



BUFFALO SABRES

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COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS

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October 28, 2025
KeyBank Center
Buffalo, New York

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Lindy Ruff
Assistant Coach: Seth Appert
Assistant Coach: Mike Bales
Assistant Coach: Matt Ellis
Assistant Coach: Marty Wilford

PRONUNCIATIONS

Geertsen, Mason: (GUHRT-suhn)
Kesselring, Michael: (KEH-suhl-rihng)
Kulich, Jiri: (koo-LEEK, YIH-ree)
Luukkonen, Ukko-Pekka:
(LOO-koh-nehn, OO-koh-PEH-ka)
Malenstyn, Beck:
(MAL-ehn-stighn, BEHK)
McLeod, Ryan: (muh-KLOWD)
Ostlund, Noah: (OHST-luhnd)
Samuelsson, Mattias:
(SAM-yew-uhlsuhn, ma-TEE-uhs)
Tuch, Alex: (TUHK)
Zucker, Jason: (ZUK-uhr)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Power Play
7-for-30 (23.3%) -- T-10th
Penalty Kill
31-for-32 (93.9%) -- 1st

LEADING SCORERS

Tage Thompson:
9 GP, 4 G, 4 A, 8 PTS
Alex Tuch:
9 GP, 3 G, 4 A, 7 PTS
Zach Benson:
6 GP, 0 G, 7 A, 7 PTS

LEADING SCORERS VS. CBJ

Rasmus Dahlin:
16 GP, 4 G, 14 A, 18 PTS
Tage Thompson:
13 GP, 11 G, 6 A, 17 PTS
Alex Tuch:
15 GP, 5 G, 7 A, 12 PTS

LAST 5 GAMES VS. CBJ

04/10/25: BUF 2 at CBJ 3
02/04/25: CBJ 2 at BUF 3
10/17/24: BUF 4 at CBJ 6
02/23/24: BUF 2 at CBJ 1
12/30/23: CBJ 2 at BUF 3 (OT)

FORWARDS

6 ZACH BENSON

5'10", 177 lbs. • Chilliwack, BC
2025-26:
6 GP, 0 G, 7 A, 7 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
152 GP, 21 G, 44 A, 65 PTS, 102 PIM

20 JIRI KULICH

6'1", 193 lbs. • Kadan, CZE
2025-26:
9 GP, 3 G, 2 A, 5 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
72 GP, 18 G, 11 A, 29 PTS, 22 PIM

72 TAGE THOMPSON

6'6", 220 lbs. • Phoenix, AZ
2025-26:
9 GP, 4 G, 4 A, 8 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
457 GP, 180 G, 153 A, 333 PTS, 213 PIM

91 JOSH DOAN

6'2", 198 lbs. • Scottsdale, AZ
2025-26:
9 GP, 2 G, 4 A, 6 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
71 GP, 14 G, 20 A, 34 PTS, 10 PIM

71 RYAN MCLEOD

6'3", 204 lbs. • Mississauga, ON
2025-26:
9 GP, 2 G, 4 A, 6 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
307 GP, 54 G, 80 A, 134 PTS, 56 PIM

89 ALEX TUCH

6'4", 219 lbs. • Syracuse, NY
2025-26:
9 GP, 3 G, 4 A, 7 PTS, 23 PIM
Career:
545 GP, 170 G, 219 A, 389 PTS, 229 PIM

17 JASON ZUCKER

5'11", 198 lbs. • Newport Beach, CA
2025-26:
9 GP, 4 G, 2 A, 6 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
779 GP, 221 G, 208 A, 429 PTS, 398 PIM

86 NOAH OSTLUND

5'11", 180 lbs. • Stockholm, SWE
2025-26:
3 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
11 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 2 PIM

22 JACK QUINN

6'1", 185 lbs. • Ottawa, ON
2025-26:
9 GP, 3 G, 3 A, 6 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
187 GP, 42 G, 61 A, 103 PTS, 41 PIM

44 JOSH DUNNE

6'4", 208 lbs. • O'Fallon, MO
2025-26:
3 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
19 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 17 PIM

19 PEYTON KREBS

6'0", 188 lbs. • Calgary, AB
2025-26:
9 GP, 0 G, 3 A, 3 PTS, 8 PIM
Career:
305 GP, 30 G, 67 A, 97 PTS, 207 PIM

29 BECK MALENSTYN

6'3", 209 lbs. • Delta, BC
2025-26:
8 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
189 GP, 12 G, 22 A, 34 PTS, 65 PIM

