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Sabres goalie Ullmark out 3-4 weeks; Johansson promoted

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BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — If the Buffalo Sabres intend to make a late-season playoff push, they're going to have to do so without their starting goalie for much of the next month.

Linus Ullmark will miss between three and four weeks with an injury to his right leg, the Sabres announced Wednesday, a day after he was hurt in a 5-2 loss to Ottawa.

The team wouldn't reveal the nature of the injury, though Ullmark was unable to place any weight on his right leg while being helped off midway through the third period Tuesday.

Ullmark was untouched in his crease while tracking Ottawa forward Artem Anisimov circling the net. Ullmark's left skate slipped out from under him, and he fell back with his right leg bent under him.

He has a 16-14-3 record and has held the starting role since mid-November after spending the first six weeks of the season splitting the duties with Carter Hutton.

The injury comes as the Sabres returned from a 10-day break sitting 11th in the Eastern Conference standings, and 10 points out of a playoff berth. And they're in the midst of playing nine of 10 games at home. They host Montreal on Thursday.

Now Buffalo must turn to Hutton, who is 0-7-4 in his past 11 starts and hasn't won a game since late October. The Sabres also called up minor leaguer Jonas Johansson, who has yet to play in the NHL.

"We know Carter can step up here. He had an excellent start of the season, some struggles of late," coach Ralph Krueger said. "We feel Carter is ready to be the guy to step in here and carry the ball."

Hutton isn't worried about his slump, which came after opening the season with six wins, nor his lack of playing time. In his lone start since Dec. 21, Hutton allowed five goals on 34 shots in a 6-3 loss to Vancouver on Jan. 11.

"I don't think inside this room anyone has ever doubted me or anything like that," said Hutton, who has mostly served as a backup over eight NHL seasons.

"It's not like I just fell off a cliff here. It's been a rough go, but it's just hockey," he added. "Now I have to get in there and just play my game."

The Sabres promoted Johansson over the more experienced Andrew Hammond, who has a 27-15-6 record in 56 NHL career games.

Johansson, Buffalo's third-round pick in the 2014 draft, has a 13-3-3 record in 20 games with Rochester. Listed at 6-foot-5 and 220 pounds, the 24-year-old from Sweden ranks third in the AHL with a 2.19 goals-against average and fifth with a 0.925 save percentage.

"I think it's excellent to take a look at him right now with the record he has," Krueger said. "But it's more than anything, psychologically how he's grown and developed thus far this season."

Johansson learned of his promotion shortly upon returning to Rochester after competing in the AHL all-star game in Ontario, California.

"I'm just trying to take it all in now, trying to enjoy every moment," said Johansson, who joked about calling and waking his parents in Sweden to inform them of his promotion. "That's something you only had in your dreams before. Now it became a reality."

Eichel and Buffalo take on Montreal

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Montreal Canadiens (22-22-7, sixth in the Atlantic Division) vs. Buffalo Sabres (22-21-7, fifth in the Atlantic Division)

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

BOTTOM LINE: Jack Eichel leads Buffalo into a matchup against Montreal. He currently ranks eighth in the NHL with 63 points, scoring 29 goals and recording 34 assists.

The Sabres are 11-14-4 in Eastern Conference games. Buffalo has scored 29 power-play goals, converting on 19.3% of chances.

The Canadiens are 5-9-2 against Atlantic Division opponents. Montreal has given up 32 power-play goals, killing 78.7% of opponent chances.

In their last meeting on Oct. 9, Buffalo won 5-4. Eichel recorded a team-high 4 points for the Sabres.

TOP PERFORMERS: Eichel leads the Sabres with 29 goals, adding 34 assists and totaling 63 points. Sam Reinhart has totaled six goals and five assists over the last 10 games for Buffalo.

Tomas Tatar leads the Canadiens with 44 points, scoring 17 goals and collecting 27 assists. Ilya Kovalchuk has collected 8 points over the last 10 games for Montreal.

LAST 10 GAMES: Canadiens: 4-5-1, averaging 2.4 goals, 3.8 assists, 3.4 penalties and 8.2 penalty minutes while giving up 2.6 goals per game with a .922 save percentage.

