



# **Buffalo Sabres**

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## **Buffalo takes on Ottawa, looks to break 6-game skid**

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Ottawa Senators (8-10-1, seventh in the Atlantic Division) vs. Buffalo Sabres (9-6-3, fifth in the Atlantic Division)

Buffalo, New York; Saturday, 7 p.m. EST

**BOTTOM LINE:** Buffalo looks to stop its six-game slide with a win against Ottawa.

The Sabres are 3-2-0 against the rest of their division. Buffalo has converted on 23.7% of power-play opportunities, recording 14 power-play goals.

The Senators are 6-6-0 in conference play. Ottawa averages 11.3 penalty minutes per game, the fourth-most in the NHL. Mark Borowiecki leads the team serving 29 total minutes.

The teams face off Saturday for the first time this season.

**TOP PERFORMERS:** Jack Eichel leads the Sabres with eight goals and has totaled 19 points. Sam Reinhart has totaled five goals and three assists over the last 10 games for Buffalo.

Jean-Gabriel Pageau leads the Senators with 11 goals and has 15 points. Tyler Ennis has scored four goals over the last 10 games for Ottawa.

**LAST 10 GAMES:** Senators: 6-4-0, averaging 3.1 goals, 4.9 assists, 4.6 penalties and 11.7 penalty minutes while allowing 3.1 goals per game with a .903 save percentage.

Sabres: 3-5-2, averaging 2.4 goals, 4.2 assists, 3.2 penalties and eight penalty minutes while giving up 3.4 goals per game with a .896 save percentage.

**Sabres Injuries:** Marco Scandella: out (lower body), Johan Larsson: day to day (upper body).

**Senators Injuries:** None listed.

## **Sabres provide respite to two young fans ahead of Hockey Fights Cancer night**

By Lance Lysowski

The Buffalo News

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Rich Sanders beamed as he watched his 4-year-old son, Andre, marvel over the size of Zach Bogosian's hockey sticks Friday afternoon.

Bogosian, a 29-year-old defenseman working his way back from hip surgery, stopped to chat with Andre outside the Buffalo Sabres' dressing room for several minutes following a rigorous practice inside KeyBank Center. Bogosian asked for a towel to wipe the ice off the blade of one of his sticks, borrowed a marker from Rich and, at the boy's request, signed, "To Andre the Warrior."

Andre, who recently moved back to Buffalo from Port St. Lucie., Fla., was diagnosed around Labor Day with stage three nephroblastoma, a rare kidney cancer that primarily affects children. He and another boy, 14-year-old Emmett Jakubowski, were invited by Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center to watch the Sabres practice and meet the players ahead of Hockey Fights Cancer night Saturday. Andre will drop the ceremonial faceoff for the game against the Ottawa Senators and Emmett will attend the festivities. Emmett, whose leukemia has been in remission for almost three years, dropped the ceremonial puck on Hockey Fights Cancer night last November.

"This is a great distraction," Sanders said. "I've met some of the players out in the community before and they've always been nice guys. When they take the time like Zach Bogosian, to sit here for 10 minutes with Andre, just talking to him, it's a welcome distraction from everything he's dealing with."

The Sabres smiled when coach Ralph Krueger introduced their guests following practice. The visit provided perspective amid a six-game losing streak, goalie Linus Ullmark said. After all, their recent problems on the ice pale in comparison to what Andre, Emmett and their families have endured.

"This isn't about one game," Ullmark said. "There's always going to be kids out there watching. We always want to show our very best every night. It's a special thing on the side of the game, but we're going to go out there and play our best. That's what we always do. That's what these kids do every day. They're battling their hardest."

"Whenever these things are going on, it makes us stop and think a little bit extra about how lucky you are and fortunate you are that you aren't battling this unfortunate disease."

The National Hockey League and its players' association started the Hockey Fights Cancer initiative in 1998 as a way to raise money and awareness for cancer patients. Each team raises awareness before and during one November game each season to benefit cancer research. In addition to wearing lavender jerseys and using lavender stick tape during warmups, the Sabres are raising money through raffles and auctions with proceeds donated to Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center.

The Sabres Foundation, in conjunction with Roswell Park, also offers a unique experience to cancer patients each season. The boys were greeted by coaches, players and General Manager Jason Botterill while standing outside the Sabres' dressing room.

Emmett held up a hockey stick gifted to him by Sam Reinhart and admitted to Bogosian that his favorite player is former Sabres forward Tyler Ennis, who will be in KeyBank Center on Saturday as a member of the Senators.

