



# DALLAS STARS VS. BUFFALO SABRES

Tuesday, December 31, 2024 | 8:00 P.M. | American Airlines Center | Broadcast: MSG



## BUFFALO SABRES

14-19-4 | 32 PTS  
8th place in the Atlantic Division  
Last Game: 4-2 W at STL

### Top Scorers

**Tage Thompson:** 32 GP, 18 G, 11 A, 29 PTS  
**Alex Tuch:** 37 GP, 12 G, 16 A, 28 PTS  
**JJ Peterka:** 35 GP, 10 G, 16 A, 26 PTS

### Season Series:

Oct. 22 at BUF | 4-2 W  
Dec. 31 at DAL | 8:00 P.M.

## DALLAS STARS

21-13-1 | 43 PTS  
4th place in the Central Division  
Last Game: 5-1 W at CHI

### Top Scorers

**Matt Duchene:** 35 GP, 14 G, 19 A, 33 PTS  
**Mason Marchment:** 33 GP, 12 G, 15 A, 27 PTS  
**Jamie Benn:** 35 GP, 8 G, 17 A, 25 PTS

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Buffalo is riding a three-game winning streak, tied for the team's longest of the season.

The Sabres have recorded 17 goals in that span, the most by the Sabres during a three-game winning streak since they recorded 18 goals in three straight wins from Oct. 29 to Nov. 2, 2022.

**Rasmus Dahlin** has recorded seven assists in his last three games, including at least one assist in each of the games in that span.



**Jack Quinn** has recorded eight points (4+4) in his last six games and he has posted two points in three consecutive games.

A multi-point performance would make **Quinn** the first Sabres skater since **Dylan Cozens** from Nov. 30 to Dec. 7 (four games; 4+7) to record a multi-point streak of four or more games.

**JJ Peterka** has posted eight points (2+6) in his last seven games, including five points (1+4) in his last five road contests.

**Jiri Kulich** has tallied five points (3+2) in his last five games.

**Dylan Cozens** has registered six points (2+4) in his last six games.

In his last four games, **Jason Zucker** has recorded four points (2+2).

### STAR POWER

**Owen Power** has recorded four assists in his last two games against Dallas, including at least one assist in each of those games.

In his last seven games against the Stars, **Tage Thompson** has registered nine points (3+6).

**Jason Zucker** has posted nine points (3+6) in his last nine games against Dallas, including one point in each of his last two games against the Stars (1+1).

**Alex Tuch** has posted at least one point in back-to-back games against the Stars and he has recorded three points (2+1) in that span.

**Lindy Ruff** coached the Stars for four seasons (2013 to 2017) and compiled a 165-122-41 regular-season record in 328 games.

### BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

**Jordan Greenway** (middle body, IR)

### ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 14-16-5 all-time on December 31.

**December 31, 1993:** Alexander Mogilny appears in his 300th NHL game and Dominik Hasek stops 39 of 40 shots as the Sabres defeat the Rangers 4-1 at Buffalo Memorial Auditorium.

**December 31, 2003:** Maxim Afinogenov and Miroslav Satan both record hat tricks and Martin Biron makes 25 saves on 26 shots as the Sabres defeat the Capitals 7-1.

### DRINKING THE KUL-AID

**Jiri Kulich's** five goals since Dec. 7 vs. Utah are tied with Jason Zucker for the most among all Sabres skaters in that span.

At 5-on-5 and among all Sabres skaters with at least five games played this season, **Kulich** ranks first in shots per 60 (8.52), expected goals per 60 (0.91) and scoring chances per 60 (9.09) according to Natural Stat Trick.

**Kulich** trails only **Tage Thompson** in goals per 60 (1.14) and shot attempts per 60 (17.06) at 5-on-5 (Min. five games played).

Among all NHL rookies with at least 100 minutes of time on ice in 2024-25, **Kulich** ranks fourth in corsi for per 60.



### HEAD-TO-HEAD

Buffalo Sabres	Dallas Stars
14-19-4	Record ..... 21-13-1
7-10-3	Home Record ..... 13-5-1
7-9-1	Road Record ..... 8-8-0
3-6-1	Last 10 Games ..... 5-4-1
3.05 (17th)	Goals For Per Game ..... 3.17 (T-11th)
3.32 (T-26th)	Goals Against Per Game ..... 2.54 (3rd)
16.0% (26th)	Power Play ..... 15.4% (27th)
78.0% (20th)	Penalty Kill ..... 75.8% (25th)
48.5% (24th)	Team FO% ..... 51.6% (11th)
50.6% (12th)	Team SAT% (5-on-5) ..... 52.5% (6th)



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