Sabres: 5-5-0, averaging three goals, 4.7 assists, 3.5 penalties and 8.1 penalty minutes while giving up 2.7 goals per game with a .911 save percentage.

INJURIES: Sabres: Linus Ullmark: day to day (lower-body).

Canadiens: Brendan Gallagher: day to day (concussion).

Carter Hutton to 'carry the ball' for Sabres with Linus Ullmark out 3 to 4 weeks

By Lance Lysowski

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If the Buffalo Sabres are to close the gap in the Eastern Conference playoff race over the next month, they'll have to do so without their starting goalie.

Linus Ullmark, who has been in net for 20 of the Sabres' past 23 games, will miss three to four weeks with a noncontact, lower-body injury suffered during the third period of a 5-2 loss to the Ottawa Senators on Tuesday night in KeyBank Center.

Jonas Johansson, a 24-year-old who represented Rochester at the AHL All-Star Classic on Monday in Ontario, Calif., was recalled from the Amerks on Wednesday morning. Coach Ralph Krueger declined to reveal which goalie will start for the Sabres on Thursday night against the visiting Montreal Canadiens.

However, the net appears to be Carter Hutton's to lose.

"I've been in this situation before," Hutton, who has started just three games since Dec. 1, said when asked about Ullmark's injury following practice Wednesday. "I feel bad for him because he was playing great. He's obviously been rock solid all year, and he's having a career year for sure. It's a tough injury. The way we play, it's tough, whatever happened. He'll come back. Right now I have to go in there and just play hockey, and it will be fun."

The Sabres (22-21-7) entered Wednesday 10 points out of a playoff spot after the painful loss to the Senators, who had won only one of their previous 11 games and held a 5-15-4 record away from Ottawa.

The score might have been more uneven had it not been for Ullmark, who stopped 30 of 33 shots prior to falling backward while preparing to glide from the left to right post. Ullmark was unable to put weight on his right leg, and he was helped to the bench by Brandon Montour and Jeff Skinner.

Entering Wednesday, Ullmarks' .915 save percentage in 23 games dating back to Nov. 24 ranked third in the National Hockey League behind Tampa Bay's Andrei Vasilevskiy and Pittsburgh's Tristan Jarry, both of whom represented their respective divisions at the All-Star Game in St. Louis. Ullmark also led all NHL goalies in ice time (1,361:57) during that span.

The pending restricted free agent has won five of his last eight starts to keep the Sabres afloat in what has become a crowded chase for a wild-card playoff spot. Though Krueger acknowledged Ullmark has been critical to Buffalo's success, the coach's philosophy is to not dwell on players who aren't available.

"We have Jonas here who's earned this opportunity to join us," Krueger said. "He's had a terrific season so far in Rochester, an all-star there, which everybody knows. Now we have to work with Huttons and Johansson and do the best we can with this group going forward."

Johansson, a third-round draft choice in 2014, is 13-3-3 with a .925 save percentage in 20 games with Rochester. He had played only 19 American Hockey League games before this season, spending the bulk of the previous two years with Cincinnati of the ECHL. Johansson suffered a season-ending injury last February after accumulating a .908 save percentage in 27 games with the Cyclones. Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen is replacing Johansson in Rochester.

"I'm just trying to take it all in now, trying to enjoy every moment," Johansson said. "Just work hard and try to get even better."

The Sabres' playoff hopes could rest on Hutton's shoulders. He started a career-high 50 games with Buffalo last season and maintained the job with an excellent training camp under Krueger's staff.

Hutton had a .943 save percentage in winning each of his first six starts, including back-to-back shutout wins over Dallas and Los Angeles, to start the season. However, he has since gone 0-7-4 with a .867 save percentage. Hutton has not won a game since Oct. 22, allowing five or more goals in seven of his 11 starts during that span.

"I don't think anyone inside this room anyone has ever doubted me or anything like that," Hutton said. "Sometimes the picture can get painted outside, you know what I mean, but not everybody has the information, what's going on. For me, I played a lot of games. It's not like I just fell off a cliff here. It's been a rough go, but it's just hockey. I feel like for a long time I've felt good here, and it's just a matter of getting in."

"At the same time, I haven't played because Linus has played so well. It wasn't a lack of what I was doing in practice or anything like that. Linus has been – everyone's been watching, right? – he's been the backbone so far. Now I have to get in there and just play my game."

