



NEW YORK ISLANDERS VS. BUFFALO SABRES

Monday, December 23, 2024 | 7:30 P.M. | UBS Arena | Broadcast: MSG



BUFFALO SABRES

11-19-4 | 26 PTS
8th place in the Atlantic Division
Last Game: 3-1 L at BOS

Top Scorers

Tagge Thompson: 29 GP, 16 G, 9 A, 25 PTS
Alex Tuch: 34 GP, 9 G, 16 A, 25 PTS
JJ Peterka: 32 GP, 10 G, 14 A, 24 PTS

Season Series:

Nov. 1 at BUF | 4-3 L
Nov. 30 at NYI | 3-0 L
Dec. 23 at NYI | 7:30 P.M.

NEW YORK ISLANDERS

13-14-7 | 33 PTS
7th place in the Metropolitan Division
Last Game: 6-3 W at TOR

Top Scorers

Anders Lee: 34 GP, 13 G, 14 A, 27 PTS
Bo Horvat: 33 GP, 9 G, 16 A, 25 PTS
Kyle Palmieri: 34 GP, 11 G, 13 A, 24 PTS

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

In his last six games, **JJ Peterka** has recorded seven points (2+5), including at least one in each of his last four games.



A point in tonight's game would give **Peterka** the third point streak of five or more games in his career, and his second of the season.

Peterka recorded a six-game point streak from Nov. 5 to 16 (3+5), the longest point streak of his career.

Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen possesses a save percentage of .942 (81 saves on 86 shots) and a goals-against

average of 1.69 in three career games against the Islanders.

In his last start against New York on March 14, 2024, **Luukkonen** registered a 21-save shutout.

Owen Power has notched three points (1+2) in his last three games.

Power has also recorded three points (1+2) in his last three games against New York.

Dylan Cozens has scored three goals in his last four games against the Islanders.



Zach Benson is expected to play in the 100th game of his NHL career tonight.

ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are **17-12-5** all-time on December 23.

December 23, 1989: Phil Housley records five points (1+4) in a 6-5 win over the Quebec Nordiques.

December 23, 2003: Derek Roy scores his first NHL goal in a 2-2 tie against Ottawa.

December 23, 2013: The Sabres top the Coyotes 2-1 in overtime despite dressing only 16 skaters and losing Drew Stafford to a game misconduct in the second period.

BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

Jordan Greenway (middle body, IR)

ROCHIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

The Rochester Americans have earned victories in six of the team's last seven contests.

The Amerks have won seven of their nine games in the month of December and nine of their last 11 games overall.

Isak Rosen leads all Amerks skaters in points (24; 12+12) and points per game (0.92) and he ranks second on the team in goals (12).

Rosen has registered seven points (5+2) in his last six games.

Rosen has recorded seven multi-point games this season, including three three-point performances.

Nikita Novikov has posted 11 points (3+8) in 29 games and he leads all Amerks skaters in plus-minus (plus-13).

Novikov is riding a four-game point streak (2+3).

In 94 games with the Amerks, **Novikov** has registered 34 points (6+28) and he had recorded a plus-33 rating.

Konsta Helenius leads all Amerks rookies in games played (28), goals (6), assists (11), points (17) and points per game (0.61).

Helenius has recorded six assists in his last five games for the Amerks.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Buffalo Sabres		New York Islanders
11-19-4	Record	13-14-7
6-10-3	Home Record	6-7-2
5-9-1	Road Record	7-7-5
0-8-2	Last 10 Games	5-4-1
2.82 (22nd)	Goals For Per Game	2.65 (26th)
3.47 (27th)	Goals Against Per Game	3.09 (T-18th)
14.1% (30th)	Power Play	12.1% (32nd)
76.8% (24th)	Penalty Kill	64.3% (32nd)
48.9% (23rd)	Team FO%	55.6% (1st)
51.3% (9th)	Team SAT% (5-on-5)	48.2% (25th)



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