



MINNESOTA WILD vs. BUFFALO SABRES

Saturday, February 17, 2024 | 5:00 P.M. | Xcel Energy Center | Broadcast: MSG



BUFFALO SABRES

23-26-4 | 50 PTS

7th place in the Atlantic Division

Last Game: 4-0 L vs. FLA

Top Scorers

Casey Mittelstadt: 53 GP, 12 G, 31 A, 43 PTS

Rasmus Dahlin: 52 GP, 14 G, 27 A, 41 PTS

Alex Tuch: 46 GP, 15 G, 21 A, 36 PTS

Season Series:

Nov. 10 at BUF | 3-2 W

Feb. 17 at MIN | 5:00 P.M.

MINNESOTA WILD

25-23-5 | 55 PTS

6th place in the Central Division

Last Game: 3-1 W at ARI

Top Scorers

Kirill Kaprizov: 46 GP, 20 G, 30 A, 50 PTS

Joel Eriksson Ek: 53 GP, 24 G, 20 A, 44 PTS

Mats Zuccarello: 44 GP, 9 G, 31 A, 40 PTS

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Buffalo is riding a five-game point streak against Minnesota (4-0-1), the longest in franchise history.

The Sabres have earned at least one point in five of their last six road contests against the Wild (4-1-1), including at least one point in each of their last three games in Minnesota.

A point in tonight's game would give Buffalo its longest road point streak against Minnesota.

In Buffalo's last 11 games, **Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen** has made nine starts and has recorded 222 saves on 235 shots (.945) in that span.

In those starts, he has registered a goals-against average of 1.47 and he has recorded three shutouts.

Dylan Cozens has eight points (3+5) in his last eight games.

JJ Peterka has recorded nine points (6+3) in his last nine games, including five goals in his last six games.

Rasmus Dahlin needs one goal to match his previous single-season career high (15), which he set in 78 games in 2022-23.



COOL HAND LUUK

Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen is 7-5-0 in his last 12 starts dating back to Dec. 30 and he has registered a save percentage of .941 and a goals-against average of 1.60 in that span.

Luukkonen ranks first in goals-against average and second in save percentage among all NHL goaltenders who had played in at least five games since Dec. 30.

In that span, **Luukkonen** has recorded three shutouts, the most among all NHL goaltenders.

If **Luukkonen** records one more shutout this season, it will mark the 14th time of a Sabres goaltender recorded five or more shutouts in a single season.

BUFFALO INJURY REPORT

Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen (lower body); **Owen Power** (upper body); **Jack Quinn** (lower body, IR); **Mattias Samuelsson** (upper body, IR)

ON THIS DATE

The Sabres are 7-12-6 all-time on February 17.

February 17, 1982: Gilbert Perreault scores the game-winning goal to lift the Sabres a 3-2 victory at Chicago.

February 17, 2012: Tyler Myers records his 100th NHL point in his 200th NHL game in a shootout loss to Montreal.

MITTELSTADT MODE

Casey Mittelstadt has registered 43 points (12+31) through Buffalo's first 53 games of 2023-24, which is the most among all Sabres skaters.

He leads all Sabres skaters in even-strength points (37) and assists (31).

Mittelstadt ranks first among all Sabres skaters in primary assists (13) and assists (23) at 5-on-5.

Mittelstadt ranks second among all Sabres skaters in primary assists at all strengths (16), trailing only **Dylan Cozens** (17).

According to Natural Stat Trick, **Mittelstadt** ranks second among all Sabres skaters in takeaways (30) at 5-on-5.



HEAD-TO-HEAD

Buffalo Sabres	Minnesota Wild
23-26-4	Record 25-23-5
12-15-1	Home Record 13-11-3
11-11-3	Road Record 12-12-2
5-5-0	Last 10 Games 7-3-0
2.92 (21st)	Goals For Per Game 3.00 (17th)
3.08 (16th)	Goals Against Per Game 3.23 (21st)
14.4% (28th)	Power Play 20.6% (17th)
79.8% (17th)	Penalty Kill 74.7% (28th)
46.7% (30th)	Team FO% 46.7% (28th)
51.2% (11th)	Team SAT% (5-on-5) 49.8% (19th)



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