There is little margin for error. As Jack Eichel pointed out Tuesday night, every game has become somewhat of a must-win for Buffalo. Eight of its next nine games are in KeyBank Center, and they're eight points behind the team closest to them in the standings.

Strong goaltending is an important piece of Krueger's plan to close the gap.

"We know that Carter can step up here," Krueger said. "He had an excellent start of the season, some struggles of late. But it was more also the team performing differently in those games. There was some overtimes in there that didn't tip his way, so we're cheering for him as loud as anybody to get back on track result-wise. But he's always worked hard and has had some good weeks now with (goaltending coach) Mike Bales. They've done a lot of extra work, and we feel Carter is ready to be the guy to step in here and carry the ball."

Krueger does not concern himself with how Ullmark's injury might affect the organization's plan for Rochester or Cincinnati. The Amerks and Cyclones are first and second in their respective divisions. However, General Manager Jason Botterill's long-term goaltending plan might affect the Sabres.

After all, they must decide how long they're willing to have Johansson sit in Buffalo. If Hutton loses Thursday, Johansson could be in line to make his NHL debut Saturday against Columbus. The Sabres need to find out what they have in Johansson, a pending restricted free agent, because they have Luukkonen in the prospect pipeline and Hutton's contract expires after next season.

This is the latest chapter in what Hutton described as a "roller coaster," and he's been in the NHL long enough to know that he could be back on the bench.

"If I don't play well, JJ is going to play," Hutton said. "There's no security in what we do. This is the NHL."

Ristolainen sits

Defenseman Rasmus Ristolainen was absent from practice Wednesday for "maintenance," according to Ralph Krueger. Ristolainen, 25, played 20:15 during the loss to Ottawa and is averaging 22:34 per game this season, his lowest total ice time since 2014-15.

Drury GM for Team USA

Former Sabres forward Chris Drury will serve as general manager for the 2020 U.S. Men's National Team at the IIHF World Championship, which will be held in March in Switzerland.

Drury, who is amid his third season as an assistant general manager with the New York Rangers, also led the U.S. National Team at the world championships last year. Drury scored 85 goals in 234 regular-season games over his three years in Buffalo from 2003-07.

Sabres keep changing defense pairings, and not with great impact

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When it comes to stability on the blue line – well, it is a work in progress in Buffalo.

We expected significant turnover pertaining to the defensive corps for the Sabres. The front office recognized the blue line as an obvious weak point last season and made a concerted effort to ensure that there would be plenty of depth on the back end for new coach Ralph Krueger. Absent second-year player (and otherwise known commodity) Rasmus Dahlin, the Sabres figured to tinker with combinations for a period of time until they fell into something that worked.

And boy has Krueger tinkered.

In Tuesday night's game against Ottawa, Krueger again tried to work in seven defensemen. Lawrence Pilut was pushed back into the lineup playing alongside Rasmus Ristolainen, and Dahlin played with Brandon Montour as the other top-four pair. That left three depth defenders – Jake McCabe, Henrik Jokiharju and Colin Miller – to rotate in and out of the lineup, mostly in depth minutes against weak competition. (It goes without saying that dressing seven defensemen for a game is rare, though the Sabres have done it often this season.)

Dahlin and Montour have played together for more than 200 minutes and have started to settle in as a preferred pairing of sorts for Krueger. The rest of the pairings tried Tuesday, not so much. It's a common theme for Krueger and the Sabres, in which the team appears to perpetually rotate through pairings, either unhappy with the quality of play or unwilling to maintain a degree of patience with a grouping still trying to figure it out.

Heading into Tuesday night's game, Buffalo had tried 28 pairings. I will use "tried" as having played at least 10 minutes of even strength hockey together, which is at least a couple of games. And if we put more definition around that and only looked at regular pairings (say, having played at least 50 minutes of even strength hockey together), Buffalo has 16 pairings and counting.

If those numbers seem high, it is because they are. The league average is about 22 and 11, respectively – and only the Detroit Red Wings have tried more with their makeshift blue line than Buffalo this season.

