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Larsson a center of attention for Sabres

By Mike Harrington

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The Buffalo Sabres clearly like young players who have had success in European pro leagues. No. 1 draft pick Rasmus Ristolainen has a game far beyond the normal 18-year-old thanks to his time against older players in Finland and the hope is that 2011 top choice Joel Armia, also from Finland, will start to show that kind of skill as he acclimates to North America.

The trade of captain Jason Pominville to Minnesota last April brought a similar prospect in center Johan Larsson, a former Rookie of the Year in the Swedish Elite League.

The Sabres need centers, especially ones that can stuff the stat sheet. Larsson is an intriguing prospect who did exactly that in Thursday's 5-2 win over Carolina in First Niagara Center.

He'll get another chance this weekend, as the Sabres host the Toronto Maple Leafs tonight at 7 (Ch. 5 & NHLN, Radio 550 AM) and play them Sunday night in Air Canada Centre.

Larsson played 15 minutes, 44 seconds Thursday, including 3:51 of penalty kill time. He scored twice while posting a game-high seven shots on goal and also went 12-5 on faceoffs.

"It's good for your confidence, real good," said Larsson, 21. "I've played two games before and feel pretty good. I had some chances in those but I was lucky to get them again and score, so it was nice."

The 5-foot-11, 206-pound Larsson showed plenty of willingness to compete for loose pucks and drove the Hurricanes crazy while killing a first-period penalty and keeping the puck in the Carolina zone.

"He's just feisty out there, strong all over it," said coach Ron Rolston. "He's got quick hands. The one penalty kill when we needed it and got down ice, he disrupted things."

"Those are things we're looking for out of centermen," Rolston said. "He's got a lot of grit in his game. He's strong, he's put together and that helps him on the ice over pucks. We're just going to see him continue to grow here. He's getting more comfortable."

Larsson was Minnesota's second-round pick in 2010, taken 56th overall. He was the captain for Sweden when it won the World Junior Championships in 2012 in

Calgary with an overtime win over Russia, the Swedes' first gold medal since 1981.

Playing for Brynas IF, Larsson was named Rookie of the Year in the Swedish League in 2011-12 after collecting 12 goals and 36 points in 49 games.

The award has a huge pedigree of winners who have gone on to big NHL careers. Just since 2001, the list includes Detroit's Henrik Zetterberg, Winnipeg's Tobias Enstrom, Boston's Loui Eriksson, Washington's Nicklas Backstrom, Tampa Bay's Victor Hedman and Florida's Jacob Markstrom.

Larsson had 15 goals and 22 assists in 62 games last year for Houston of the AHL when he learned he had been dealt to Buffalo.

"It was a shock. It was my first year over here and you're not familiar with all that happens with trades coming over from Europe," he said. "Everything happened so fast. It was kind of shocking but I've learned how much of a good opportunity this is. They wanted me and I'm trying to do my best and see what happens."

Heading into Friday's play, the Sabres' seven goals from rookies were the most in the NHL thus far in the preseason.

"There's a lot of young guys here but that's how it is overall in the league now too it seems," Larsson said. "There may be a few more here and it's a good group of guys. We push each other. There's good battles. You had to work hard in the summer to improve every day."

Larsson appears ticketed for a major role in Rochester but the Sabres are thin down the middle. More games like Thursday will thrust him deeper into the conversation about the Sabres' final roster.

"We're going to continue looking at all options," Rolston said. "Whether it's young guys, moving guys around, whatever is going to be the best scenario for the team."

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The Sabres had their first mass cutdown of the fall Friday, starting to build the core of the Amerks.

Sent down to the AHL club were forwards Colin Jacobs, Eric Locke, Johnny McGuire, Jonathan Parker, Frederick Roy, Kevin Sundher and Shawn Szydlowski; defensemen Matt MacKenzie and Alex Lepkowski, a West Seneca native; and goalies Connor Knapp and Nathan Lieuwen. Defenseman Nick Crawford was also sent down, but must first clear waivers.

Returned to junior teams were defenseman Brady Austin and forward Peter Trainor. The Sabres are now down to 42 players and have essentially cut the camp roster from three teams to two. They must be at 23 by Sept. 30.

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Rolston was not prepared to name tonight's goalie, saying only it would be Jhonas Enroth or Matt Hackett. The choice will play the whole game.

