



# CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS AT BUFFALO SABRES

Friday, December 27, 2024 | 7:00 P.M. | KeyBank Center



## BUFFALO SABRES

13-19-4 | 30 PTS

### Season Series

2024-25 | 2-0-0

### 2024-25

Home | 7-10-3

Last 10 Games | 2-7-1

## CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS

12-22-2 | 26 PTS

### Season Series

2024-25 | 0-2-0

### 2024-25

Road | 5-14-2

Last 10 Games | 4-6-0

	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	SO	Final
BLACKHAWKS	0	1	1	--	--	2
SABRES	4	0	2	--	--	6

## GOALTENDING MATCHUP

Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen



Updated Season Stats		
10-11-3	RECORD	7-13-1
.895	SV%	.897
2.99	GAA	3.09

Today's Stats		
W	DECISION	L
17	SA	11
2	GA	4

Petr Mrazek



## STAT CORNER

### Buffalo Sabres

### Chicago Blackhawks

0-for-1 (0.0%).....	Power Play .....	0-for-1 (0.0%)
1-for-1 (100.0%).....	Penalty Kill .....	1-for-1 (100.0%)
25-for-49 (51.0%).....	Faceoffs .....	24-for-49 (49.0%)
35.....	Shots on Goal .....	17
63.....	Shot Attempts.....	44
59.....	Shot Attempts (5-on-5) .....	39
Byram (21:37).....	TOI Leader .....	Jones (23:16)

## TOP NOTES

**Alex Tuch's** hat trick marked the third hat trick of his career and his first since April 1, 2023 at Philadelphia. It was the first hat trick recorded by a Sabre since **Tage Thompson's** four-goal performance on March 29, 2024 vs. New Jersey.

In his last 13 games against Chicago including tonight's contest, **Tuch** has recorded 15 points (7+8). **Tuch** now has at least one point in three straight games against Chicago (3+2).

**Zach Benson's** goal gave him one goal in back-to-back games. It marked the fourth time he has recorded at least one goal in consecutive games in his career.

**Rasmus Dahlin** collected an assist on both **Benson's** goal and **Tuch's** first goal and he now has six assists in his last two games. **Dahlin** is the first Sabres skater to record six or more assists in any two-game span since Brian Campbell from Oct. 11 to 13, 2007 (six assists). Campbell, **Dahlin** and Maxim Afinogenov (Oct. 17 to 20, 2006; six assists) are the only Sabres skaters who have done so since 1995.

As a result of his goal and his assist on **Dylan Cozens'** goal, **Jack Quinn** has now recorded six points (4+2) in his last five games, including one goal and one assist in each of his last two games.

**JJ Peterka** recorded an assist on **Quinn's** goal, which extended his point streak to six games (2+6) and matched the longest point streak of his career, which came from Nov. 5 to 16, 2024 (3+5).

**Cozens** recorded an assist on **Quinn's** goal before tallying his goal at 19:18 of the first period and he has also registered six points (2+4) in his last five games.

The Sabres have earned four consecutive wins over the Blackhawks and they have earned at least one point in each of their last eight games against Chicago (7-0-1). Buffalo matched the longest winning streak against Chicago in franchise history with the team's win tonight.

Buffalo recorded four goals in the first period tonight, which moved the team into third place among all NHL teams in first-period goals (39) in 2024-25. The Sabres have registered 36.4 percent of their goals in the first period this season, the highest among all NHL teams.

## THREE STARS

### 1st **Alex Tuch - Buffalo Sabres**

3 G, +2, 16:26 TOI

### 2nd **Jack Quinn - Buffalo Sabres**

1 G, 1 A, +2, 14:48 TOI

### 3rd **Dylan Cozens - Buffalo Sabres**

1 G, 1 A, +2, 15:56 TOI



## UP NEXT

### Saturday, Dec. 28

Practice with media availability to follow, 11 a.m., LECOM Harborcenter

### Sunday, Dec. 29

Lindy Ruff media availability, 1:10 p.m., Enterprise Center  
Buffalo Sabres at St. Louis Blues, 3 p.m., Enterprise Center

### Monday, Dec. 30

Practice with media availability to follow, 12 p.m., American Airlines Center

\*\*All practice and morning skate times are subject to change.  
Please visit the Sabres media calendar for more information.\*\*



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