"It does bring back some memories, but it's nice to meet some new players and some of the old," Emmett, a South Buffalo resident, said. "To get to see people I know and be happy, not think about stuff I've been through."

Andre, meanwhile, pushed Bogosian's hockey stick along the carpet like it was a vacuum cleaner. His battle has just begun.

Andre has undergone chemotherapy and radiation treatments for six weeks and has 27 more weeks to go. He had his appendix removed following bouts with nausea and vomiting, only for the family to learn that doctors

discovered a tumor on his kidney. His parents, Rich and Alexandra, a former oncology nurse at Roswell Park, hope to start a foundation to raise awareness and money for families confronted with a similar situation.

"It was really good to see them and have a chat with them," Krueger said of Andre and Emmett. "We'll touch base and I think Hockey Fights Cancer is an unbelievable cause that we're all very passionate about supporting. To see the reality of the challenges those families have right now we can only hope that the support we're giving them gives them power to deal with that very difficult adversity, which is a lot different than what we're dealing with."

For the past two years, Ullmark, 26, has been involved with Aja Baja Cancer, a foundation in Sweden dedicated to raising money and awareness for pediatric cancer. He visits patients in hospitals every summer and attends events such as charitable golf outings. When the Sabres were in Stockholm last week for the NHL Global Series, Ullmark was visited at Ericsson Globe by a 4-year-old boy named Hugo, who is battling cancer.

Hugo put on Ullmark's mask, glove and blocker for a photo posted on the foundation's Instagram account. In conjunction with Hockey Fights Cancer night, Ullmark will wear a lavender-painted mask that honors Aja Baja Cancer on the back and features a cancer ribbon. Sabres goalie Carter Hutton also had a mask custom-painted for the night. He did not wear it during practice, though, indicating Ullmark could start Saturday against Ottawa.

"I'm trying to learn as much as possible about every case, everything that's going on out there regarding research and stuff like that," Ullmark said. "When we were in Sweden I met a couple of really good kids who told me about their situation. Anything can happen. I met a kid who was the second person in the whole world who had his disease. That sort of thing blows your mind. It hits close to home whenever there is a young boy that gets you thinking about your own kid."

While players and coaches convened for a team meeting, the two boys were still standing in the hallway admiring their gifts, including a puck signed by Reinhart, Jack Eichel, Victor Olofsson and Jeff Skinner. Though the Sabres' gesture offered a respite, Andre and Emmett also made an impact on the players, coaches and team personnel during the chaotic 82-game season.

"It's the best part of the job, it really is," Rich Jureller, vice president of community relations and president of the Sabres Foundation, said. "Work is great and all the community stuff we do is rewarding, but to see this is the coolest part. It takes you back when you were 4 years old. To realize what Emmett has gone through and what Andre is in the middle of going through, it really means a lot. It's cool to see the team, coaches and players, be as warm and inviting. There's not a lot of down time, so for them to make time for stuff like this is really cool."

### **Asplund recalled**

Center Rasmus Asplund was recalled from Rochester on Friday morning and practiced with the Sabres in preparation for their game Saturday night against the Senators. Asplund centered a line that included Zengus Girgensons and Kyle Okposo.

Center Johan Larsson did not practice Friday and is day-to-day with an upper-body injury, Krueger said. Larsson will be evaluated Saturday morning and has not been ruled out for the game. Asplund, 21, had one goal among eight points in 13 games with the Amerks this season.

"We found that he worked really well early on in training camp, the [Marcus] Johansson-[Victor] Olofsson-Asplund line really, I think, impressed everybody," Krueger said of Asplund. "Then his ability to move to wing, center, his penalty-killing ability and overall what he's been doing since he's come here from Sweden and the work that he's doing in Rochester confirmed what we saw in training camp, that he's somebody that can help us in multiple roles. If we need him tomorrow, he would be ready to jump in."

## **Sabres prospect Brett Murray quickly finding his way with Americans**

By Bill Hoppe

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ROCHESTER – In barely a month, Buffalo Sabres prospect Brett Murray has morphed from a training camp invitee into one of the Americans' regular wingers.

Murray has roared up the depth chart, earning action on a scoring line and the power play. In nine games, he has scored two goals and seven points.

"What you want a young guy to do is punch a hole in the lineup, and he's done that," interim Amerks coach Gord Dineen said following Wednesday's 4-3 win against the Syracuse Crunch in Blue Cross Arena.