In one sense, you can understand why a first-year bench boss like Krueger – managing a roster that's experiencing significant turnover while carrying real pressure to contend for a playoff spot – would continue mixing and matching. But that's a gift and a curse. How can a coach realistically get an understanding for what pairings work and what pairings don't in such limited viewings?

What makes matters even more remarkable is that just one pairing – one out of 28, mind you – has posted favorable 5-on-5 results in their respective minutes. The Henri Jokiharju and Marco Scandella pairing, the team's second most common grouping this season, posted the following splits before Scandella was traded to Montreal:

- Goal%: 61%
- Corsi%: 54%
- xGoal%: 55%

At a minimum, it is something worth thinking about when postmorteming this Sabres season – a Sabres season that increasingly appears lost, unless your rooting interest has once again returned to hoping for losses and escalating their chances in the draft lottery. Consistency is something that front offices, coaches and players talk about all of the time. And when it comes to the blue line, Buffalo has had anything but that.

Sabres goalie Linus Ullmark out 3-4 weeks; Jonas Johansson recalled

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The Sabres have recalled goaltender Jonas Johansson following the injury to starter Linus Ullmark on Tuesday night.

The team announced that Ullmark will miss 3-4 weeks with a lower body injury.

Johansson, a 24-year-old who underwent season-ending surgery last February, was selected to the AHL All-Star Classic after posting a .925 save percentage in 20 games with the Amerks. He spent the bulk of the past two seasons in Cincinnati and had only 17 games of AHL experience prior to October.

Coach Ralph Krueger said during an appearance on WGR that he expected Ullmark to miss a few games, although he said he was still being evaluated.

As Sabres and Senators players converged on a loose puck behind Buffalo's net, Ullmark fell backward when his right knee buckled with 9:32 remaining in regulation. It appeared Ullmark was preparing to glide from the left to right post.

Ullmark, a pending restricted free agent, posted a .932 save percentage and 2.00 goals-against average while winning five of his previous seven games. His .924 save percentage in 23 games since Nov. 24 ranks third in the National Hockey League behind Tampa Bay's Andrei Vasilevskiy and Pittsburgh's Tristan Jarry, both of whom represented their respective divisions at the All-Star Game.

Ullmark to miss 3-4 weeks with a lower-body injury

By Brayton Wilson

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The news regarding Buffalo Sabres goalie Linus Ullmark may be better than what was once thought.

The team announced on Wednesday that Ullmark was expected to miss 3-4 weeks of action with a lower-body injury suffered on Tuesday night in a 5-2 loss to the Ottawa Senators.

The 26-year-old netminder was injured during the third period of Tuesday's game when he appeared to have lost balance in his crease and got his right leg caught underneath his body. Ullmark needed some assistance to get off the ice, and he ended up being replaced by Carter Hutton.

"We're disappointed for him and for us because he was really building a good season here," Sabres head coach Ralph Krueger said following practice on Wednesday. "We have an excellent staff that's going to bring him back as quick as possible. He's in their hands now."

With Ullmark out for an extended period of time, the Sabres have called up goalie Jonas Johansson from the Rochester Americans to help fill a hole while Hutton re-takes the starting duties for Buffalo.

The 24-year-old has had a stellar season with the Amerks in the American Hockey League, posting a 13-3-3-2 record with a 2.19 goals-against average, a .925 save percentage and two shutouts. His goals-against currently sits third amongst all goaltenders in the AHL, while his save percentage ranks him fourth in the AHL. Those numbers helped Johansson earn his first AHL All-Star Game nomination of his professional career.

"We have Jonas here, who's earned this opportunity to join us," Krueger said of the rookie goaltender. "He's had a terrific season so far in Rochester. He's been an All-Star there, which everybody knows, and now we have to work with Huts [Hutton] and Johansson and do the best we can with this group moving forward."

Johansson was in Ontario, California for the AHL All-Star Weekend starting Sunday with the All-Star Game taking place on Monday. He then returned to Rochester on Tuesday, only to be recalled and in Buffalo for practice with the Sabres by Wednesday morning.

"It's been an intense 48 hours," Johansson said after taking part in his first NHL practice. "It's just really fun. I'm enjoying it."

It was Amerks head coach Chris Taylor who gave Johansson the news on Tuesday that he was getting the call up to the Sabres, which made the young netminder very excited for the opportunity.

