



FLORIDA PANTHERS vs. BUFFALO SABRES

Tuesday, February 27, 2024 | 7:00 P.M. | Amerant Bank Arena | Broadcast: ESPN+/Hulu



BUFFALO SABRES

27-27-4 | 58 PTS
6th place in the Atlantic Division
Last Game: 3-2 W (SO) vs. CAR

Top Scorers

Casey Mittelstadt: 58 GP, 13 G, 31 A, 44 PTS
Rasmus Dahlin: 57 GP, 14 G, 29 A, 43 PTS
Alex Tuch: 51 GP, 16 G, 22 A, 38 PTS

Season Series:

Feb. 15 at BUF | 4-0 L
Feb. 27 at FLA | 7:00 P.M.
April 13 at FLA | 5:00 P.M.

FLORIDA PANTHERS

38-16-4 | 80 PTS
2nd place in the Atlantic Division
Last Game: 3-2 W (OT) vs. WSH

Top Scorers

Sam Reinhart: 58 GP, 39 G, 28 A, 67 PTS
Matthew Tkachuk: 57 GP, 20 G, 45 A, 65 PTS
Carter Verhaeghe: 58 GP, 30 G, 30 A, 60 PTS

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

The Sabres are riding a five-game road winning streak and a win in tonight's game would give them their longest road winning streak since they earned a franchise-record 10 consecutive road wins from Oct. 4 to Nov. 13, 2006.

A win tonight would move the Sabres into a tie for the fourth-longest road winning streak in franchise history (Dec. 8 to 29, 1986; six games).

Buffalo's current five-game road winning streak is tied for the longest active road winning streak in the NHL.

In Buffalo's last 16 games, **Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen** has made 14 starts and has recorded 346 saves on 370 shots (.935) in that span.

Among NHL goaltenders with at least 20 games played in 2023-24, **Luukkonen** ranks sixth in goals-against average (2.45).

Luukkonen has allowed two or fewer goals in 11 of his last 14 starts.

Rasmus Dahlin has skated 29 or minutes in each of Buffalo's last six games and is the only Sabres skater to do so since the league began tracking time on ice in 1997-98.

If he skates 29 or more minutes in tonight's game, he will become the seventh NHL skater, and the first since Erik Karlsson from Feb. 25, 2016 to March 8, 2016 to do so in seven or more games.

Dahlin is currently tied with Jerry Korab (216) for fifth all-time among all Sabres defensemen in assists and he needs one assist to gain sole possession of fifth place on Buffalo's all-time list.



Dylan Cozens has 13 points (4+9) in his last 13 games, including five points in his last five games (1+4).

Kyle Okposo has registered one assist in back-to-back games and an assist in tonight's game would give him his first assist streak of three or more games since he notched an assist in four consecutive games from Nov. 27 to Dec. 4, 2021.

BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

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

ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 7-11-3 all-time on February 27.

February 27, 1975: The Sabres get goals from five different players and Roger Crozier stops all 21 Los Angeles shots as Buffalo tops the Kings 5-0 at home.

February 27, 2008: Steve Bernier records three points (2+1) in his Sabres debut and Toni Lydman records a career-high four points (0+4) as the Sabres defeat the Nashville Predators 8-4 at home.

THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD

According to Natural Stat Trick, since they began playing on a line together on Feb. 17 at Minnesota, the line of **Zach Benson**, **Peyton Krebs** and **JJ Peterka** has an expected goals for percentage of 62.53 and a corsi for percentage of 61.70 in 49:43 of ice time together at 5-on-5.

Since they began playing on a line together, they have registered 24 scoring chances and 10 high-danger chances according to Natural Stat Trick.

They have generated 57.14 percent of the scoring chances at 5-on-5 in that span.

Benson (57.9 percent), **Peterka** (57.1 percent) and **Krebs** (55.4) rank first, second and third, respectively, among all Sabres skaters in shot attempts percentage at 5-on-5 since Feb. 1.



HEAD-TO-HEAD

| Buffalo Sabres | Florida Panthers |
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| 27-27-4 | Record 38-16-4 |
| 13-16-1 | Home Record 18-8-2 |
| 14-11-3 | Road Record 20-8-2 |
| 6-4-0 | Last 10 Games 8-2-0 |
| 2.90 (24th) | Goals For Per Game 3.28 (T-12th) |
| 3.00 (T-12th) | Goals Against Per Game 2.40 (2nd) |
| 15.0% (27th) | Power Play 25.7% (5th) |
| 79.7% (15th) | Penalty Kill 82.6% (7th) |
| 46.4% (30th) | Team FO% 51.3% (9th) |
| 51.2% (12th) | Team SAT% (5-on-5) 56.0% (2nd) |



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