It's hardly surprising, of course, that a former fourth-round pick could make an impact early in his American Hockey League career.

But Murray, 21, took a different path to the Amerks and pro hockey, leaving Penn State after a season-and-a-half and returning to the junior United States Hockey League.

"Playing time and the whole situation, I wasn't progressing," Murray said in September of his 33-game college career. "Personally, it wasn't the best situation for me."

Murray dominated with the Youngstown Phantoms last season, scoring a league-high 41 goals in 62 games.

Still, the Sabres weren't itching to sign Murray, whose conditioning wasn't up to pro standards.

"I was in shape for the level below in the USHL," said Murray, who was selected 99th overall in 2016 by the team's old regime.

So the Sabres challenged Murray to develop his body. If he improved his habits, they told him, he could earn more opportunities.

"I trimmed down the body fat, put a little more muscle on, came back and I feel I'm in a very good spot now, personally, with my conditioning level," said Murray, who is listed at 6-5 and 235 pounds.

Murray showed progress in transforming his body at development camp in June, so the Sabres invited him to rookie camp. He parlayed an impressive showing there into an invitation to Amerks' training camp.

On Oct. 3, Murray signed a one-year AHL contract, ending months of uncertainty.

"Mentally, it was a little tough," said Murray, who acknowledged he had backup plans. "I just had to battle through it and keep working."

Murray, one of the most intriguing talents in Rochester, could earn a two-way contract if he keeps producing.

"He's recognized the opportunity that he's getting and he's really driven," Dineen said. "Another guy with size and ... very good hands. When he's taking the puck to the net, he's really a really effective guy."

Only one teammate, 6-foot-7 winger Tage Thompson, is taller than Murray, who can be hard to take your eyes off. He moves well for a big man and utilizes his size.

"A lot of time, big guys, to get their feet moving is one of the things you always have to coax out of them," Dineen said. "He's really got his feet moving, he's a hard guy to play against."

Murray said: "I like to think I'm hard to get the puck off of. That creates a challenge not only offensively, but in the defensive zone, if I'm able to stall the puck, it's harder to get the puck off of just the forecheck, get in on the D."

After starting Murray on checking lines, Dineen recently promoted him to left wing beside center Kevin Porter and Andrew Oglevie.

"He's really played a gritty game," Dineen said of Murray. "His wall play has been really good. He's got ... poise in the tough areas."

Murray credits the Amerks' leadership group – "The core guys here, they're easy to turn to," he said – for helping him adjust to the AHL so easily.

"The first couple games, I wouldn't say I was scared, but it's always nerve-racking when you're at a new level and you're new to the team, new to the league," he said. "But I turned to those older guys."

Murray, who assisted on Eric Cornel's winning goal Wednesday, said he has relied heavily on Porter, bouncing ideas off the captain "every day in practice and even in games."

"If I have a question," he said, "it's easy to turn to somebody."

### **Malone update**

Amerks forward Sean Malone started Wednesday centering tough guys Tyler Randell and Dalton Smith on the fourth line, assisting on Randell's first goal this season.

After Scott Wilson suffered a lower-body injury early, Malone moved up to left wing beside Thompson and center Rasmus Asplund.

"He's been a really good – I don't like to use the term – utility guy, in that he's moved up and down our lineup," Dineen said of Malone.

Malone has compiled three goals and seven points during his seven-game point streak. The West Seneca native was a healthy scratch twice early in his scoring run.

Dineen had no update on Wilson following the game.

The Amerks host the Cleveland Monsters on Friday before playing a road game against the Utica Comets on Saturday.

## **Sabres recall center Rasmus Asplund from Rochester**

By Lance Lysowski

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The Buffalo Sabres, amid a six-game losing streak and dealing with at least two injuries in their forward group, recalled Rasmus Asplund from the Rochester Americans on Friday morning.

Asplund, a 21-year-old center, has one goal among eight points in 13 games with the Amerks this season. He practiced with the Sabres on Friday afternoon and could make his National Hockey League debut Saturday against the Ottawa Senators. Center Johan Larsson did not practice Friday and is day-to-day with an upper-body injury, according to coach Ralph Krueger.

Larsson will be re-evaluated Saturday morning and has not been ruled out for the game. The Sabres were already without Marcus Johansson (upper body), who is not available to play Saturday or Sunday in Chicago.

Additionally, forward Vladimir Sobotka (lower body) is out four-to-six weeks after suffering an injury during the Sabres' first game in Stockholm last Friday. Asplund can contribute on the penalty kill, an area in which the Sabres have struggled as of late. The former second-round draft pick had 10 goals among 41 points for Rochester last season, his first year in North America.

