



BUFFALO SABRES
32-36-6
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TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING
44-26-5
 Last Game: 2-1 L at OTT | Last 10: 7-3-0 | Road: 17-18-3
 Next Game: April 7 at New York Rangers





April 5, 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

Kulich, Jiri: (koo-LEEK, YIH-ree)
Lafferty, Sam: (LA-fuhr-tee)
Luukkonen, Ukko-Pekka: (LOO-koh-nehn, OO-koh-PEH-ka)
Malenstyn, Beck: (MAL-ehn-stighn, BEHK)
McLeod, Ryan: (muh-KLOWD)
Ostlund, Noah: (OHST-luhnd)
Peterka, JJ: (peh-TUHR-kah)
Samuelsson, Mattias: (SAM-yew-uhsuhn, ma-TEE-uhs)
Tuch, Alex: (TUHK)
Zucker, Jason: (ZUK-uhr)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Power Play
 39-for-213 (18.3%) -- 26th
Penalty Kill
 171-for-224 (76.3%) -- 23rd

LEADING SCORERS

Tage Thompson:
 68 GP, 39 G, 27 A, 66 PTS
JJ Peterka:
 69 GP, 23 G, 37 A, 60 PTS
Rasmus Dahlin:
 65 GP, 14 G, 45 A, 59 PTS

LEADING SCORERS VS. TBL

Jason Zucker:
 21 GP, 12 G, 4 A, 16 PTS
Tage Thompson:
 15 GP, 9 G, 5 A, 14 PTS
Rasmus Dahlin:
 19 GP, 3 G, 10 A, 13 PTS

LAST 5 GAMES VS. TBL

03/06/25: BUF 5 at TBL 6
 04/15/24: BUF 4 at TBL 2
 02/29/24: BUF 3 at TBL 2 (OT)
 01/20/24: TBL 3 at BUF 1
 10/17/23: TBL 2 at BUF 3 (OT)

FORWARDS

9 ZACH BENSON
 5'10", 170 lbs. • Chilliwack, BC
2024-25:
 67 GP, 10 G, 15 A, 25 PTS, 58 PIM
Career:
 138 GP, 21 G, 34 A, 55 PTS, 94 PIM

20 JIRI KULICH
 6'1", 190 lbs. • Kadan, CZE
2024-25:
 54 GP, 14 G, 7 A, 21 PTS, 18 PIM
Career:
 55 GP, 14 G, 7 A, 21 PTS, 18 PIM

72 TAGE THOMPSON
 6'6", 220 lbs. • Phoenix, AZ
2024-25:
 68 GP, 39 G, 27 A, 66 PTS, 33 PIM
Career:
 440 GP, 171 G, 148 A, 319 PTS, 201 PIM

77 JJ PETERKA
 6'0", 189 lbs. • Munich, DEU
2024-25:
 69 GP, 23 G, 37 A, 60 PTS, 30 PIM
Career:
 230 GP, 63 G, 79 A, 142 PTS, 84 PIM

71 RYAN MCLEOD
 6'3", 188 lbs. • Mississauga, ON
2024-25:
 71 GP, 19 G, 29 A, 48 PTS, 16 PIM
Career:
 290 GP, 51 G, 72 A, 123 PTS, 56 PIM

22 JACK QUINN
 6'1", 185 lbs. • Ottawa, ON
2024-25:
 66 GP, 14 G, 21 A, 35 PTS, 14 PIM
Career:
 170 GP, 38 G, 55 A, 93 PTS, 37 PIM

17 JASON ZUCKER
 5'11", 195 lbs. • Newport Beach, CA
2024-25:
 65 GP, 19 G, 30 A, 49 PTS, 55 PIM
Career:
 762 GP, 215 G, 204 A, 419 PTS, 392 PIM

19 PEYTON KREBS
 6'0", 186 lbs. • Calgary, AB
2024-25:
 73 GP, 9 G, 15 A, 24 PTS, 60 PIM
Career:
 288 GP, 29 G, 61 A, 90 PTS, 199 PIM

89 ALEX TUCH
 6'4", 219 lbs. • Syracuse, NY
2024-25:
 74 GP, 32 G, 27 A, 59 PTS, 40 PIM
Career:
 528 GP, 163 G, 211 A, 374 PTS, 199 PIM

29 BECK MALENSTYN
 6'3", 209 lbs. • Delta, BC
2024-25:
 70 GP, 4 G, 6 A, 10 PTS, 29 PIM
Career:
 175 GP, 12 G, 22 A, 34 PTS, 65 PIM

36 NOAH OSTLUND
 5'11", 163 lbs. • Stockholm, SWE
2024-25:
 0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
 0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM

