

**BUFFALO SABRES****31-17-5****Last Game:** 4-1 W vs. LAK | **Last 10:** 7-2-1 | **Home:** 17-6-3
Next Game: Feb. 2 at Florida Panthers**MONTREAL CANADIENS****30-17-7****Last Game:** 7-3 W vs. COL | **Last 10:** 5-4-1 | **Road:** 14-6-6
Next Game: Feb. 2 at Minnesota Wild

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COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Lindy Ruff
Assistant Coach: Seth Appert
Assistant Coach: Mike Bales
Assistant Coach: Matt Ellis
Assistant Coach: Marty Wilford

PRONUNCIATIONS

Helenius, Konsta:
(hehl-ehn-OOHS, KAWN-stuh)
Kozak, Tyson: (KOH-zak)
Luukkonen, Ukko-Pekka:
(LOO-koh-nehn, OO-koh-PEH-ka)
Malenstyn, Beck:
(MAL-ehn-stighn, BEHK)
McLeod, Ryan: (muh-KLOWD)
Metsa, Zach: (MEHT-sa)
Ostlund, Noah: (OHST-luhnd)
Samuelsson, Mattias:
(SAM-yew-uhlsuhn, ma-TEE-uhs)
Tuch, Alex: (TUHK)
Zucker, Jason: (ZUK-uhr)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Power Play
30-for-154 (19.5%) -- 18th
Penalty Kill
118-for-142 (83.1%) -- 7th

LEADING SCORERS

Tage Thompson:
53 GP, 28 G, 27 A, 55 PTS
Alex Tuch:
52 GP, 22 G, 24 A, 46 PTS
Rasmus Dahlin:
49 GP, 11 G, 32 A, 43 PTS

LEADING SCORERS VS. MTL

Tage Thompson:
19 GP, 12 G, 10 A, 22 PTS
Rasmus Dahlin:
23 GP, 4 G, 16 A, 20 PTS
Alex Tuch:
21 GP, 7 G, 12 A, 19 PTS

LAST 5 GAMES VS. MTL

01/22/26: **BUF 4** at MTL 2
01/15/26: MTL 3 at **BUF 5**
10/20/25: BUF 2 at **MTL 4**
03/03/25: BUF 3 at **MTL 4** (OT)
03/01/25: **MTL 4** at BUF 2

FORWARDS**6 ZACH BENSON**

5'10", 177 lbs. • Chilliwack, BC
2025-26:
40 GP, 6 G, 19 A, 25 PTS, 20 PIM
Career:
186 GP, 27 G, 56 A, 83 PTS, 116 PIM

72 TAGE THOMPSON

6'6", 220 lbs. • Phoenix, AZ
2025-26:
53 GP, 28 G, 27 A, 55 PTS, 25 PIM
Career:
501 GP, 204 G, 176 A, 380 PTS, 228 PIM

89 ALEX TUCH

6'4", 219 lbs. • Syracuse, NY
2025-26:
52 GP, 22 G, 24 A, 46 PTS, 43 PIM
Career:
588 GP, 189 G, 239 A, 428 PTS, 249 PIM

17 JASON ZUCKER

5'11", 198 lbs. • Newport Beach, CA
2025-26:
34 GP, 13 G, 14 A, 27 PTS, 12 PIM
Career:
804 GP, 230 G, 220 A, 450 PTS, 406 PIM

71 RYAN MCLEOD

6'3", 204 lbs. • Mississauga, ON
2025-26:
53 GP, 11 G, 26 A, 37 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
351 GP, 63 G, 102 A, 165 PTS, 60 PIM

22 JACK QUINN

6'1", 185 lbs. • Ottawa, ON
2025-26:
53 GP, 12 G, 22 A, 34 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
231 GP, 51 G, 80 A, 131 PTS, 51 PIM

