



LINDY RUFF

SABRES ALL-TIME WINS LEADER, FOURTH ALL-TIME IN WINS IN NHL HISTORY

- 950-741-247 NHL Regular-Season Coaching Record
- 78-67 NHL Playoff Coaching Record
- 657-494-178 Buffalo Sabres Regular-Season Coaching Record
- 64-50 Buffalo Sabres Playoff Coaching Record
- 2005-06 Jack Adams Award Winner
- 2006-07 & 2022-23 Jack Adams Award Runner-Up
- 2015-16 & 2025-26 Jack Adams Award Finalist

2025-26 HIGHLIGHTS

This season, Buffalo earned the team's first Atlantic Division title and the seventh division title in franchise history. **Lindy Ruff** has been a part of five of Buffalo's seven division titles in franchise history, serving as head coach in 2025-26 (Atlantic), 2009-10 (Northeast) and 2006-07 (Northeast) and as a player with Buffalo in 1980-81 (Adams) and 1979-80 (Adams).

Under **Ruff**, the Sabres recorded 109 points in 2025-26, the most points by Buffalo in one season since 2006-07 (113). Among all NHL teams this season, the Sabres ranked second in regulation wins (42) and tied for third in total wins (50) during the regular season.

Buffalo's 50 wins in 2025-26 were the third-most in a single season in franchise history (2005-06, 52; 2006-07, 53). **Ruff** (950 wins) ranks fourth on the NHL's all-time regular-season wins list.



In 2025-26, the Sabres became the fifth team in NHL history to win their division after overcoming a standings deficit of eight or more points. From Dec. 9 through the end of the regular season, the Sabres ranked first among all NHL teams in wins (39), regulation wins (34) and points (83).

Buffalo (30 point increase from 2024-25), registered the third-largest year-over-year point increase in franchise history excluding shortened seasons (1971-72 to 1972-73, 37 points; 1973-74 to 1974-75, 37 points).

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Ruff was named head coach for Team Canada at the 2009 and 2013 IIHF World Championships, earning a silver medal in 2009.

He also served as an assistant coach for Team Canada at the 2019 IIHF World Championship.

Ruff was an assistant coach for Team Canada at the 2010 Olympics and the 2014 Olympics, winning a gold medal at both tournaments.

PLAYING CAREER

Ruff played in 691 career NHL games with the Buffalo Sabres and New York Rangers and totaled 300 points (105+195). He played in 52 career playoff games, registering 24 points (11+13).

He spent the majority of his career with the Sabres, playing 608 games with Buffalo. **Ruff** recorded 102 goals and 183 assists in his career with the Sabres.

Ruff served as captain of the team for parts of three seasons (1986 to 1989) and was an alternate captain for an additional two seasons (1984 to 1986).

The Warburg, Alberta native was drafted by Buffalo in the second round (32nd overall) of the 1979 NHL Draft.



PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Ruff ranks fourth all-time in coaching wins (950) in NHL history, trailing only Scotty Bowman (1,244), Joel Quenneville (1,012) and Paul Maurice (956).

He ranks third all-time in games coached (1,938) in NHL history, trailing only Bowman (2,141) and Maurice (2,012).

Ruff has compiled a record of 657-494-178 in 1,329 games as head coach for the Sabres and is the franchise's all-time wins leader.

Ruff has been behind the bench for 114 playoff games in Buffalo and registered a 64-50 record in nine playoff berths. He holds the franchise record for most wins and best winning percentage (.561) in Sabres playoff history.

Ruff ranks fifth all-time among active coaches in career playoff wins (78).

He ranks second all-time in wins and games coached with a single franchise in NHL history, trailing only Al Arbour (740 wins, 1,500 games coached, New York Islanders) in both categories.

Ruff is one of five coaches in NHL history that have coached at least 1,000 games with an NHL franchise, along with Arbour, Barry Trotz (1,196, Nashville Predators), Jon Cooper (1,043, Tampa Bay Lightning) and Billy Reay (1,012, Chicago Blackhawks).

Ruff began his coaching career with the Florida Panthers, serving as an assistant coach for four seasons (1993 to 1997).

Prior to the start of the 1997-98 season, **Ruff** was named the head coach of the Buffalo Sabres for the first time.

In his second season in Buffalo, **Ruff** guided the Sabres to the Stanley Cup Final after posting a 37-28-17 record in the regular season and a 14-7 record in the playoffs.

Ruff was the recipient of the Jack Adams Award, presented annually "to the coach adjudged to have contributed the most to his team's success," for the 2005-06 season after leading the Sabres to a 52-24-6 record.

Ruff led the Sabres to back-to-back appearances in the Eastern Conference Final in 2006 and 2007.

Ruff guided the Sabres to a 53-22-7 record (113 points) during the 2006-07 season, earning the Presidents' Trophy. The team's 53 wins stand as a franchise record for the most wins ever in a single season and the team's 113 points are tied with the 1974-75 Sabres for the most in a single season in Sabres history.

In addition to his 2005-06 Jack Adams Award, **Ruff** was a runner-up for the award in 2006-07 (Buffalo Sabres) and 2022-23 (New Jersey Devils), and a finalist in 2015-16 (Dallas Stars) and 2025-26 (Buffalo Sabres).

