among all NHL defensemen in goals (15) and he ranks ninth among all NHL defensemen in points.

Dylan Cozens (8+10) and **Dahlin** (5+13) are tied for the team lead among all Sabres skaters in points since Jan. 1.

BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

Jack Quinn (lower body, IR); **Mattias Samuelsson** (upper body, IR); **Tage Thompson** (upper body)

ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 9-8-3 all-time on March 9.

March 9, 1980: Mike Ramsey makes his NHL debut, Rick Martin scores four goals and Gilbert Perreault notches five assists in a 9-4 win over St. Louis.

March 9, 1986: Gilbert Perreault scores the 500th goal of his NHL career, at the time becoming just the 12th player in NHL history to reach that mark.

March 9, 1988: Phil Housley scores two goals at Minnesota on his 24th birthday, including his 29th of the season, still the most in a season by any defenseman in Sabres history. (Housley's career-high 31 goals in 1983-84 included seven scored while playing as a forward.)

LUUK SKYWALKER

Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen is 13-8-1 in his last 22 games dating back to Dec. 30 and he has registered a save percentage of .930 and a goals-against average of 1.91 in that span.

Luukkonen ranks first in goals-against average and save percentage among all NHL goaltenders who had played in at least 10 games since Dec. 30.

According to Stathead, **Luukkonen** has recorded 26 quality starts through his first 36 starts (.722) of 2023-24, the highest quality start percentage among Sabres goaltenders with at least 10 starts in a single season since Stathead began tracking quality starts (2007-08).

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Buffalo Sabres	Edmonton Oilers
29-30-5	Record 38-21-2
14-17-1	Home Record 20-8-2
15-13-4	Road Record 18-13-0
5-4-1	Last 10 Games 6-3-1
2.89 (25th)	Goals For Per Game 3.51 (5th)
3.00 (13th)	Goals Against Per Game 2.90 (11th)
16.5% (26th)	Power Play 26.7% (3rd)
78.2% (20th)	Penalty Kill 79.8% (14th)
46.1% (31st)	Team FO% 52.4% (7th)
51.2% (11th)	Team SAT% (5-on-5) 55.2% (3rd)