"We found that he worked really well early on in training camp, the Johansson-[Victor] Olofsson-Asplund line really, I think, impressed everybody," Krueger said of Asplund. "Then his ability to move to wing, center, his penalty-killing ability and overall what he's been doing since he's come here from Sweden and the work that he's doing in Rochester confirmed what we saw in training camp, that he's somebody that can help us in multiple roles. If we need him tomorrow, he would be ready to jump in."

## **Sabres' Asplund is looking forward to his first NHL game**

By Paul Hamilton

WGR 550

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Buffalo, NY (WGR 550) - Johan Larsson tied Thursday's game with 41-seconds left in regulation. He wound up getting hurt as he took a beating around the net and missed practice on Friday. Ralph Krueger did not rule Larsson out for Saturday's game against Ottawa.

Rasmus Asplund got called up for the first time in his short career and was centering Zemgus Girgensons and Kyle Okposo. Asplund said he was ecstatic when he got the word, "You just get really, really happy. It's an opportunity for me and I really didn't think about it too much yet, but I think it's going to sink in during the night."

Asplund has felt since locker cleanout day last April that he was ready to play in the NHL. Despite having a good training camp, he was sent down to Rochester, but he was OK with that, "I wouldn't say I was disappointed. Of course you wanted to make the team, but it's another opportunity for me to get better and work on my game in Rochester and I really think I've been doing that."

Asplund isn't flashy and is probably Rochester's best two-way forward. He said consistency is what he strives for, "I'm just trying to be the player that they can trust every night. You know what you're getting when you're putting me on the ice."

In his first season, he learned a lot about the North American pro game, including dealing with a smaller ice surface. This year, the challenges have been different, "I've got a bigger role in the dressing room. I'm trying to talk more and be a leader off the ice and I think that makes me a better player too."

I've always wondered if two-way players think they're better at one end of the ice than the other. Asplund said, "When I play good defensively, my offensive game comes, so I really prioritize my defensive game."

"I do it that way because I get more pucks to my stick, I get more involved in the plays, so it gets me in the right time and place."

There were no other changes to the lines or defense on Friday.

## **The Sabres have called up Rasmus Asplund**

By Paul Hamilton

WGR 550

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Buffalo, NY (WGR 550) - The Sabres may have suffered another injury on Thursday night as Rasmus Asplund has been called up from Rochester. The center has never played an NHL game and is in his second year with the Amerks.

In 13 games this season with Rochester, Asplund has one goal and seven assists for eight points. In 88 AHL games, he's netted 11 goals and 38 assists for 49 points. Asplund played four years in the SHL before coming to North America. The 21-year-old is considered an excellent two-way center.

Johan Larsson suffered an upper-bpdy injury in Thursday's game and missed practice on Friday. Ralph Krueger has not ruled Larsson out for Saturday against Ottawa.

The Sabres will host the Senators on Saturday, then play in Chicago on Sunday.

## **Sabres' Jimmy Vesey happy with 'reliable' game despite lack of offense**

By Bill Hoppe

Olean Times Herald

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BUFFALO – Throughout his first 15 outings this season, winger Jimmy Vesey has embraced whatever role the Sabres have cast him in.

Vesey, 26, has spent the bulk of his ice time skating beside center Casey Mittelstadt and killing penalties. That regular spot on a scoring line hasn't materialized.

"Jimmy coming in here didn't have a lot of expectations about his role, which is really positive," Sabres coach Ralph Krueger said.

But Vesey probably expected he would've scored a goal by now.

The former Hobey Baker Award winner has mustered zero goals and two assists entering tonight's game against the Ottawa Senators at KeyBank Center.

Among regular Sabres forwards, those meager totals are tied for last with Evan Rodrigues.

"I don't think I've necessarily been thrust into a role to score," Vesey said.

Still, the worst offensive stretch of Vesey's four-year career hasn't sapped his confidence. He feels good about his game.

His ice time has remained in the 13-minute range. With center Marcus Johansson sidelined, Krueger put him back on the power play Thursday.

"I've been very reliable," Vesey said. "Talking to the coaches, they trust me in all situations. I think in talking to them, I've played solid, I just haven't got the goals.

"I guess I'm just going to keep going with it and the law of averages, one of these pucks has got to go in."