91 JOSH DOAN

6'2", 198 lbs. • Scottsdale, AZ
2025-26:
53 GP, 16 G, 20 A, 36 PTS, 23 PIM
Career:
115 GP, 28 G, 36 A, 64 PTS, 31 PIM

86 NOAH OSTLUND

5'11", 180 lbs. • Stockholm, SWE
2025-26:
41 GP, 9 G, 9 A, 18 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
49 GP, 9 G, 9 A, 18 PTS, 8 PIM

94 KONSTA HELENIUS

5'11", 190 lbs. • Ylojarvi, FIN
2025-26:
6 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
6 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS, 0 PIM

48 TYSON KOZAK

5'11", 185 lbs. • Souris, MB
2025-26:
31 GP, 2 G, 2 A, 4 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
52 GP, 5 G, 4 A, 9 PTS, 4 PIM

19 PEYTON KREBS

6'0", 188 lbs. • Calgary, AB
2025-26:
53 GP, 6 G, 16 A, 22 PTS, 60 PIM
Career:
349 GP, 36 G, 80 A, 116 PTS, 259 PIM

29 BECK MALENSTYN

6'3", 209 lbs. • Delta, BC
2025-26:
52 GP, 4 G, 4 A, 8 PTS, 20 PIM
Career:
233 GP, 16 G, 26 A, 42 PTS, 85 PIM

DEFENSEMEN**23 MATTIAS SAMUELSSON**

6'4", 229 lbs. • Philadelphia, PA
2025-26:
51 GP, 9 G, 23 A, 32 PTS, 16 PIM
Career:
263 GP, 16 G, 59 A, 75 PTS, 104 PIM

26 RASMUS DAHLIN

6'3", 204 lbs. • Lidköping, SWE
2025-26:
49 GP, 11 G, 32 A, 43 PTS, 49 PIM
Career:
558 GP, 94 G, 309 A, 403 PTS, 427 PIM

GOALTENDERS**34 ALEX LYON**

6'1", 199 lbs. • Baudette, MN
2025-26 (NHL):
24 GP, 13-6-3, .914 SV%, 2.62 GAA
Career (NHL):
137 GP, 64-44-14, .904 SV%, 2.92 GAA
vs. MTL:
7 GP, 4-3-0, .883 SV%, 3.14 GAA

4 BOWEN BYRAM

6'1", 205 lbs. • Cranbrook, BC
2025-26:
53 GP, 10 G, 16 A, 26 PTS, 24 PIM
Career:
299 GP, 43 G, 93 A, 136 PTS, 196 PIM

25 OWEN POWER

6'6", 226 lbs. • Mississauga, ON
2025-26:
52 GP, 3 G, 12 A, 15 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
294 GP, 22 G, 104 A, 126 PTS, 76 PIM

92 COLTEN ELLIS

6'1", 191 lbs. • Whycocomagh, NS

73 ZACH METSA

5'9", 198 lbs. • Delafield, WI
2025-26:
23 GP, 1 G, 1 A, 2 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
23 GP, 1 G, 1 A, 2 PTS, 6 PIM

8 MICHAEL KESSELRING

6'5", 215 lbs. • Florence, SC
2025-26:
21 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 35 PIM
Career:
177 GP, 12 G, 42 A, 54 PTS, 196 PIM

SCRATCHES**1 UKKO-PEKKA LUUKKONEN**

6'5", 223 lbs. • Espoo, FIN
2025-26 (NHL):
21 GP, 11-7-2, .903 SV%, 2.73 GAA
Career (NHL):
176 GP, 82-72-17, .899 SV%, 3.02 GAA
vs. MTL:
5 GP, 2-2-0, .871 SV%, 3.95 GAA

12 JORDAN GREENWAY

6'6", 231 lbs. • Canton, NY
2025-26:
33 GP, 1 G, 4 A, 5 PTS, 23 PIM
Career:
468 GP, 56 G, 108 A, 164 PTS, 359 PIM

