



BUFFALO SABRES

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February 19, 2018
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Buffalo, New York

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Phil Housley
Associate Coach: Davis Payne
Assistant Coach: Chris Hajt
Assistant Coach: Tom Ward
Goaltending Coach: Andrew Allen

PRONUNCIATIONS

Antipin, Victor: (an-TEE-pihn)
Baptiste, Nicholas: (bap-TEEST)
Beaulieu, Nathan: (BOH-I'yew)
Girgensons, Zemgus: (GEER-gehn-suhnz, ZEHM-guhz)
Gorges, Josh: (JOHR-juhzh)
Josefson, Jacob: (JOH-sehf-suhn, JAY-kuhh)
Lehner, Robin: (LEH-nuhr)
Okposo, Kyle: (oh-POH-soh)
Pouliot, Benoit: (POO-lee-aht, BEHN-wah)
Ristolainen, Rasmus: (rihs-toh-LIGH-neh, RAS-muhs)
Rodrigues, Evan: (rahd-REE-gehzh)
Scandella, Marco: (skan-DEHL-uh)
Ullmark, Linus: (UHL-mahrk, LEE-nuhs)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Power Play
31-for-178 (17.4%) -- 26th
Penalty Kill
142-for-179 (79.3%) -- 22nd

LEADING SCORERS

Jack Eichel:
55 GP, 22 G, 31 A, 53 PTS
Ryan O'Reilly:
58 GP, 18 G, 25 A, 43 PTS
Evander Kane:
59 GP, 18 G, 20 A, 38 PTS

LEADING SCORERS VS. WSH

Jason Pominville:
39 GP, 12 G, 16 A, 28 PTS
Kyle Okposo:
29 GP, 10 G, 11 A, 21 PTS
Evander Kane:
28 GP, 13 G, 6 A, 19 PTS

LAST 5 GAMES VS. WSH

11/7/17: WSH 1 at BUF 3
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12/5/16: BUF 2 at WSH 3 (OT)
11/25/16: BUF 1 at WSH 3
1/16/16: WSH 1 at BUF 4

FORWARDS

9 EVANDER KANE

6'2", 212 lbs. • Vancouver, B.C.
2017-18:
59 GP, 18 G, 20 A, 38 PTS, 57 PIM
Career:
555 GP, 175 G, 163 A, 338 PTS, 646 PIM

90 RYAN O'REILLY

6'1", 216 lbs. • Clinton, Ontario
2017-18:
58 GP, 18 G, 25 A, 43 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
622 GP, 149 G, 255 A, 404 PTS, 84 PIM

29 JASON POMINVILLE

6'0", 180 lbs. • Repentigny, Quebec
2017-18:
59 GP, 9 G, 11 A, 20 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
964 GP, 270 G, 412 A, 682 PTS, 193 PIM

20 SCOTT WILSON

5'11", 210 lbs. • Oakville, Ontario
2017-18:
46 GP, 5 G, 4 A, 9 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
149 GP, 18 G, 23 A, 41 PTS, 50 PIM

71 EVAN RODRIGUES

5'11", 182 lbs. • Toronto, Ontario
2017-18:
30 GP, 4 G, 8 A, 12 PTS, 14 PIM
Career:
62 GP, 9 G, 11 A, 20 PTS, 18 PIM

21 KYLE OKPOSO

6'0", 220 lbs. • St. Paul, Minnesota
2017-18:
57 GP, 9 G, 25 A, 35 PTS, 28 PIM
Career:
651 GP, 167 G, 282 A, 449 PTS, 362 PIM

28 ZEMGUS GIRGENSONS

6'2", 207 lbs. • Riga, Latvia
2017-18:
53 GP, 6 G, 5 A, 11 PTS, 22 PIM
Career:
330 GP, 43 G, 54 A, 97 PTS, 99 PIM

22 JOHAN LARSSON

5'11", 198 lbs. • Lau, Sweden
2017-18:
57 GP, 3 G, 7 A, 10 PTS, 35 PIM
Career:
235 GP, 25 G, 33 A, 58 PTS, 113 PIM

23 SAM REINHART

6'1", 192 lbs. • West Vancouver, B.C.
2017-18:
59 GP, 13 G, 16 A, 29 PTS, 22 PIM
Career:
226 GP, 53 G, 66 A, 119 PTS, 40 PIM

67 BENOIT POULIOT

6'3", 200 lbs. • Alfred, Ontario
2017-18:
55 GP, 11 G, 4 A, 15 PTS, 16 PIM
Career:
606 GP, 128 G, 131 A, 259 PTS, 365 PIM

10 JACOB JOSEFSON

6'0", 196 lbs. • Stockholm, Sweden
2017-18:
28 GP, 2 G, 2 A, 4 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
304 GP, 20 G, 44 A, 64 PTS, 82 PIM

13 NICHOLAS BAPTISTE

6'1", 205 lbs. • Ottawa, Ontario
2017-18:
10 GP, 2 G, 0 A, 2 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
24 GP, 5 G, 1 A, 6 PTS, 10 PIM