81 SAM LAFFERTY
 6'2", 205 lbs. • Hollidaysburg, PA
2024-25:
 52 GP, 3 G, 3 A, 6 PTS, 26 PIM
Career:
 341 GP, 39 G, 50 A, 89 PTS, 180 PIM

DEFENSEMEN

23 MATTIAS SAMUELSSON
 6'4", 227 lbs. • Philadelphia, PA
2024-25:
 54 GP, 4 G, 10 A, 14 PTS, 22 PIM
Career:
 204 GP, 7 G, 36 A, 43 PTS, 88 PIM

26 RASMUS DAHLIN
 6'3", 204 lbs. • Lidköping, SWE
2024-25:
 65 GP, 14 G, 45 A, 59 PTS, 50 PIM
Career:
 501 GP, 80 G, 271 A, 351 PTS, 374 PIM

25 OWEN POWER
 6'6", 226 lbs. • Mississauga, ON
2024-25:
 74 GP, 7 G, 32 A, 39 PTS, 12 PIM
Career:
 237 GP, 19 G, 91 A, 110 PTS, 66 PIM

24 JACOB BERNARD-DOCKER
 6'1", 198 lbs. • Canmore, AB
2024-25:
 32 GP, 2 G, 5 A, 7 PTS, 13 PIM
Career:
 136 GP, 6 G, 17 A, 23 PTS, 53 PIM

4 BOWEN BYRAM
 6'1", 205 lbs. • Cranbrook, BC
2024-25:
 74 GP, 7 G, 28 A, 35 PTS, 46 PIM
Career:
 238 GP, 33 G, 74 A, 107 PTS, 172 PIM

75 CONNOR CLIFTON
 5'11", 195 lbs. • Matawan, NJ
2024-25:
 65 GP, 0 G, 14 A, 14 PTS, 39 PIM
Career:
 376 GP, 14 G, 61 A, 75 PTS, 284 PIM

SCRATCHES

12 JORDAN GREENWAY
78 JACOB BRYSON

13 JOSH NORRIS

48 TYSON KOZAK



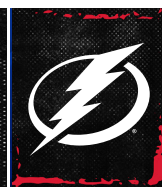
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Goaltending Coach: Frantz Jean

PRONUNCIATIONS

Bjorkstrand, Oliver: (bih-YOHRK-strand)
Cernak, Erik: (CHAIR-nak, AIR-ihk)
Chaffee, Mitchell: (CHAY-fee)
Goncalves, Gage: (gahn-SAHL-vehs, GAYJ)
Girgensons, Zemgus: (GEER-gehn-suhnz, ZEEM-guhz)
Gourde, Yanni: (GOHRD, YAH-nee)
Johansson, Jonas: (yoh-HAHN-suhn, YOH-nuhs)
Kucherov, Nikita: (KOO-chuhr-awv)
Lilleberg, Emil: (LIH-leh-buhrg, eh-MIHL)
Vasilevskiy, Andrei: (va-sihl-EHV-skee, AHN-dray)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Power Play
53-for-211 (25.1%) -- 7th
Penalty Kill
156-for-190 (82.1%) -- 5th

LEADING SCORERS

Nikita Kucherov:
71 GP, 33 G, 78 A, 111 PTS
Brandon Hagel:
75 GP, 34 G, 48 A, 82 PTS
Brayden Point:
70 GP, 38 G, 37 A, 75 PTS

LEADING SCORERS VS. BUF

Nikita Kucherov:
37 GP, 17 G, 27 A, 44 PTS
Victor Hedman:
55 GP, 8 G, 21 A, 29 PTS
Brayden Point:
27 GP, 11 G, 14 A, 25 PTS

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FORWARDS

59 JAKE GUENTZEL

5'11", 178 lbs. • Omaha, NE
2024-25:
74 GP, 38 G, 36 A, 74 PTS, 24 PIM
Career:
594 GP, 265 G, 300 A, 565 PTS, 256 PIM

21 BRAYDEN POINT

5'11", 175 lbs. • Calgary, AB
2024-25:
70 GP, 38 G, 37 A, 75 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
650 GP, 302 G, 326 A, 628 PTS, 144 PIM

86 NIKITA KUCHEROV

6'0", 180 lbs. • Maykop, RUS
2024-25:
71 GP, 33 G, 78 A, 111 PTS, 45 PIM
Career:
796 GP, 353 G, 631 A, 984 PTS, 386 PIM

38 BRANDON HAGEL

6'2", 180 lbs. • Saskatoon, SK
2024-25:
75 GP, 34 G, 48 A, 82 PTS, 52 PIM
Career:
368 GP, 124 G, 165 A, 289 PTS, 227 PIM

71 ANTHONY CIRELLI

6'1", 191 lbs. • Etobicoke, ON
2024-25:
70 GP, 6 G, 27 A, 53 PTS, 28 PIM
Career:
504 GP, 123 G, 163 A, 286 PTS, 249 PIM