28 ZAC JONES

5'11", 190 lbs. • Richmond, VA
2025-26:
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
115 GP, 4 G, 24 A, 28 PTS, 38 PIM

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PRONUNCIATIONS

Blais, Samuel: (BLAY)
Bolduc, Zachary: (bohl-DOOK)
Carrier, Alexandre:
(KAIR-ee-ay, al-ehx-AHN-druh)
Danault, Phillip: (duh-NOH)
Demidov, Ivan:
(DEH-mih-dahv, IGH-vuhn)
Dobes, Jakub: (DOH-behsh, YA-kuhb)
Guhle, Kaiden: (GOO-lee, KAY-dehn)
Montembeault, Samuel: (mawn-tuh-BOH)
Slafkovsky, Juraj:
(SLAHF-kawf-skee, YUR-igh)
Texier, Alexandre:
(tehK-SEE-ay, al-ehx-AHN-druh)
Veleno, Joseph: (veh-LEH-noh)
Xhekaj, Arber: (ZHEH-kigh, AR-buhr)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Power Play
37-for-157 (23.6%) -- 7th
Penalty Kill
135-for-175 (77.1%) -- 27th

LEADING SCORERS

Nick Suzuki:
54 GP, 18 G, 44 A, 62 PTS
Lane Hutson:
54 GP, 9 G, 46 A, 55 PTS
Cole Caufield:
54 GP, 30 G, 24 A, 54 PTS

LEADING SCORERS VS. BUF

Nick Suzuki:
20 GP, 8 G, 16 A, 24 PTS
Brendan Gallagher:
46 GP, 18 G, 6 A, 24 PTS
Phillip Danault:
27 GP, 3 G, 12 A, 15 PTS

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FORWARDS**13 COLE CAUFIELD**

5'8", 175 lbs. • Mosinee, WI
2025-26:
54 GP, 30 G, 24 A, 54 PTS, 14 PIM
Career:
341 GP, 148 G, 125 A, 273 PTS, 58 PIM

14 NICK SUZUKI

5'11", 207 lbs. • London, ON
2025-26:
54 GP, 18 G, 44 A, 62 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
509 GP, 156 G, 281 A, 437 PTS, 149 PIM

77 KIRBY DACH

6'4", 221 lbs. • Fort Saskatchewan, AB
2025-26:
20 GP, 6 G, 3 A, 9 PTS, 21 PIM
Career:
289 GP, 49 G, 81 A, 130 PTS, 175 PIM

20 JURAJ SLAFKOVSKY

6'3", 225 lbs. • Kosice, SVK
2025-26:
54 GP, 20 G, 23 A, 43 PTS, 42 PIM
Career:
254 GP, 62 G, 92 A, 154 PTS, 175 PIM

91 OLIVER KAPANEN

6'2", 194 lbs. • Timra, SWE
2025-26:
54 GP, 16 G, 13 A, 29 PTS, 16 PIM
Career:
72 GP, 16 G, 15 A, 31 PTS, 18 PIM

93 IVAN DEMIDOV

6'1", 192 lbs. • Sergiyev Posad, RUS
2025-26:
54 GP, 11 G, 34 A, 45 PTS, 24 PIM
Career:
56 GP, 12 G, 35 A, 47 PTS, 24 PIM

76 ZACHARY BOLDUC

6'0", 187 lbs. • Trois-Rivieres, QC
2025-26:
54 GP, 10 G, 12 A, 22 PTS, 22 PIM
Career:
151 GP, 34 G, 33 A, 67 PTS, 65 PIM

71 JAKE EVANS

6'0", 190 lbs. • Toronto, ON
2025-26:
40 GP, 7 G, 6 A, 13 PTS, 8 PIM
Career:
390 GP, 47 G, 94 A, 141 PTS, 121 PIM

90 JOSEPH VELENO

6'1", 201 lbs. • Montreal, QC
2025-26:
46 GP, 2 G, 2 A, 4 PTS, 15 PIM
Career:
352 GP, 40 G, 45 A, 85 PTS, 113 PIM