Vesey, who was acquired from the New York Rangers on July 1, averaged 17 goals over his first three NHL seasons. Many expected he could grow offensively this year, especially if he earned a spot beside top center Jack Eichel.

Having scored 16 even-strength goals in each of the last two years, he doesn't rely on the power play to boost his numbers.

But other than a little checking duty on the No. 1 line late in games, Vesey has mostly stayed on the third or fourth trio. He hasn't spent much time on the man advantage, either.

Vesey, an unrestricted free agent following the season, has started slowly in the past. Two years ago, he compiled one goal and two points in his first 12 games before finishing with 17 goals and 28 points in 78 contests.

He hasn't scored since March 29, a 20-game drought in which he has pumped only 22 shots on goal. He has registered 19 shots this season.

He has scored just once in his last 34 outings.

But Vesey takes pride in how his game has evolved over the years.

"I've still been good on the penalty kill," Vesey said. "I've taken pride in that this year. I don't think I've played in a manner to have no goals. I think I've had a lot of chances throughout the year. I've just got to get going and things will go from there."

Krueger believes Vesey is close to breaking out. Vesey generated confidence during the Sabres' two-game trip to Sweden last week. In last Saturday's 5-3 loss to the Tampa Bay Lightning, he recorded a season-high four shots.

"Hit the knob off the stick, had a bunch off the rush," he said of his opportunities in Stockholm. "I thought I was skating well. I thought the looks have been coming."

Krueger said Vesey's "scoring is just going to be the final piece of the puzzle."

"His willingness to do what the team needs in a positive way and work hard in that position is something we've enjoyed working with him," he said. "He's improving daily, understands more and more what we want and what he can bring the team."

He added: "Everything else has been good."

## **Sabres summon Rasmus Asplund; Johan Larsson ‘possibility’ for Saturday**

By Bill Hoppe

Olean Times Herald

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**BUFFALO** – When the Sabres sent center Rasmus Asplund to the Rochester Americans following an impressive training camp, it felt like he would return to the NHL soon.

Asplund, 21, turned heads during the preseason, earning a long look from the Sabres. The Swedish prospect figured to be in line for his first recall.

Sure enough, with center Johan Larsson nursing an upper-body injury, the Sabres summoned Asplund this morning.

Larsson is day-to-day, according to coach Ralph Krueger, who said the Sabres will assess the injury Saturday morning.

Krueger said Larsson is “a possibility” for Saturday’s game against the Ottawa Senators at KeyBank Center.

Larsson scored the tying goal with 40.1 seconds left in Thursday’s 5-4 overtime loss to the Carolina Hurricanes.

The 5-foot-11, 190-pound Asplund practiced in Larsson’s spot this morning between Zemgus Girgensons and Kyle Okposo.

Asplund, a second-round pick in 2016, 33rd overall, tried to use his time in Rochester wisely.

“I wouldn’t say I was disappointed,” he said of going back to the AHL for his second season. “Of course, I wanted to make the team. But it’s another opportunity for me to get better and improve on my game in Rochester.

“I really think I’ve been doing that, too.”

Asplund has compiled one goal and eight points in 13 games with the Amerks. He sported an ‘A’ as a replacement for injured defenseman Zach Redmond the last two games.

“It’s huge,” Asplund said of being an alternate captain. “I had an ‘A’ on my jersey in my last year in Sweden, and I think that’s the kind of person I am and I want to be. I think it’s a bit tougher with the language and all that, but I think I’m trying to embrace that opportunity.”

Asplund said he has tried to take “a bigger role in the dressing room” this season.

“I’m trying to use my verbal skills, too – be a leader on and off the ice down there,” he said. “I think that has made me a better player, too.”

To make room for Asplund, the Sabres placed center Marcus Johansson (upper body) on injured reserve.

## **Sabres recall prospect Rasmus Asplund from Amerks**

By Bill Hoppe

Olean Times Herald

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**BUFFALO** – The reeling Sabres, losers of six straight games, recalled center Rasmus Asplund from the Rochester Americans this morning.

The 5-foot-11, 190-pound Asplund, 21, could make his NHL debut Saturday against the Ottawa Senators at KeyBank Center.

The Sabres, having gone 1-5-2 following their scorching 8-1-1 start, need any spark they can get. They're 0-4-2 in their last six outings.

Asplund, a second-round pick in 2016, 33rd overall, is one of the Sabres' top prospects. The Swede has compiled one goal and seven points in 13 AHL games this season. He scored 10 goals and 41 points in 75 games with the Amerks as a rookie last season.