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The Amerks will open training camp Monday at 10 a.m. at Blue Cross Arena and play a preseason game Wednesday night at 7 against Wilkes-Barre/Scranton at Bill Gray's Regional Iceplex, located on the campus of Monroe Community College. Tickets are \$5 and available at the Iceplex or Blue Cross Arena.

First big wave of cuts gets roster down to 41

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The Sabres trimmed training camp down to two groups Friday afternoon and started to set up a core of players for the Rochester Americans.

Sent down to the AHL club were forwards Colin Jacobs, Eric Locke, Johnny McGuire, Jonathan Parker, Frederick Roy, Kevin Sundher and Shawn Szydlowski; defensemen Alex Lepkowski and Matt MacKenzie; and goalies Connor Knapp and Nathan Lieuwen. Defenseman Nick Crawford was also sent down, but must first clear waivers.

Defenseman Brady Austin was returned to Belleville of the OHL and forward Peter Trainor was sent back to Rimouski in the Quebec League.

The Sabres are now down to 41 players (25 forwards, 13 defensemen and 3 goalies). Practice in Rochester is scheduled to start Wednesday.

Colton Gillies looks to reboot NHL career with Buffalo Sabres

By Kevin Oklobzija
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BUFFALO — June and July came and went and Colton Gillies still wasn't sure where he would be skating this season.

Obviously that made for some restless nights.

When August ended, he was still on the outside looking in at the NHL. Restless turned to worry.

"I had no idea what was going to happen," he said.

A first-round draft pick of the Minnesota Wild in 2007, Gillies found himself without a contract when the 2012-13 season ended, and now he was wondering what the future would hold.

He has a little bit better of an idea today, however.

His training-camp tryout with the Buffalo Sabres may very well produce a two-way contract and have him playing for the Rochester Americans.

That could be very good for the Amerks. Can a team ever have too many 6-foot-4, 208-pound wingers? Especially if they can skate very well?

Probably not.

Then again, the Wild and then the Columbus Blue Jackets both said yes to those questions. That's why Gillies, 24, is in this predicament of still not having a contract for the upcoming season.

The Wild, who drafted Gillies 16th overall, placed him on waivers in January 2012, midway through his fourth season in their organization.

Columbus claimed him and he played with the Blue Jackets through the end of the lockout-shortened 2012-13 season. Afterward, he was allowed to become a free agent.

In five pro seasons, he has scored just 6 goals, 12 assists and 18 points in 154 NHL games. He produced 19-35-54 in 147 American Hockey League games for the Houston Aeros.

Now it's time to resurrect the career.

“I’m just thankful for the chance to play,” Gillies said following a recent Sabres practice at First Niagara Center. “I’ve obviously been through a lot and I’d definitely had my fair share of downs.

“But I also learned a lot with Minnesota and with Columbus.”

The most important thing may be what he is as a player — and what he’s not.

The stature of being the 16th overall selection of a draft, as a forward, almost always means big offense is expected. But Gillies was never even a point-a-game player in junior. His best numbers came in 2007-08, his final year with Saskatoon of the Western Hockey League: 24-23-47 in 58 games.

Sabres coach Ron Rolston and Amerks coach Chadd Cassidy watched, and coached against, Gillies in age-level international hockey events when he was in his teens. They have seen his progression and also know what he could be.

“I think a lot of times, when you’re drafted that high, you have different aspirations,” Rolston said. “He kind of understands (now) what he has to be to make a living.”

Namely, to use his high-end skating ability to forecheck hard. To chase the puck, to be abrasive in the corners and on the wall, and to use his size.

Do all of that, while also getting to the front of the net, and Gillies can fill a role on almost any team.

The Sabres have played Gillies in two of three preseason games. They are giving him a chance to show he deserves a contract.

“He’s been good,” Rolston said.

The most likely scenario has him coming to the Amerks, and he has no problem with that, even though he spent all of the past two seasons in the NHL.

“I just want to play,” said Gillies, a native of White Rock, British Columbia. “If they want to send me to the minors, that’s fine.

“The next time they see me, I’ll be a better hockey player — and I’ll come back to help them win a Stanley Cup.”

Think big, right?

“You don’t dream of just playing,” he said. “You dream of winning the Stanley Cup.”

