



# EDMONTON OILERS AT BUFFALO SABRES

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



## BUFFALO SABRES

30-30-5 | 65 PTS

### Season Series

2023-24 | 1-0-0

### 2023-24

Home | 15-17-1

Last 10 Games | 6-3-1

## EDMONTON OILERS

38-21-3 | 79 PTS

### Season Series

2023-24 | 0-0-1

### 2023-24

Road | 18-13-1

Last 10 Games | 5-3-2

	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	SO	Final
Oilers	2	0	0	0	0	2
Sabres	1	0	1	0	1	3

## TODAY'S GOALTENDERS

Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen

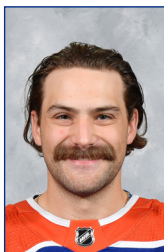


Updated Season Stats		
20-16-3	RECORD	29-13-3
.915	SV%	.907
2.42	GAA	2.58

Today's Stats		
W	DECISION	SOL
32	SA	27
2	GA	2

Stuart Skinner



## TOP NOTES

**Alex Tuch's** shootout goal marked the sixth game-deciding goal in a shootout of his career. It was his first game-deciding shootout goal since April 6, 2023 at Detroit.

As a result of his goal, **Tage Thompson** has now recorded one point in each of his last three games against the Oilers (2+1). The goal was **Thompson's** seventh power-play goal of the season, second-most among all Sabres skaters (**Jeff Skinner**, eight).

**Thompson** also recorded Buffalo's first goal in the shootout, improving his career shootout numbers to 8-for-19 (42.1 percent). Among Sabres skaters all-time with at least five shootout attempts, **Thompson** ranks 10th in shootout shooting percentage. He is now tied with Daniel Briere and Jack Eichel for the seventh-most shootout goals in Sabres history.

**Jacob Bryson's** goal was his first of 2023-24 and his first goal since he scored on Nov. 4, 2022 at Carolina.

**Bryson's** goal marked the third time this season a Sabres defenseman has scored to tie a game in the third period. **Rasmus Dahlin** did so on Nov. 7 at Carolina and **Owen Power** did so on Feb. 25 vs. Carolina.

**Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen** made 30 saves on 32 shots and he has now allowed three or fewer goals in 22 of his last 23 appearances. Following today's game, **Luukkonen** ranked first in goals-against average (1.90) and save percentage (.931) among all NHL goaltenders who had played in at least 10 games since Dec. 30.

Including today's game, **Luukkonen** has posted a save percentage of .930 or better in 17 appearances this season. He has allowed three or fewer goals in 33 of his 40 games played in 2023-24.

**Luukkonen** has a goals-against average of 2.42 through his first 40 games of 2023-24. It marks the lowest goals-against average posted by a Sabres goaltender with 40 or more games played in a season since Chad Johnson in 2015-16 (2.36). The only other Sabres goaltenders to have a goals-against average below 2.42 are Martin Biron (2001-02, 2.22), Ryan Miller (2009-10; 2.22) and Dominik Hasek (six times).

Tonight's win marked the second time this season, and the first since Jan. 24 at Los Angeles, the Sabres have earned a win after trailing by two or more goals in the first period.

## STAT CORNER

### Buffalo Sabres

### Edmonton Oilers

1-for-1 (100.0%).....	Power Play .....	0-for-3 (0.0%)
3-for-3 (100.0%).....	Penalty Kill .....	0-for-1 (0.0%)
10-for-49 (20.4%).....	Faceoffs .....	39-for-49 (79.6%)
27.....	Shots on Goal .....	32
56.....	Shot Attempts.....	53
44.....	Shot Attempts (5-on-5) .....	44
Dahlin (28:55).....	TOI Leader .....	Bouchard (23:55)

## THREE STARS

**1st Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen - Buffalo Sabres**  
30 SV, W

**2nd Tage Thompson - Buffalo Sabres**  
1 G, 1 S/O G, 17:10 TOI

**3rd Jacob Bryson - Buffalo Sabres**  
1 G, +1, 13:42



## UP NEXT

**Sunday, March 10**  
No practice scheduled

**Monday, March 11**  
Practice with media availability to follow, 11 a.m., KeyBank Center

**Tuesday, March 12**  
Morning skate with media availability to follow, 10:30 a.m., KeyBank Center  
Buffalo Sabres vs. Detroit Red Wings, 7 p.m., KeyBank Center

\*\*All practice and morning skate times are subject to change. Please visit the Sabres media calendar for more information.\*\*



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