Stay tuned for updates. The Sabres, fresh off Thursday's 5-4 overtime loss to the Carolina Hurricanes, practice at noon today.

## **Asplund joins Sabres with Larsson day-to-day**

By Jourdon LaBarber

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Rasmus Asplund and Victor Olofsson formed a natural friendship upon leaving their native Sweden for North America at the start of last season. They became roommates and linemates in Rochester, and successful ones at that. They spoke of one day being teammates at the next level.

So, when Asplund learned he was being recalled to the NHL for the first time on Friday, of course it prompted a text message to his friend in Buffalo.

"He texted me pretty early this morning that he was coming up," Olofsson said after practice on Friday. "It's fun. I'm really happy for him. I think he really deserves it. He's been working very hard for a long time and I'm really happy he's here."

Whether Asplund makes his NHL debut against Ottawa on Saturday will depend on the status of Johan Larsson, who is day-to-day with an upper-body injury after scoring the tying goal against Carolina on Thursday.

Coach Ralph Krueger said that Larsson will be evaluated Saturday morning and could still play against the Senators. Asplund practiced in Larsson's usual spot Friday, centering a line with Zemgus Girgensons and Kyle Okposo.

Should Asplund be called upon, Krueger expressed confidence that the 21-year-old's versatility will be an asset. Asplund impressed while skating on a line with Olofsson and Marcus Johansson in training camp and plays the sort of two-way style that should make him a natural replacement for Larsson between Okposo and Girgensons.

"His ability to move to the wing, center, his penalty killing ability and overall what he's been doing since he's come here from Sweden and the work that he's done in Rochester confirmed what we saw in training camp," Krueger said.

"He's somebody who can help us in multiple roles and if we need him tomorrow, he would be ready to jump in. It's good to have players of that ability and that flexibility in Rochester."

Asplund, a second-round pick in 2016, tallied 41 points (10+31) in 75 games as a rookie in Rochester last season. He has eight (1+7) through 13 AHL contests this season as he's begun to take on a leadership role, having worn an "A" the past two contests.

"He's a very smart, hardworking, two-way center," Olofsson said. "He takes responsibility all over the ice. He's a very skilled player, sees the game very well, a great passer. I think he's, overall, a very consistent and solid player and I think he can do great things here."

Asplund said he emphasizes strong defensive play, and his offense usually benefits. Like fellow forward Curtis Lazar - who scored in his Sabres debut on Thursday - he said he used his assignment to Rochester this fall as a chance to keep improving in hopes of earning a call to Buffalo.

"I'm just trying to be that player you can trust every night," he said. "You know what you're getting when you're putting me on the ice. ... You know what to expect of me. I think that's the strongest part of my game."

### **Meet Emmett and Andre**

With the Sabres set to hold Hockey Fights Cancer Night on Saturday, the team welcomed two special guests to practice on Friday. Emmett and Andre, patients at Roswell Park Comprehensive Care Center, watched the Sabres skate then interacted with players once they came off the ice.

Lines at Friday's practice

68 Victor Olofsson - 9 Jack Eichel - 23 Sam Reinhart

53 Jeff Skinner - 71 Evan Rodrigues - 43 Conor Sheary

13 Jimmy Vesey - 37 Casey Mittelstadt - 27 Curtis Lazar

28 Zemgus Girgensons - 74 Rasmus Asplund - 21 Kyle Okposo

19 Jake McCabe - 55 Rasmus Ristolainen

26 Rasmus Dahlin - 62 Brandon Montour

6 Marco Scandella - 10 Henri Jokiharju

58 John Gilmour - 33 Colin Miller / 4 Zach Bogosian

40 Carter Hutton

35 Linus Ullmark

## **Sabres recall Asplund from Amerks**

By Chris Ryndak

Sabres.com

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The Buffalo Sabres announced today that the team has recalled forward Rasmus Asplund from the Rochester Americans of the AHL.

Asplund, drafted by Buffalo in the second round (33rd overall) of the 2016 NHL Draft, is in the midst of his second full season with the Amerks, where he's posted 49 points (11+38) in 88 career AHL games.

This is his first career recall. He's recorded one goal and seven assists in 13 games with Rochester so far this season. He leads the team in assists. In his first season with Rochester, he ranked second on the team with 31 assists and finished strong, recording 23 of his 41 points in the final 22 games of the season.

Prior to coming to North America, the 21-year-old center played four professional seasons in the SHL with Farjestad BK and represented Team Sweden in two World Junior Championship tournaments.