DEFENSEMEN

6 MARCO SCANDELLA

6'3", 208 lbs. • Montreal, Quebec
2017-18:
59 GP, 2 G, 14 A, 16 PTS, 22 PIM
Career:
432 GP, 29 G, 76 A, 105 PTS, 170 PIM

55 RASMUS RISTOLAINEN

6'4", 218 lbs. • Turku, Finland
2017-18:
50 GP, 5 G, 22 A, 27 PTS, 35 PIM
Career:
323 GP, 30 G, 107 A, 137 PTS, 158 PIM

4 JOSH GORGES

6'1", 204 lbs. • Kelowna, B.C.
2017-18:
25 GP, 0 G, 2 A, 2 PTS, 15 PIM
Career:
774 GP, 17 G, 107 A, 124 PTS, 402 PIM

8 CASEY NELSON

6'1", 185 lbs. • Wisconsin Rapids, Wisc.
2017-18:
15 GP, 1 G, 4 A, 5 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
33 GP, 1 G, 8 A, 9 PTS, 16 PIM

82 NATHAN BEAULIEU

6'2", 200 lbs. • Strathroy, Ontario
2017-18:
41 GP, 1 G, 5 A, 6 PTS, 22 PIM
Career:
266 GP, 8 G, 58 A, 66 PTS, 174 PIM

41 JUSTIN FALK

6'5", 223 lbs. • Snowflake, Manitoba
2017-18:
32 GP, 1 G, 1 A, 2 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
255 GP, 3 G, 30 A, 33 PTS, 190 PIM

GOALTENDERS

31 CHAD JOHNSON

6'3", 197 lbs. • Saskatoon, Sask.
2017-18:
22 GP, 4-9-3, .888 SV%, 3.48 GAA
Career:
159 GP, 72-54-15, .911 SV%, 2.57 GAA
vs. WSH:
5 GP, 2-2-1, .920 SV%, 2.58 GAA

35 LINUS ULLMARK

6'4", 221 lbs. • Lugnvik, Sweden
2017-18:
1 GP, 1-0-0, .978 SV%, 1.00 GAA
Career:
22 GP, 9-11-2, .918 SV%, 2.54 GAA
vs. WSH:
1 GP, 0-1-0, .923 SV%, 2.07 GAA

SCRATCHES

17 JORDAN NOLAN

6'3", 219 lbs. • First Nations, Ontario
2017-18:
50 GP, 2 G, 3 A, 5 PTS, 54 PIM
Career:
342 GP, 22 G, 25 A, 47 PTS, 318 PIM

40 ROBIN LEHNER

6'4", 245 lbs. • Gothenburg, Sweden
2017-18:
44 GP, 12-22-8, .910 SV%, 2.95 GAA
Career:
210 GP, 70-93-34, .916 SV%, 2.80 GAA

93 VICTOR ANTIPIIN

5'11", 175 lbs. • Ust-Kamenogorsk, Kaz.
2017-18:
35 GP, 0 G, 6 A, 6 PTS, 18 PIM
Career:
35 GP, 0 G, 6 A, 6 PTS, 18 PIM

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Bowey, Madison: (BOW-ee)
Burakovsky, Andre: (buhr-a-KAWV-skee)
Chiasson, Alex: (CHAY-sahn)
Chorney, Taylor: (CHOHR-nee)
Djoos, Christian: (YEW-uhs)
Eller, Lars: (EHL-uhr)
Grubauer, Phillip: (groo-BAHW-uhr)
Kuznetsov, Evgeny: (kooz-neht-SAWF, ehv-GEHN-nee)
Orlov, Dmitry: (ohr-LAWF, dih-MEE-tree)
Oshie, T.J.: (OH-shee)
Ovechkin, Alex: (oh-VEHCH-kihn)
Smith-Pelly, Devante: (deh-VAHN-tay)
Vrana, Jakub: (vuh-RA-nuh, YA-kuhb)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Power Play
37-for-177 (20.9%) -- T-12th
Penalty Kill
155-for-194 (79.9%) -- 18th

LEADING SCORERS

Alex Ovechkin:
58 GP, 34 G, 31 A, 65 PTS
Evgeny Kuznetsov:
58 GP, 15 G, 39 A, 54 PTS
Nicklas Backstrom:
57 GP, 15 G, 30 A, 45 PTS

LEADING SCORERS VS. BUF

Alex Ovechkin:
43 GP, 27 G, 16 A, 43 PTS
Nicklas Backstrom:
35 GP, 8 G, 20 A, 28 PTS
Matt Niskanen:
23 GP, 2 G, 9 A, 11 PTS

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FORWARDS

8 ALEX OVECHKIN

6'3", 235 lbs. • Moscow, Russia
2017-18:
58 GP, 34 G, 31 A, 65 PTS, 24 PIM
Career:
979 GP, 592 G, 508 A, 1,100 PTS, 641 PIM

19 NICKLAS BACKSTROM

6'1", 210 lbs. • Gävle, Sweden
2017-18:
57 GP, 15 G, 30 A, 45 PTS, 22 PIM
Career:
791 GP, 203 G, 570 A, 773 PTS, 394 PIM