20 NICK PAUL

6'4", 230 lbs. • Mississauga, ON
2024-25:
69 GP, 22 G, 18 A, 40 PTS, 30 PIM
Career:
479 GP, 97 G, 101 A, 198 PTS, 182 PIM

22 OLIVER BJORKSTRAND

6'0", 175 lbs. • Herning, DNK
2024-25:
75 GP, 20 G, 23 A, 43 PTS, 16 PIM
Career:
620 GP, 171 G, 210 A, 381 PTS, 118 PIM

37 YANNI GOURDE

5'9", 174 lbs. • Saint-Narcisse, QC
2024-25:
50 GP, 6 G, 20 A, 26 PTS, 52 PIM
Career:
595 GP, 132 G, 210 A, 342 PTS, 454 PIM

93 GAGE GONCALVES

6'1", 184 lbs. • Mission, BC
2024-25:
53 GP, 5 G, 9 A, 14 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
55 GP, 5 G, 9 A, 14 PTS, 16 PIM

11 LUKE GLENDENING

5'11", 190 lbs. • Grand Rapids, MI
2024-25:
74 GP, 4 G, 3 A, 7 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
861 GP, 83 G, 83 A, 166 PTS, 308 PIM

28 ZEMGUS GIRGENSONS

6'3", 192 lbs. • Riga, LVA
2024-25:
75 GP, 2 G, 4 A, 6 PTS, 40 PIM
Career:
763 GP, 91 G, 103 A, 194 PTS, 232 PIM

43 DARREN RADDYSH

6'1", 202 lbs. • Toronto, ON
2024-25:
66 GP, 5 G, 30 A, 35 PTS, 14 PIM
Career:
169 GP, 12 G, 59 A, 71 PTS, 39 PIM

DEFENSEMEN

77 VICTOR HEDMAN

6'7", 245 lbs. • Ornskoldsvik, SWE
2024-25:
72 GP, 14 G, 46 A, 60 PTS, 28 PIM
Career:
1124 GP, 170 G, 618 A, 788 PTS, 770 PIM

90 J.J. MOSER

6'2", 181 lbs. • Biel, CHE
2024-25:
47 GP, 2 G, 11 A, 13 PTS, 20 PIM
Career:
252 GP, 18 G, 67 A, 85 PTS, 106 PIM

27 RYAN McDONAGH

6'2", 219 lbs. • St. Paul, MN
2024-25:
75 GP, 3 G, 26 A, 29 PTS, 20 PIM
Career:
1003 GP, 79 G, 339 A, 418 PTS, 377 PIM

81 ERIK CERNAK

6'4", 230 lbs. • Kosice, SVK
2024-25:
69 GP, 3 G, 18 A, 21 PTS, 42 PIM
Career:
434 GP, 23 G, 86 A, 109 PTS, 359 PIM

78 EMIL LILLEBERG

6'3", 208 lbs. • Sarpsborg, NOR
2024-25:
69 GP, 0 G, 18 A, 18 PTS, 97 PIM
Career:
106 GP, 0 G, 23 A, 23 PTS, 113 PIM

48 NICK PERBIX

6'4", 206 lbs. • Elk River, MN
2024-25:
67 GP, 5 G, 13 A, 18 PTS, 20 PIM
Career:
213 GP, 12 G, 50 A, 62 PTS, 52 PIM

GOALTENDERS

31 JONAS JOHANSSON

6'5", 218 lbs. • Gavle, SWE
2024-25 (NHL):
16 GP, 8-5-2, .898 SV%, 3.11 GAA
Career (NHL):
77 GP, 31-25-11, .890 SV%, 3.29 GAA
vs. BUF:
2 GP, 1-0-1, .931 SV%, 2.00 GAA

88 ANDREI VASILEVSKIY

6'4", 228 lbs. • Tyumen, RUS
2024-25 (NHL):
59 GP, 36-20-3, .922 SV%, 2.16 GAA
Career (NHL):
536 GP, 329-163-33, .917 SV%, 2.52 GAA
vs. BUF:
18 GP, 13-2-3, .914 SV%, 2.37 GAA

SCRATCHES

13 CAM ATKINSON

5'8", 178 lbs. • Riverside, CT
2024-25:
38 GP, 4 G, 5 A, 9 PTS, 11 PIM
Career:
808 GP, 253 G, 236 A, 489 PTS, 194 PIM

41 MITCHELL CHAFFEE

6'1", 204 lbs. • Grand Rapids, MI
2024-25:
62 GP, 12 G, 5 A, 17 PTS, 21 PIM
Career:
94 GP, 16 G, 8 A, 24 PTS, 25 PIM

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