



# MONTREAL CANADIENS vs. BUFFALO SABRES



Tuesday, May 12, 2026 | 7:00 P.M. | Bell Centre | Broadcast: ESPN

## BUFFALO SABRES

Series: 1-2  
50-23-9 | 109 PTS  
1st Place in the Atlantic Division

### Top Scorers

**Tage Thompson:** 9 GP, 3 G, 6 A, 9 PTS  
**Josh Doan:** 9 GP, 2 G, 5 A, 7 PTS  
**Alex Tuch:** 9 GP, 4 G, 3 A, 7 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 | 7:00 P.M.  
Game 5: May 14 at BUF | 7:00 P.M.

## MONTREAL CANADIENS

Series: 2-1  
48-24-10 | 106 PTS  
3rd Place in the Atlantic Division

### Top Scorers

**Lane Hutson:** 10 GP, 2 G, 7 A, 9 PTS  
**Nick Suzuki:** 10 GP, 3 G, 6 A, 9 PTS  
**Zachary Bolduc:** 10 GP, 2 G, 4 A, 6 PTS

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Buffalo has suffered a Game 3 loss and come back to win a series six times in franchise history.

A Game 4 win has propelled Buffalo to a playoff series victory 12 times in franchise history, most recently in Round 1 vs. Boston.

In his last four games, **Zach Benson** has registered five points (2+3).

**Peyton Krebs'** plus-5 rating is tied with Derek Roy and Paul Gaustad from April 22 to May 10, 2006 for the second-best mark by a Sabres forward in the first nine games of their playoff career.

Matthew Barnaby (plus-6; May 8, 1993 to May 5, 1997) is the only Buffalo forward who has recorded a better plus/minus than Krebs in their first nine playoff games.

In his last six games, **Josh Doan** has registered seven points (2+5), including at least one assist in each of his last four contests.

With an assist tonight, **Doan** would become one of six Buffalo skaters (Daniel Briere, Dale Hawerchuk, Pat LaFontaine, Gilbert Perreault, Alexei Zhitnik) to record an assist streak of five or more games in the playoffs at least one time.

**Tage Thompson** has tallied nine points (3+6) in nine playoff games thus far, including five points (1+4) in his last five games. His three multi-point games in the playoffs are the most among all Sabres skaters.

**Thompson** is the first Sabres skater to record at least one point per game through the first nine playoff games of their career since Tim Connolly from (April 22, 2006 to April 12, 2007; 5+7).

**Thompson** and Roy (April 22 to May 10, 2006; 3+6) are the only Buffalo skaters to do so in a single playoff year.

In his last five games, **Rasmus Dahlin** has posted five points (2+3).

**Bowen Byram** has recorded four goals in the playoffs and is one goal away from recording the most goals by a Sabres defenseman in a single playoff year all-time.

### BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

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



### ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 2-2 all-time on May 12.

May 12, 1998: Dominik Hasek makes 42 saves and Michael Peca scores twice in a double overtime victory over Montreal in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference Semifinal.

### ROAD WORK AHEAD

A win tonight would mark the third time Buffalo has earned four wins in their first five road contests in a single playoff year.

Buffalo's 3.75 goals per game on the road in the playoffs trail only Minnesota (4.00) and Vegas (4.20) for the best mark among all NHL teams this postseason.

**Bowen Byram's** plus-5 rating ranks tied for fourth among all NHL skaters on the road in the playoffs. His plus-5 rating is the best mark by a Buffalo defenseman in their first four road playoff games with the team since Toni Lydman and Henrik Tallinder were both plus-8 in the first four road matchups in 2006.

**Byram** (1.00), **Rasmus Dahlin** (1.00), **Josh Doan** (1.00), **Peyton Krebs** (1.00), **Noah Ostlund** (1.00), **Tage Thompson** (1.25) and **Alex Tuch** (1.00) have all recorded at least one point per road game played in the playoffs.

**Thompson** leads all Sabres in playoff assists (4) and points (5) on the road.

**Tuch's** three even-strength goals on the road in the playoffs are tied for the second-most among all NHL skaters.

### 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)

