



SEATTLE KRAKEN vs. BUFFALO SABRES

Monday, March 18, 2024 | 10:00 P.M. | Climate Pledge Arena | Broadcast: MSG



BUFFALO SABRES

32-31-5 | 69 PTS
6th place in the Atlantic Division
Last Game: 4-1 L at DET

Top Scorers

Rasmus Dahlin: 67 GP, 15 G, 35 A, 50 PTS
Jeff Skinner: 60 GP, 21 G, 21 A, 42 PTS
Alex Tuch: 61 GP, 18 G, 24 A, 42 PTS

Season Series:

Jan. 9 at BUF | 5-2 L
March 18 at SEA | 10:00 P.M.

SEATTLE KRAKEN

28-26-12 | 68 PTS
6th place in the Pacific Division
Last Game: 4-1 L vs. NSH

Top Scorers

Jared McCann: 65 GP, 27 G, 26 A, 53 PTS
Oliver Bjorkstrand: 66 GP, 18 G, 30 A, 48 PTS
Vince Dunn: 57 GP, 11 G, 34 A, 45 PTS

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Zach Benson has registered five points (3+2) in his last three games.

In Buffalo's last 26 games, **Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen** has made 23 starts and has recorded 572 saves on 616 shots (.929) in that span.

Luukkonen has allowed three or fewer goals in 25 of his last 26 games.

Bowen Byram has recorded five points (3+2) in five games with Buffalo since being acquired by the Sabres on March 6.

With a point in tonight's game, **Byram** would join Jerry Korab (Dec. 27, 1973 to Jan. 6, 1974; 2+4) and John Van Boxmeer (Oct. 11 to 21, 1979; 3+5) as the only Sabres defensemen to record six or more points in their first six games with Buffalo.

Tage Thompson has recorded four points (2+2) in his last four games.

In five games against Seattle in his career, **Jeff Skinner** has notched six points (3+3).

Dylan Cozens has recorded five points (2+3) in five career games against the Kraken.

Alex Tuch has recorded four points (3+1) in three career games against Seattle.

Tuch is two points away from 300 in his career.

If he dresses, tonight's game will mark the 300th game of **Eric Robinson's** career.

BACK-TO-BACK

Tonight's game opens Buffalo's 11th of 12 back-to-back sets in 2023-24, which concludes with a road contest in Vancouver tomorrow night.

The Sabres are 5-4-1 in the first game of back-to-back sets and 3-7-0 in the second game so far this season.

Buffalo's point breakdown in back-to-back sets this season is: four points (0), three points (0), two points (8), one point (1) and zero points (1).

BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

Jack Quinn (lower body, IR); **Mattias Samuelsson** (upper body, IR)

ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 8-10-4 all-time on March 18.

March 18, 1997: The Sabres acquire Miroslav Satan from Edmonton in exchange for Barrie Moore and Craig Millar.

March 18, 2003: Lindy Ruff earns his 211th win as Sabres head coach, passing Scotty Bowman for most in franchise history.

PLAYERS TO WATCH



Sabres defenseman **Rasmus Dahlin** enters tonight's game looking to extend his assist streak to four games for the third time this season. In five career games against the Kraken, **Dahlin** has notched five points (1+4), including an assist in each of his two visits to Seattle. The Lidkoping, Sweden native ranks among the NHL's leading defensemen in goals (T-3rd, 15), points (9th, 50) and average time on ice (2nd, 25:46) this season.



Oliver Bjorkstrand has notched a point in each of his last three games (2+1) and is seeking his first four-game point streak of the season. A native of Herning, Denmark, Bjorkstrand has recorded nine points (5+4) in his last 10 games against the Sabres. He has already established a new career high with 30 assists and is on pace to establish a new career high in points this season.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Buffalo Sabres	Seattle Kraken
32-31-5	Record 28-26-12
17-17-1	Home Record 14-14-6
15-14-4	Road Record 14-12-6
5-4-1	Last 10 Games 4-5-1
2.93 (T-21st)	Goals For Per Game 2.68 (28th)
2.96 (12th)	Goals Against Per Game 2.82 (8th)
17.1% (26th)	Power Play 21.3% (17th)
79.1% (16th)	Penalty Kill 78.8% (19th)
45.9% (31st)	Team FO% 47.5% (26th)
51.2% (11th)	Team SAT% (5-on-5) 50.9% (12th)



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