DEFENSEMEN

23 MATTIAS SAMUELSSON

6'4", 229 lbs. • Philadelphia, PA
2025-26:
7 GP, 2 G, 3 A, 5 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
219 GP, 9 G, 39 A, 48 PTS, 92 PIM

26 RASMUS DAHLIN

6'3", 204 lbs. • Lidköping, SWE
2025-26:
9 GP, 0 G, 7 A, 7 PTS, 8 PIM
Career:
518 GP, 83 G, 284 A, 367 PTS, 386 PIM

25 OWEN POWER

6'6", 226 lbs. • Mississauga, ON
2025-26:
8 GP, 1 G, 2 A, 3 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
250 GP, 20 G, 94 A, 114 PTS, 72 PIM

21 CONOR TIMMINS

6'3", 213 lbs. • St. Catharines, ON
2025-26:
9 GP, 0 G, 2 A, 2 PTS, 8 PIM
Career:
168 GP, 6 G, 42 A, 48 PTS, 72 PIM

4 BOWEN BYRAM

6'1", 205 lbs. • Cranbrook, BC
2025-26:
9 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
255 GP, 34 G, 80 A, 114 PTS, 176 PIM

8 MICHAEL KESSELRING

6'5", 215 lbs. • Florence, SC
2025-26:
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
156 GP, 12 G, 41 A, 53 PTS, 161 PIM

GOALTENDERS

34 ALEX LYON

6'1", 199 lbs. • Baudette, MN

2025-26 (NHL):
7 GP, 3-4-0, .923 SV%, 2.61 GAA
Career (NHL):
120 GP, 54-42-11, .904 SV%, 2.96 GAA
vs. CBJ:
2 GP, 1-0-0, 1.000 SV%, 0.00 GAA

1 UKKO-PEKKA LUUKKONEN

6'5", 223 lbs. • Espoo, FIN

2025-26 (NHL):
1 GP, 0-0-0, .826 SV%, 3.90 GAA
Career (NHL):
156 GP, 71-65-16, .898 SV%, 3.07 GAA
vs. CBJ:
4 GP, 3-1-0, .860 SV%, 3.37 GAA

SCRATCHES

55 MASON GEERTSEN

6'4", 231 lbs. • Drayton Valley, AB
2025-26:
4 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 12 PIM
Career:
29 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 89 PIM

78 JACOB BRYSON

5'9", 177 lbs. • London, ON
2025-26:
5 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
259 GP, 4 G, 40 A, 44 PTS, 52 PIM

92 COLTEN ELLIS

6'1", 191 lbs. • Whycocomagh, NS
2025-26 (NHL):
1 GP, 1-0-0, .935 SV%, 2.00 GAA
Career (NHL):
1 GP, 1-0-0, .935 SV%, 2.00 GAA

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Fabbro, Dante: (FAB-roh, DAHN-tay)
Fantilli, Adam: (fan-TIHL-ee)
Lundestrom Isac: (LUHND-uh-struhm)
Marchenko Kirill: (mahr-CHEHN-koh, kih-RIHL)
Mateychuk, Elvion: (ma-TAY-chuhk)
Merzlikins, Elvis: (muhrz-lih-kihns)
Olivier, Mathieu: (oh-LIHV-ee-ay, MA-th'yew)
Provorov, Ivan: (PROH-voh-rawv)
Severson Damon: (SEE-vuhr-suhn)
Voronkov, Dmitri: (voh-RAWN-kahv, dih-MEE-tree)
Werenski, Zach: (wuh-REHN-skee)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Power Play
3-for-20 (15.0%) -- 27th
Penalty Kill
17-for-28 (60.7%) -- 32nd

LEADING SCORERS

Dmitri Voronkov:
8 GP, 5 G, 4 A, 9 PTS
Kirill Marchenko:
8 GP, 5 G, 3 A, 8 PTS
Boone Jenner:
8 GP, 2 G, 4 A, 6 PTS

LEADING SCORERS VS. BUF

Charlie Coyle:
35 GP, 10 G, 14 A, 24 PTS
Sean Monahan:
24 GP, 9 G, 14 A, 23 PTS
Ivan Provorov:
31 GP, 6 G, 14 A, 20 PTS

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FORWARDS**10 DMITRI VORONKOV**

6'5", 234 lbs. • Angarsk, RUS
2025-26:
8 GP, 5 G, 4 A, 9 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
156 GP, 46 G, 44 A, 90 PTS, 117 PIM

23 SEAN MONAHAN

6'2", 206 lbs. • Brampton, ON
2025-26:
8 GP, 0 G, 3 A, 3 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
826 GP, 263 G, 335 A, 598 PTS, 203 PIM

