



WASHINGTON CAPITALS VS. BUFFALO SABRES



Thursday, April 11, 2024 | 7:00 P.M. | KeyBank Center | Broadcast: MSG

BUFFALO SABRES

37-37-5 | 79 PTS

6th place in the Atlantic Division

Last Game: 3-2 L at DAL

Top Scorers

Alex Tuch: 72 GP, 21 G, 37 A, 58 PTS

Rasmus Dahlin: 78 GP, 20 G, 38 A, 58 PTS

Tage Thompson: 68 GP, 29 G, 26 A, 55 PTS

Season Series:

Nov. 22 at WSH | 4-3 L (OT)

April 2 at BUF | 6-2 W

April 11 at BUF | 7:00 P.M.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS

37-30-11 | 85 PTS

4th place in the Metropolitan Division

Last Game: 2-1 W at DET

Top Scorers

Dylan Strome: 78 GP, 27 G, 38 A, 65 PTS

Alex Ovechkin: 75 GP, 30 G, 33 A, 63 PTS

John Carlson: 78 GP, 8 G, 40 A, 48 PTS

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Buffalo has earned at least one point in each of its last seven games against Washington (3-0-4), which is the longest point streak the team has had since it earned at least one point in 22 straight games from Nov. 11, 1978 to Nov. 16, 1984 (18-0-4).

In his last 14 games, **Alex Tuch** has tallied 18 points (4+14), including nine points (2+7) in his last six games.

Tuch has notched seven points (2+5) in his last four games and a point in tonight's game would give him a five-game point streak.



Tage Thompson has recorded 20 points (11+9) in his last 15 games, including three goals and six points in his last five contests.

JJ Peterka has posted nine points (7+2) in his last nine games, including four points (2+2) in his last four.

Zach Benson has registered five points (0+5) in his last four games.

In his last six games, **Rasmus Dahlin** has registered six points (3+3).

If he starts tonight, **Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen** will become the first Sabres goaltender since Robin Lehner in 2017-18 (50 starts) to start 50 or more games in a single season.

CAPITAL GAINS

JJ Peterka has notched at least one goal in three consecutive games against the Capitals and he has recorded five points (4+1) in that span.

In his last five games against the Capitals, **Tage Thompson** has registered nine points (5+4).

In eight career games against the Capitals, **Alex Tuch** has recorded nine points (4+5).

Dylan Cozens has six points (4+2) in his last five games against the Capitals.

Jack Quinn has recorded four assists in his last three games against Washington, including at least one assist in each of those games.

Rasmus Dahlin has tallied five points (1+4) in his last four games against Washington, including at least one in each of his last two.

BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

Mattias Samuelsson (upper body, IR)



ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 2-5-1 all-time on April 11.

April 11, 2001: Dominik Hasek makes 31 saves on 32 shots as the Sabres open the playoffs with a 2-1 win at Philadelphia.

April 11, 2009: Thomas Vanek scores twice, reaching the 40-goal mark for the second time in his career, as the Sabres close the 2008-09 season with a 6-1 win at home against Boston.

TOMMY DANGLES

Among all Sabres skaters, **Tage Thompson** ranks first in goals per game (0.43), points per game (0.81) and goals (29).

Since March 1, **Thompson** leads all Sabres skaters in points (20), points per game played (1.11), even-strength points (16), goals (11), power-play goals (3), even-strength goals (8), shots (61) and plus/minus (plus-11).

With one more goal this season, **Thompson** would reach 30 goals for the third consecutive season.

Thomas Vanek (43 in 2006-07; 36 in 2007-08; 40 in 2008-09) is the last Sabres skater who recorded 30 or more goals in three consecutive seasons.



HEAD-TO-HEAD

Buffalo Sabres

Washington Capitals

37-37-5	Record	37-30-11
20-19-1	Home Record	20-12-7
17-18-4	Road Record	17-18-4
4-6-0	Last 10 Games	4-4-2
2.96 (22nd)	Goals For Per Game	2.64 (29th)
2.99 (13th)	Goals Against Per Game	3.14 (18th)
16.5% (28th)	Power Play	20.5% (17th)
79.4% (15th)	Penalty Kill	78.7% (18th)
45.3% (32nd)	Team FO%	46.3% (30th)
51.1% (12th)	Team SAT% (5-on-5)	46.6% (27th)



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