43 TOM WILSON

6'4", 218 lbs. • Toronto, Ontario
2017-18:
54 GP, 10 G, 17 A, 27 PTS, 145 PIM
Career:
367 GP, 31 G, 65 A, 96 PTS, 764 PIM

13 JAKUB VRANA

6'0", 197 lbs. • Prague, Czech Republic
2017-18:
53 GP, 10 G, 8 A, 18 PTS, 8 PIM
Career:
74 GP, 13 G, 11 A, 24 PTS, 10 PIM

92 EVGENY KUZNETSOV

6'2", 204 lbs. • Chelyabinsk, Russia
2017-18:
58 GP, 15 G, 39 A, 54 PTS, 40 PIM
Career:
319 GP, 68 G, 168 A, 236 PTS, 148 PIM

77 T.J. OSHIE

5'11", 195 lbs. • Everett, Washington
2017-18:
52 GP, 12 G, 20 A, 32 PTS, 16 PIM
Career:
643 GP, 181 G, 268 A, 449 PTS, 325 PIM

10 BRETT CONNOLLY

6'3", 195 lbs. • Cambell River, B.C.
2017-18:
49 GP, 14 G, 5 A, 19 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
325 GP, 56 G, 45 A, 101 PTS, 152 PIM

20 LARS ELLER

6'2", 207 lbs. • Rodovre, Denmark
2017-18:
57 GP, 11 G, 18 A, 29 PTS, 34 PIM
Career:
580 GP, 96 G, 114 A, 210 PTS, 371 PIM

65 ANDRE BURAKOVSKY

6'3", 201 lbs. • Kalgenfurt, Austria
2017-18:
32 GP, 6 G, 8 A, 14 PTS, 21 PIM
Career:
228 GP, 44 G, 65 A, 109 PTS, 57 PIM

18 CHANDLER STEPHENSON

6'0", 203 lbs. • Saskatoon, Sask.
2017-18:
45 GP, 5 G, 9 A, 14 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
58 GP, 5 G, 9 A, 14 PTS, 8 PIM

83 JAY BEAGLE

6'3", 218 lbs. • Calgary, Alberta
2017-18:
58 GP, 6 G, 13 A, 19 PTS, 12 PIM
Career:
450 GP, 50 G, 63 A, 113 PTS, 155 PIM

25 DEVANTE SMITH-PELLEY

6'0", 223 lbs. • Scarborough, Ontario
2017-18:
54 GP, 7 G, 9 A, 16 PTS, 36 PIM
Career:
320 GP, 40 G, 53 A, 93 PTS, 120 PIM

DEFENSEMEN

29 CHRISTIAN DJOOS

6'0", 169 lbs. • Gothenburg, Sweden
2017-18:
49 GP, 3 G, 10 A, 13 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
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74 JOHN CARLSON

6'3", 218 lbs. • Natick, Massachusetts
2017-18:
58 GP, 10 G, 35 A, 45 PTS, 28 PIM
Career:
584 GP, 72 G, 238 A, 310 PTS, 194 PIM

9 DMITRY ORLOV

5'11", 212 lbs. • Novokuznetsk, Russia
2017-18:
58 GP, 8 G, 13 A, 21 PTS, 12 PIM
Career:
341 GP, 28 G, 86 A, 114 PTS, 126 PIM

2 MATT NISKANEN

6'1", 203 lbs. • Virginia, Minnesota
2017-18:
44 GP, 4 G, 14 A, 18 PTS, 16 PIM
Career:
777 GP, 53 G, 234 A, 287 PTS, 399 PIM

44 BROOKS ORPIK

6'3", 217 lbs. • San Francisco, California
2017-18:
58 GP, 0 G, 8 A, 8 PTS, 51 PIM
Career:
959 GP, 16 G, 167 A, 183 PTS, 923 PIM

22 MADISON BOWEY

6'2", 198 lbs. • Winnipeg, Manitoba
2017-18:
49 GP, 0 G, 12 A, 12 PTS, 24 PIM
Career:
49 GP, 0 G, 12 A, 12 PTS, 24 PIM

GOALTENDERS

31 PHILIPP GRUBAUER

6'1", 191 lbs. • Rosenheim, Germany
2017-18:
20 GP, 5-7-3, .914 SV%, 2.65 GAA
Career:
86 GP, 33-28-11, .921 SV%, 2.35 GAA
vs. BUF:
6 GP, 2-1-2, .954 SV%, 1.23 GAA

70 BRADEN HOLTBY

6'2", 211 lbs. • Lloydminster, Sask.
2017-18:
43 GP, 28-11-4, .911 SV%, 2.92 GAA
Career:
350 GP, 219-84-35, .920 SV%, 2.39 GAA
vs. BUF:
12 GP, 8-3-1, .906 SV%, 2.62 GAA

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6'0", 193 lbs. • Thunder Bay, Ontario
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165 GP, 4 G, 18 A, 22 PTS, 56 PIM

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6'4", 208 lbs. • Montreal, Quebec
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Career:
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