86 KIRILL MARCHENKO

6'3", 201 lbs. • Barnaul, RUS
2025-26:
8 GP, 5 G, 3 A, 8 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
224 GP, 80 G, 69 A, 149 PTS, 54 PIM

38 BOONE JENNER

6'2", 204 lbs. • Dorchester, ON
2025-26:
8 GP, 2 G, 4 A, 6 PTS, 13 PIM
Career:
749 GP, 201 G, 188 A, 389 PTS, 427 PIM

19 ADAM FANTILLI

6'2", 205 lbs. • Nobleton, ON
2025-26:
8 GP, 2 G, 3 A, 5 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
139 GP, 45 G, 41 A, 86 PTS, 38 PIM

91 KENT JOHNSON

6'0", 170 lbs. • Port Moody, BC
2025-26:
8 GP, 2 G, 2 A, 4 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
206 GP, 48 G, 72 A, 120 PTS, 42 PIM

4 COLE SILLINGER

6'0", 202 lbs. • Columbus, OH
2025-26:
8 GP, 0 G, 2 A, 2 PTS, 8 PIM
Career:
294 GP, 43 G, 66 A, 109 PTS, 148 PIM

3 CHARLIE COYLE

6'3", 221 lbs. • East Weymouth, MA
2025-26:
8 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
958 GP, 190 G, 299 A, 489 PTS, 355 PIM

24 MATHIEU OLIVIER

6'1", 232 lbs. • Biloxi, MS
2025-26:
8 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 12 PIM
Career:
258 GP, 31 G, 36 A, 67 PTS, 390 PIM

11 MILES WOOD

6'2", 209 lbs. • Buffalo, NY
2025-26:
3 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
516 GP, 92 G, 91 A, 183 PTS, 552 PIM

21 ISAC LUNDESTROM

6'1", 192 lbs. • Gallivare, SWE
2025-26:
8 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
345 GP, 35 G, 50 A, 85 PTS, 40 PIM

59 YEGOR CHINAKHOV

6'1", 203 lbs. • Omsk, RUS
2025-26:
5 GP, 1 G, 1 A, 2 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
180 GP, 35 G, 38 A, 73 PTS, 36 PIM

DEFENSEMEN**8 ZACH WERENSKI**

6'2", 214 lbs. • Grosse Pointe, MI
2025-26:
8 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
575 GP, 114 G, 274 A, 388 PTS, 146 PIM

5 DENTON MATEYCHUK

5'11", 188 lbs. • Winnipeg, MB
2025-26:
8 GP, 2 G, 1 A, 3 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
53 GP, 6 G, 10 A, 16 PTS, 20 PIM

9 IVAN PROVOROV

6'1", 224 lbs. • Yaroslavl, RUS
2025-26:
8 GP, 1 G, 2 A, 3 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
704 GP, 78 G, 207 A, 285 PTS, 249 PIM

78 DAMON SEVERSON

6'2", 204 lbs. • Melville, SK
2025-26:
8 GP, 1 G, 2 A, 3 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
792 GP, 74 G, 245 A, 319 PTS, 486 PIM

15 DANTE FABBRO

6'0", 200 lbs. • Coquitlam, BC
2025-26:
8 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
385 GP, 25 G, 74 A, 99 PTS, 201 PIM

44 ERIK GUDBRANSON

6'5", 222 lbs. • Ottawa, ON
2025-26:
4 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
809 GP, 34 G, 103 A, 137 PTS, 851 PIM

GOALTENDERS**73 JET GREAVES**

6'0", 188 lbs. • Cambridge, ON
2025-26 (NHL):
4 GP, 1-3-0, .903 SV%, 2.79 GAA
Career (NHL):
25 GP, 11-12-2, .921 SV%, 2.65 GAA
vs. BUF:
1 GP, 1-0-0, .951 SV%, 2.00 GAA

90 ELVIS MERZLIKINS

6'3", 190 lbs. • Barnaul, RUS
2025-26 (NHL):
4 GP, 3-1-0, .915 SV%, 2.96 GAA
Career (NHL):
248 GP, 97-101-35, .902 SV%, 3.19 GAA
vs. BUF:
4 GP, 2-2-0, .864 SV%, 4.28 GAA

SCRATCHES**2 JAKE CHRISTIANSEN**

6'0", 199 lbs. • West Vancouver, BC
2025-26:
4 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
116 GP, 2 G, 13 A, 15 PTS, 17 PIM

27 ZACH ASTON-REESE

6'1", 203 lbs. • Staten Island, NY
2025-26:
8 GP, 0 G, 3 A, 3 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
397 GP, 48 G, 52 A, 100 PTS, 155 PIM

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