



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 F0%	50.2% (17th)
48.3% (23rd)	Team SAT% (5 on 5)	49.0% (19th)