Under Pressure: Tyler Myers

By Jason Brough

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For the Buffalo Sabres, we pick...defenseman Tyler Myers.

It's only been three years, but it seems like ages since Myers was coming off a rookie-of-the-year season with the Buffalo Sabres. Heading into 2013-14, his goals are remarkably different compared to back then. Instead of trying to avoid a sophomore slump, he's trying to avoid falling even further into the abyss.

That may sound overly dire, but mentally, Myers was a mess last season when he registered just eight points in 39 games.

"A lot of things went on last year that got in my head," he admitted, per The Buffalo News. "It just goes back to the mental training side of it, of how you prevent yourself from heading downhill mentally instead of stopping that and making sure you stay at your peak. It's confidence level and how you build that confidence."

Not only does the big 23-year-old have a Calder Trophy to live up to, he also has six years left on a \$38.5 million contract.

Myers has the size and talent to be a franchise defenseman, even a Hall of Fame one. However, his mental makeup, as well as his commitment to fitness, have been rightly questioned.

Prior to the summer, Sabres head coach Ron Rolston challenged Myers "to get himself prepared for being an elite defenseman." And based on what Rolston said at camp, Myers accepted that challenge with enthusiasm.

"Mysie has had an unbelievable summer," Rolston said. "Where he's at and where he needs to go, I think his summer was dedicated to that and working in those areas. He's gotten a lot stronger. He's in really good shape, both physically and I think mentally. I think he's going to play well."

Five Questions Facing the Buffalo Sabres

By Gunner Taylor

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A little over a week into training camp the Buffalo Sabres have set the blender to liquefy in an effort to meld the few 'old core' veterans they have left with the next wave of maturing young organizational talent.

The toughest part of this rebuilding transition has to be finding which players fit the roles head coach Ron Rolston expects his players to fill in his system while maintaining a high level of competitiveness with rival organizations.

The Sabres had a relatively quiet offseason with the only two roster additions coming in the form of defensemen Henrik Tallinder from New Jersey and Jamie McBain, in a deal with the Carolina Hurricanes. Most importantly perhaps was the re-signing of restricted free agent center Cody Hodgson to a 6-year \$4.25 million (capgeek.com) deal just before the opening of training camp.

In terms of departures, the Sabres lost their most significant piece when they traded Jason Pominville at last year's trade deadline. However they also bought out Nathan Gerbe, traded Andrej Sekera to Carolina and let Adam Pardy walk in free agency this summer.

What does it all mean? The competition level at training camp will be filled with energy, excitement and undoubtedly mistakes. That can be said for most teams training camps, but what separates the Sabres from the rest of the league is one of the strongest contingents of top draft picks with a chance to immediately contribute.

As the pre-season winds down and the Sabres ramp up to October 2, when they will open the season in Detroit against the revamped Red Wings, Rolston and general manager Darcy Regier will need to keep a keen eye on these aspects of their rebuilding foundation:

1. Who will play the right wing with Hodgson and Thomas Vanek? Vanek (20 goals, 21 assists per hockeydb.com) and Hodgson (15 goals, 19 assists per hockeydb.com) were one and two in scoring for the Sabres last season. After the Sabres traded Pominville, a bevy of players vied to secure the top wing spot, but none produced at a high level. So far in training camp the duo has paired with Marcus Foligno and will skate with highly touted prospect Joel Armia against Carolina.

The favorites to win the battle for the top line are Foligno and consummate grinder Steve Ott. The Sabres are looking to match the talented pair of forwards

with a player who can get down low in the offensive zone and play physically in order to create space and retrieve pucks for the top scorers to generate scoring chances around the net. Foligno and Ott are able to do just that. While Armia has the youth and talent to be a top line player, he will likely begin the season acclimating to the North American style of hockey in Rochester.

2. Can Tyler Myers return to his Calder trophy form or better? Last season was a forgettable one for Tyler Myers. At a point in his career where he is expected to consistently compete for Norris trophies, Myers took a few steps in the wrong direction. Playing lackadaisically in the defensive end, hesitating on his break out passes and lacking the confidence with the puck to generate sufficient offense, Myers' game struggled up until his lockout shortened campaign was cut even shorter by a broken leg.

