



MONTREAL CANADIENS vs. BUFFALO SABRES



Wednesday, May 6, 2026 | 7:00 P.M. | KeyBank Center | Broadcast: TNT

BUFFALO SABRES

50-23-9 | 109 PTS
1st Place in the Atlantic Division
Last Game: 4-1 W at BOS

Top Scorers

Tage Thompson: 6 GP, 2 G, 5 A, 7 PTS
Alex Tuch: 6 GP, 4 G, 3 A, 7 PTS
Peyton Krebs: 6 GP, 2 G, 4 A, 6 PTS

Playoff Series:

Game 1: May 6 at BUF | 7:00 P.M.
Game 2: May 8 at BUF | 7:00 P.M.
Game 3: May 10 at MTL | 7:00 P.M.
Game 4: May 12 at MTL | TBD

MONTREAL CANADIENS

48-24-10 | 106 PTS
3rd Place in the Atlantic Division
Last Game: 2-1 W at TBL

Top Scorers

Lane Hutson: 7 GP, 2 G, 4 A, 6 PTS
Nick Suzuki: 7 GP, 1 G, 5 A, 6 PTS
Alexandre Texier: 7 GP, 2 G, 2 A, 4 PTS

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

The Sabres have earned three playoff series victories over the Canadiens in franchise history.

Buffalo last faced Montreal in the playoffs in the 1998 Eastern Conference Semifinals, a series which the Sabres won four games to none.

The Sabres' four goals allowed over the last three games are the fewest the team has allowed in any three-game span in the playoffs since May 9 to 14, 1999 (3).

A win tonight would give Buffalo five consecutive playoff wins over Montreal, second only to the team's six-game playoff winning streak over the Canadiens from May 6, 1975 to April 5, 1990. It would make the Sabres the only team in NHL history to record multiple playoff winning streaks of five or more games against the Canadiens.

Alex Lyon allowed just five total goals in five appearances in the first round against Boston, the fewest goals allowed in any five-game span in the playoffs by a Sabres goaltender all-time.

Lyon has posted a .955 save percentage in his first five appearances in the playoffs, tied with Dominik Hasek (April 24 to May 8, 1998; .955) for the best mark by a Sabres goaltender in any five-game span in the playoffs.

Bowen Byram has recorded five points (3+2) in six playoff games thus far. His three goals are the most by a Sabres defenseman in a five-game span in the playoffs since Alexei Zhitnik from April 27 to May 14, 1999 (three goals).



In his last three games, **Zach Benson** has posted three points (2+1).

A goal in tonight's game would make **Benson** the first Sabres skater age 20 or younger to record three or more goals in the first seven games of their playoff career since Alan Haworth from April 8 to 22, 1981 (4+4).

Peyton Krebs has registered six points (2+4) in six playoff games thus far and he and **Tage Thompson** (2+5) are the first Sabres forwards to tally six or more points in the first six playoff games of their career since Tim Connolly (3+5) and Jason Pominville (4+2) from April 22 to May 2, 2006.

Alex Tuch has posted seven points (4+3) in the playoffs. He leads all Sabres skaters in goals and is tied with Thompson for the team lead in points.

BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

Sam Carrick (upper body); **Justin Danforth** (lower body, IR); **Jiri Kulich** (blood clot, IR); **Noah Ostlund** (lower body)

ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 3-3-0 all-time on May 6 (regular season and playoffs).

May 6, 2007: Jochen Hecht scores two goals and Daniel Briere tallies three assists in the Sabres' 5-4 series-clinching win over the Rangers in the Eastern Conference Semi-Finals.

GOOD HAB-ITS

This playoff series is the seventh all-time between Buffalo and Montreal.

Buffalo has a record of 31-20 in Game 1s all-time and 4-3 in Game 1s against Montreal.

Tage Thompson registered seven points (3+4) in four games against the Canadiens in the regular season, including at least one point and one assist in each of the last three meetings between Buffalo and Montreal.

Rasmus Dahlin 0.88 career points per game against Montreal is the best mark by a Sabres defenseman all-time in the regular season (min. five games played).

Josh Norris has posted eight points (2+6) in his last eight games against Montreal.

Logan Stanley (4), **Alex Tuch** (6) and **Jason Zucker** (4) are the only Sabres skaters that have appeared in at least one playoff game against Montreal in their career.

HEAD-TO-HEAD (Regular Season)

Buffalo Sabres	Montreal Canadiens
50-23-9	Record 48-24-10
26-10-5	Home Record 24-15-2
24-13-4	Road Record 24-9-8
6-3-1	Last 10 Games 7-3-0
3.45 (5th)	Goals For Per Game 3.40 (7th)
2.93 (T-10th)	Goals Against Per Game 3.06 (T-16th)
19.5% (21st)	Power Play 23.1% (10th)
81.9% (4th)	Penalty Kill 78.2% (18th)
45.9% (32nd)	Team FO% 51.0% (11th)
49.5% (15th)	Team SAT% (5 on 5) 48.2% (25th)

