



MONTREAL CANADIENS VS.

# BUFFALO SABRES



Saturday, January 31, 2026 | 7:00 P.M. | KeyBank Center | Broadcast: MSG

## BUFFALO SABRES

31-17-5 | 67 PTS

3rd place in the Atlantic Division

**Last Game:** 4-1 W vs. LAK**Top 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**Season Series:**

Oct. 20 at MTL | 4-2 L

Jan. 15 at BUF | 5-3 W

Jan. 22 at MTL | 4-2 W

Jan. 31 at BUF | 7:00 P.M.

## MONTREAL CANADIENS

30-17-7 | 67 PTS

4th place in the Atlantic Division

**Last Game:** 7-3 W vs. COL**Top 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

## THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

With a win tonight, Buffalo would have 21 wins in a 25-game span for the first time in franchise history.

The Sabres have recorded at least one point in 21 of their last 24 games (20-3-1), including wins in each of their last five games.

Their 20 wins and 41 points in that span (since Dec. 9) are the most among all NHL teams.

With a win tonight, the Sabres would have earned 43 points in a 25-game stretch for the first time in franchise history.

A win in tonight's game would mark the first time Buffalo has earned multiple winning streaks of six or more games in the same season since they earned a six-game (Jan. 24 to Feb. 7, 2006), a seven-game (Dec. 4 to 19, 2005) and an eight-game (March 3 to 16, 2006) winning streak in 2005-06.

**Mattias Samuelsson** is riding a career-best five-game point streak and he has recorded eight points (1+7) in that span.



In his last 11 contests, **Jack Quinn** has recorded 12 points (5+7), including at least one point in four consecutive contests.

**Ryan McLeod** has recorded 15 points (4+11) in his last 13 games, including at least one assist in four consecutive games.

**Alex Tuch** has recorded at least one goal in three straight games and he has tallied five goals in that span.

**Rasmus Dahlin** (309 assists) ranks eighth on Buffalo's all-time assists list and needs two assists to surpass Don Luce (310 assists with Buffalo) and gain sole possession of seventh place.

**Dahlin** has recorded 14 points (7+7) in his last 10 games, including at least one point in three straight games.

**Tage Thompson** has recorded 34 points (16+18) in his last 28 games, including 24 points (10+14) in his last 18 games.

**Peyton Krebs** has posted five points (2+3) in his last five games.

**Bowen Byram** is expected to play in his 300th NHL game tonight.

## BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

**Jacob Bryson** (upper body, IR); **Justin Danforth** (lower body, IR); **Josh Dunne** (middle body, IR); **Jiri Kulich** (blood clot, IR); **Josh Norris** (upper body, IR); **Conor Timmins** (broken leg, IR)

## ON THIS DATE

**The Sabres** are 15-8-1 all-time on January 31.

**January 31, 1974:** Rick Martin scores the first penalty shot goal in team history against Philadelphia Flyers goaltender Bernie Parent in a 4-3 road loss.

**January 31, 2013:** Thomas Vanek ties his career high with his second five-point game (3+2) in a 12-day span, leading the Sabres to a 7-4 win at Boston.

## NATURAL HAB ITAT

Dating back to Nov. 22, 2022, **Rasmus Dahlin** has registered 13 points (4+9) in 12 games against the Canadiens.

In his last 12 games against the Canadiens, **Tage Thompson** has registered 17 points (8+9), and has tallied 11 points (7+4) in 10 career home contests against Montreal.

In 15 games against Montreal as a member of the Sabres, **Alex Tuch** has recorded 16 points (5+11).

**Noah Ostlund** has registered at least one assist in each of his first two career games against Montreal (0+3).

**Zach Benson** is riding a three-game point streak against the Canadiens and he has three points (1+2) in that span.

**Jason Zucker** has recorded one point in back-to-back games against Montreal (1+1).

## HEAD TO HEAD

**Buffalo Sabres****Montreal Canadiens**

31-17-5	Record	30-17-7
17-6-3	Home Record	16-11-1
14-11-2	Road Record	14-6-6
7-2-1	Last 10 Games	5-4-1
3.40 (6th)	Goals For Per Game	3.43 (4th)
3.02 (14th)	Goals Against Per Game	3.26 (23rd)
19.5% (18th)	Power Play	23.6% (7th)
83.1% (7th)	Penalty Kill	77.1% (27th)
44.5% (32nd)	Team FO%	50.2% (17th)
48.3% (23rd)	Team SAT% (5-on-5)	49.0% (19th)



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