17 JOSH ANDERSON

6'3", 226 lbs. • Burlington, ON
2025-26:
48 GP, 11 G, 6 A, 17 PTS, 52 PIM
Career:
664 GP, 157 G, 110 A, 267 PTS, 603 PIM

24 PHILLIP DANAUULT

6'1", 200 lbs. • Victoriaville, QC
2025-26:
48 GP, 2 G, 10 A, 12 PTS, 18 PIM
Career:
759 GP, 127 G, 279 A, 406 PTS, 341 PIM

11 BRENDAN GALLAGHER

5'9", 185 lbs. • Edmonton, AB
2025-26:
54 GP, 4 G, 11 A, 15 PTS, 24 PIM
Career:
888 GP, 243 G, 236 A, 479 PTS, 579 PIM

DEFENSEMEN**48 LANE HUTSON**

5'9", 162 lbs. • Holland, MI
2025-26:
54 GP, 9 G, 46 A, 55 PTS, 18 PIM
Career:
138 GP, 15 G, 108 A, 123 PTS, 52 PIM

53 NOAH DOBSON

6'4", 200 lbs. • Summerside, PE
2025-26:
54 GP, 10 G, 23 A, 33 PTS, 26 PIM
Career:
442 GP, 60 G, 203 A, 263 PTS, 144 PIM

8 MIKE MATHESON

6'2", 196 lbs. • Pointe-Claire, QC
2025-26:
51 GP, 5 G, 22 A, 27 PTS, 22 PIM
Career:
678 GP, 79 G, 213 A, 292 PTS, 382 PIM

21 KAIDEN GUHLE

6'3", 202 lbs. • Edmonton, AB
2025-26:
14 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS, 13 PIM
Career:
183 GP, 17 G, 45 A, 62 PTS, 143 PIM

72 ARBER XHEKAJ

6'4", 240 lbs. • Hamilton, ON
2025-26:
48 GP, 1 G, 1 A, 2 PTS, 104 PIM
Career:
213 GP, 10 G, 21 A, 31 PTS, 404 PIM

45 ALEXANDRE CARRIER

5'11", 174 lbs. • Quebec City, QC
2025-26:
54 GP, 6 G, 11 A, 17 PTS, 22 PIM
Career:
350 GP, 19 G, 85 A, 104 PTS, 193 PIM

GOALTENDERS**75 JAKUB DOBES**

6'4", 215 lbs. • Ostrava, CZE
2025-26 (NHL):
25 GP, 17-5-3, .890 SV%, 2.96 GAA
Career (NHL):
41 GP, 24-9-6, .898 SV%, 2.88 GAA
vs. BUF:
2 GP, 2-0-0, .930 SV%, 2.00 GAA

35 SAMUEL MONTEMBEAULT

6'3", 218 lbs. • Becancour, QC
2025-26 (NHL):
22 GP, 9-8-2, .868 SV%, 3.46 GAA
Career (NHL):
228 GP, 89-92-30, .896 SV%, 3.23 GAA
vs. BUF:
11 GP, 5-6-0, .900 SV%, 3.04 GAA

SCRATCHES**27 SAMUEL BLAIS**

6'2", 206 lbs. • Montmagny, QC
2025-26:
21 GP, 3 G, 5 A, 8 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
278 GP, 30 G, 49 A, 79 PTS, 132 PIM

47 JAYDEN STRUBLE

6'0", 207 lbs. • Cumberland, RI
2025-26:
38 GP, 0 G, 7 A, 7 PTS, 36 PIM
Career:
150 GP, 5 G, 25 A, 30 PTS, 145 PIM

85 ALEXANDRE TEXIER

6'1", 196 lbs. • Saint-Martin-d'Heres, FRA
2025-26:
38 GP, 7 G, 11 A, 18 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
270 GP, 47 G, 61 A, 108 PTS, 102 PIM

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