



NEW YORK ISLANDERS vs.
BUFFALO SABRES

Saturday, December 20, 2025 | 5 P.M. | KeyBank Center | Broadcast: MSG



BUFFALO SABRES

16-14-4 | 36 PTS

Season Series

2025-26 | 1-0-0

2025-26

Home | 11-5-2

Last 10 Games | 7-3-0

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	SO	Final
Islanders	0	1	1	0	0	2
Sabres	1	1	0	0	1	3

NEW YORK ISLANDERS

19-13-4 | 42 PTS

Season Series

2025-26 | 0-0-1

2025-26

Road | 9-6-2

Last 10 Games | 6-3-1

TODAY'S GOALTENDERS

Alex Lyon



Updated Season Stats

8-6-3	RECORD	7-3-1
.906	SV%	.908
2.92	GAA	2.54

Today's Stats

W	DECISION	L (SO)
34	SA	32
2	GA	2

David Rittich



TOP NOTES

Tonight's win marked the longest winning streak by Buffalo since the team's five-game winning streak from March 30 to April 8, 2025.

The Sabres have now earned a win in eight of their last nine home contests vs. New York.

Josh Norris' shootout tally was the third game-deciding shootout goal of his career.

Jack Quinn's shootout goal marked the seventh of his career on just 12 attempts. His 58.3 percent conversion rate in the shootout is the highest among all Sabres skaters with 10 or more attempts all-time.

Following his goal, **Rasmus Dahlin** has now recorded 11 points (3+8) in his last nine games. **Dahlin** has registered 13 points (2+11) in his last 12 games against the Islanders including tonight.

Dahlin's goal came on the power play and he became the third Sabres defenseman in franchise history to record 30 or more power-play goals in their career. Doug Bodger (33) and Phil Housley (61) are the only others who have done so with Buffalo.

Alex Lyon recorded the lone assist on **Dahlin's** goal. It marked the second point he had tallied in his career, and the first since Dec. 9, 2023 as a member of the Detroit Red Wings.

With his goal, **Tagge Thompson** matched the longest goal streak of his career (Nov. 13 to 23, 2025; six games) and he became the only NHL skater besides Auston Matthews (two streaks in 2023-24 and three streaks in 2021-22) to register at least two goal streaks of six or more games in the same season since 2021-22.

Thompson's goal made him the fourth Sabres skater all-time to record multiple goal streaks of six or more games with Buffalo (Danny Gare, Rene Robert, Miroslav Satan). Satan (twice in 1998-99) is the only other Sabres player to ever record two goal streaks of six or more games in the same season.

With his primary assist on **Thompson's** goal, **Josh Doan** has now collected six points (2+4) in his last six home contests.

Lyon made four saves in tonight's shootout, two more than his previous career high (four times).

Lyon has made 134 saves on 145 shots in his last six appearances (.924).

STAT CORNER

Buffalo Sabres

New York Islanders

1-for-4 (25.0%)	Power Play	1-for-3 (33.3%)
2-for-3 (66.7%)	Penalty Kill	3-for-4 (75.0%)
27-for-60 (45.0%)	Faceoffs	33-for-60 (55.0%)
32	Shots on Goal	34
56	Shot Attempts	66
40	Shot Attempts (5-on-5)	53
Dahlin (25:52)	TOI Leader	Pelech (26:25)

THREE STARS

1st Alex Lyon - Buffalo Sabres
32 SV, 1 A, W

2nd Rasmus Dahlin - Buffalo Sabres
1 G, +1, 25:52 TOI

3rd Josh Norris - Buffalo Sabres
GDG, 19:39 TOI



UP NEXT

Sunday, Dec. 21

Lindy Ruff media availability, 5 p.m., Prudential Center
Buffalo Sabres at New Jersey Devils, 7 p.m., Prudential Center

Monday, Dec. 22

Practice with media availability to follow, 1:30 p.m., Canadian Tire Centre

Tuesday, Dec. 23

Morning skate with media availability to follow, 11:30 a.m., Canadian Tire Centre
Buffalo Sabres at Ottawa Senators, 7 p.m., Canadian Tire Centre

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