Myers spent more time in the gym this offseason, working smarter and harder than ever. The Sabres will be relying heavily on the 23-year old to play top defenseman minutes and to protect Ryan Miller all season long. If he can return to his 48 point form a la 2009-2010 rookie season, the hulking defender can begin a resurgence that will see him start living up to the hype, the \$5.5 million (capgeek.com) contract and maybe even receive some attention for the Canadian Olympic roster in February.

3. Which of the young forwards will make the 23 man roster? The youth contingency at the forward position is filled with promising first round talent. Starting with Mikhail Grigorenko who will be counted on as a top two center this season. Grigorenko will skate between Steve Ott and Ville Leino to begin the season and if the Sabres are to have an offensive rejuvenation, it will most likely revolve around the 2012 first round pick.

Johan Larsson came to the Sabres in the deadline deal from the Wild in exchange for Pominville last season. Larsson is currently manning the center position on the third line between Tyler Ennis and Drew Stafford. The 21-year old Swede looks to have the all around game to carry the load of an NHL center, but keep an eye out for first round pick Zemgus Girgensons, who has been labeled as one of the hardest workers in the organization to gun for a spot in the bottom six forwards as well.

4. Which of the young defensemen will make the 23 man roster? The Sabres' blue line might be the most intriguing positional battle throughout camp. They have a logjam on the backend with an interesting mix of veterans and youngsters. Starting with 2013 first round picks Rasmus Ristolainen and Nikita Zadorov, who

both have the size and skill to step in immediately. Will one of these two be allowed cut their teeth at the NHL level or will undrafted signee Chad Ruhwedel and 2010 first round pick Mark Pysyk figure into the equation?

The youngsters will be looking to unseat one of the veteran defenders like; Mike Weber, Alexander Sulzer, Tallinder and McBain. Also, Brayden McNabb could be an under the radar prospect to compete for a spot with a solid training camp. He posted 8 points in 25 games (hockeydb.com) in 2009-2010 and if he can prove his game on and off the ice has matured his hard-hitting style could be a welcomed presence to the defensive unit.

5. Will there be a shift in attitude? There have been some negative rumblings from recently departed Sabres in recent years. Whispers of a locker room that doesn't bring the positive approach necessary to be successful have swirled from the disgruntled and satisfied defectors alike. Whether it's bitterness from those who felt slighted or a real problem the Sabres need to deal with internally, anyone who has been on a successful athletic team understands that team chemistry is exponentially essential.

Chemistry cannot be talked about, imitated or reproduced, it is a rapport built through the peaks and valleys of a journey. Each guy has to push the next to be at his best at all times and in all phases. Hopefully with this shift towards youth and some weeding out of some of the negative influences in the Sabres locker room, there is a shift in attitude that is one of hard work, dedication and a pure unadulterated excitement for winning hockey games.

Center prospect Johan Larsson making strong bid to crack Sabres' opening-night lineup

By Bill Hoppe

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BUFFALO – Right now, the Sabres' depth down the middle is, well, a bit thin beyond Cody Hodgson.

Consider this: the five other centers coach Ron Rolston has played in the team's three exhibition contests – Matt Ellis, Mikhail Grigorenko, Johan Larsson, Cody McCormick and Kevin Porter – have combined for 64 goals and 154 points in 816 NHL games.

That's it.

So what will the Sabres do?

“We're going to continue to look at all options, whether it's young, moving guys around – whatever's going to be the best scenario for the team,” Rolston said Friday after the Sabres prepared tonight's preseason tilt against the Toronto Maple Leafs at the First Niagara Center.

One of those youngsters, the 21-year-old Larsson, might be forcing his way into the rebuilding Sabres' opening-night lineup. Considering Larsson's beginning just his second North American season and has played only one NHL game, the Swede seemed like a longshot just a week ago.

But Larsson has been seizing his chances, impressing Rolston through three exhibition appearances.

If he keeps acquitting himself well, can the Sabres, whose focus has turned to youth, really deny him a roster spot?

After Larsson scored twice while skating 15:51 in Thursday's 5-2 win over Carolina, Rolston called him “arguably our best forward.”

“He's strong,” Rolston said about his 5-foot-11, 206-pound prospect. “He's put together, and that helps him obviously on the ice over pucks. I think for him we're just going to see him grow here. I think he's getting more comfortable. (It was) his best game.”

Larsson said he “got some confidence” from Thursday's performance.

“I think I played pretty good in the other games, too,” he said.

Larsson certainly possesses versatility. He kills penalties, plays a feisty style and won 12 of his 17 faceoffs Thursday.

“He’s able to make plays,” Rolston said. “He’s got quick hands. He had a couple (Thursday) he’s able to get across his body quick and get it on net. He’s a smart player. So he’s always in good position to support both ends of things offensively and defensively. I think he’s got a real strong two-way game.”

Larsson added: “I try to be hard to play against and also be creative with the puck, make some plays, be in the scoring areas.”

He was in those areas against Carolina, tipping in two Brayden McNabb shots.

Larsson, the 56th overall pick by Minnesota in 2010, thought he would be competing for a spot with the Wild this season, not the Sabres.

After two years in the Swedish Elite League, Larsson joined Minnesota’s AHL affiliate in Houston last season, scoring 15 goals and 37 points in 62 games. He made his NHL debut Feb. 17 and felt he was part of the Wild’s future.

Then, Minnesota traded Larsson, goalie Matt Hackett and first- and second-round picks to the Sabres for Jason Pominville hours before the April 3 trade deadline.

“I didn’t see that coming,” Larsson said. “But I think all the guys have to be ready for something. The thing was I think I played pretty good there, and then the another day you’re on another team. So it’s kind of weird.”

The Sabres immediately assigned Larsson to Rochester, where he had one goal and seven points in 10 total games.

Bigger prospects – the Sabres’ last four first-round picks all played in Sunday’s preseason opener – have been overshadowing Larsson a bit this training camp.

“I like it. It’s fine with me,” Larsson said. “I know what I’ve got to do to make it. So I only have pressure on myself.”

Grigorenko, one of those recent picks, will definitely be sticking with the Sabres, general manager Darcy Regier has said.

So far, Larsson has outplayed Grigorenko, who has one goal and a shootout score.

“He was really involved, he was one of our better forwards in Columbus (on Tuesday), and then it goes back to the consistency,” Rolston said about Grigorenko’s performance Thursday. “He wasn’t able to put it back-to-back.”

Rolston said Grigorenko will play again this weekend. The Sabres also play Sunday in Toronto.

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Rolston said either Hackett or Jhonas Enroth will start in goal tonight.

Sabres Flynn has another uphill climb

By Paul Hamilton

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Buffalo, NY (WGR 550) -- Here's your quiz for today, you went to the Amerks opener last October and Brian Flynn was a healthy scratch. Many of you probably didn't even know who he is. After that night you probably weren't thinking he'd play 26 games in Buffalo and score six goals and five assists, right? That would translate to 19 goals over an 82 game season. Despite his quick rise due to injuries last season, chances are pretty good he'll start the season in Rochester again. Ron Rolston said, "He's in a tough spot right now in a sense fighting for positions so it's be a big couple games for him right here."

One thing I can tell you is the Maine grad is taking nothing for granted, "I didn't really come in with any expectations of this is how many games I want to try to play in the NHL this year, but I just try to do the best I can do and fortunately I was able to get that opportunity."

Flynn didn't sulk when Rolston didn't dress him for the first Amerks game. He said, "There was a lot of guys down there, good players and guys like Cody and Marcus who you knew would be on the Sabres so as a rookie you have to earn the ice time you're going to get so it wasn't a surprise not to be playing the first night there, but with injuries I got an opportunity. Then, it's just what you make of it. Fortunately I was able to play well, I think Van was hurt for a little bit so that gave me a chance to play. I started to play well and it's tough to take a guy out if he's playing well."

You've heard me say I'm tired of all the small players the Sabres have on the team. That has been addressed through the draft. In the preseason game against the Hurricanes, Buffalo dressed defensemen that are, 6'8, 6'6, 6'5, 6'4, 6'4 and the Mark Pysyk at a generous 6'1. Flynn is one of those small forwards and he worked hard over the summer to gain weight and muscle, "I worked on my skating, my power, I think my power's the big thing. I tried to put on a little weight and get a little stronger. I was a lighter guy and I need to use my speed to be successful, so I think if I get my feet stronger in my skates and be able to maintain that through an 82 games season, that will help me a lot." Flynn added, "I got a lot stronger and came into camp in really good shape and hopefully that will help me."

When a player puts in the work he wants to be noticed. Rolston said, "That's one of the things we stressed in the year end meeting with him and I think he put a lot of time into that. He's always been fast, but when he gets down to the corner, to keep strength on the puck and win the battles when it's 50/50, so we've seen that."

Flynn played mostly with Kevin Porter last year, but in his game the other night he was with Tyler Ennis and Mikhail Grigorenko. He'll get a few more chances this preseason, but without a few injuries in the next week, he'll probably have to wait for another NHL opportunity.

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ZEMGUS GIRGENSONS

The Present

A three-zone force blending speed and tight checking, Zemgus Girgensons rounds out his power forward tool kit with old-fashioned desire and an ability to score. The 2012 first-rounder toiled in the AHL as an 18-year old in 2012-13, collecting 20 points (9+11) in 64 games including the playoffs. Perhaps more important than any offensive statistics, though, was his clear adjustment to the speed and physical style of the pro game.

Girgensons sees the ice well, has excellent lateral movement, and takes the puck to the net with authority. But his greatest asset comes in the form of a no-quit work ethic. He fearlessly enters traffic to make a play. He supplies energy by finishing every hit. He gladly slides to block shots. It all added up to Girgensons commanding an increased role on the farm as his rookie year progressed. Continuing to lead by example while refining his high level of skill under Ron Rolston's staff should bode well for both team and player for many years to come.

The Future

The hard-driving Girgensons is front and center as the Sabres solidify a new core up front. Whether it's as a centerman or a winger, his talent and intensity should develop into a top-six NHL forward who can provide consistent physical play, spark his club with a much-needed goal, and hop over the boards for key defensive zone starts. Forecasting elite offensive production could be risky, but the thought is that Girgensons' success will be fueled by effort and attitude similar to Los Angeles Kings captain Dustin Brown, making him a valuable piece to a team looking to become difficult to play against.

SABRES ASSIGN 12 PLAYERS TO AMERKS

By Chris Ryndak

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The Buffalo Sabres announced Friday that 12 players have been assigned to the Rochester Americans of the American Hockey League.

Forwards Colin Jacobs, Eric Locke, Jonathon McGuire, Jonathan Parker, Kevin Sundher, Shawn Szydlowski, and Frederick Roy, defensemen Alex Lepkowski and Matt Mackenzie and goaltenders Connor Knapp, Nathan Lieuwen and Andrey Makarov are now with the Amerks. Defenseman Nick Crawford, pending waivers, will also be assigned to Rochester.

Additionally, defenseman Brady Austin and forward Peter Trainor have been returned to their junior clubs. Austin plays for the Belleville Bulls of the Ontario Hockey League while Trainor is with Rimouski Oceanic of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

The moves leave the Sabres with 41 players in training camp (25 forwards, 13 defensemen, three goaltenders).

"[We're down to] two teams and I think this weekend will be a big evaluation for a lot of guys with the back-to-back with Toronto. Hopefully [we'll] be able to trim it down from there," Rolston said after practice at First Niagara Center on Friday.

The Sabres play the Maple Leafs twice this weekend as the preseason continues. They host Toronto on Saturday at 7 p.m. and then go to Air Canada Centre on Sunday for a 7 p.m. face off.

Group One - 10:30 a.m.

Forwards: Daniel Catenacci, Matt Ellis, Marcus Foligno, Zemgus Girgensons, Patrick Kaleta, Cody McCormick, Steve Ott, Tim Schaller, John Scott, Drew Stafford, Jamie Tardif, Philip Varone, Mike Zigomanis.

Defense: Drew Bagnall, Christian Ehrhoff, Jerome Gauthier-Leduc, Jamie McBain, Chad Ruhwedel, Alexander Sulzer, Mike Weber.

Goaltenders: Jhonas Enroth, Matt Hackett.

Group Two - 12:15 p.m.

Forwards: Luke Adam, Joel Armia, Tyler Ennis, Brian Flynn, Colton Gillies, Mikhail Grigorenko, Cody Hodgson, Johan Larsson, Ville Leino, Kevin Porter, Corey Tropp, Thomas Vanek.

Defense: Brayden McNabb, Tyler Myers, Mark Pysyk, Rasmus Ristolainen, Henrik Tallinder, Nikita Zadorov.

Goaltenders: Ryan Miller, Matt Hackett.