"I'm just trying to take it all in now. I'm trying to enjoy every moment, and just work hard and try to get even better and even further," Johansson said.

Johansson first came to North America back during the 2016-17 season and managed to appear in seven games with the Amerks after signing an amateur tryout with the club. Later in May, the Sabres signed Johansson to his three-year entry-level contract.

Over the course of the next two seasons, Johansson spent a majority of his time in the East Coast Hockey League with the Cincinnati Cyclones learning the professional game and adjusting to the new life here. He got some chances sprinkled in to appear for the Amerks, which got better with each passing season.

Johansson started out as a raw talent coming over from Sweden, but has really grown his game as he got more acclimated to the North American style of play and caught up to the pace of the game.

"It's quicker on the smaller rink, and it's [more fun] too. I really enjoy that," Johansson said. "And with more games to play, you have to find those habits and having good routines to play more consistent."

This season in Rochester was an opportunity for Johansson to take the reins in goal after recovering from hip surgery that ended his season prematurely in Cincinnati. After originally splitting time with Andrew Hammond with the Amerks, Johansson started to earn the right to become the regular starter with his solid play in the crease.

"I think I just found really good habits from the start," Johansson said. "Me and Hammond have been working really close and helping each other out to doing goalie drill with each other. I think I just found good habits in practice and on game days, and it's been working fine."

The young Swede will now have the chance to back up Hutton for a decent stretch of games moving forward and continue to take his game to the next level.

It has been a rough stretch of games for Hutton, who has lost his last 11 starts after winning his first six starts to the 2019-20 season. Overall this season, Hutton has a 6-7-4 record with a 3.31 goals-against average, an .892 save percentage and two shutouts.

Despite the recent struggles and the injury to Ullmark, Hutton is looking forward to getting back in the saddle and trying to help his team get back into playoff contention.

"It's exciting to get in there," he said following Wednesday's practice. "Obviously when you play in this sport, there are injuries. I've been in this situation before, and I feel bad for him because he's been playing great. He's been rock solid all year, and I think he was having a career year. It's a tough injury... He'll come back, but right now I just have to go in there, play hockey and it will be fun."

The last few starts for Hutton have been tough games where either he has gotten some tough bounces against him, or the defense in front of him has left him out to dry. In his last three games, Hutton has gone 0-2-1 with a 5.64 goals-against average and an .817 save percentage.

The going has been rough for Hutton in that stretch, but he is trying to do all he can to get back into the groove he was in earlier this season where he had been playing well, even if the games didn't go in his favor.

"You just work hard. We find different things to chip away at and kind of build your game. It's been a bit of a roller coaster this year. Obviously there's some stuff that goes on behind the scenes, so you just try to stick with it. It's such a long season, right? So for me, nothing changes. I've been doing this for a while now. I'm just excited to get in there and play."

Hutton has been with the Sabres organization for nearly two full seasons, but has only gotten to work with Johansson for the past two training camps on limited time. However, the veteran netminder had plenty of good things to say about his counterpart and is looking forward to working with him and getting to know him more.

"He's a really nice kid, works hard," Hutton said. "Getting the chance to play in the [AHL] All-Star Game is a pretty big credit to him. The American league is a heck of a league. It's sometimes almost harder to play goal down there. So far, just even seeing him today, he looks great out there. He works hard, he's a big kid, he moves well, and I think he's got great attitude. I think you're going to see a lot of him. He looks like he's ready to make the jump.

"I'm a guy that kind of came the hard way to make it here, so any guy like that who just keeps working hard, you like seeing that."

In other news from practice on Wednesday, defenseman Rasmus Ristolainen was absent from the skate, but Krueger said that he was given a maintenance day.

Here is how the lines looked at practice:

Girgensons - Eichel - Reinhart
Skinner - Johansson - Frolik
Vesey - Lazar - Okposo
Sheary - Larsson - Rodrigues

Dahlin - Miller
Pilot - Bogosian
McCabe - Jokiharju
Montour

The Sabres will have a team meeting on Thursday morning before they take on the Montreal Canadiens at KeyBank Center at 7 p.m.

Krueger: We have to take Ullmark's injury 'really seriously'

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Following a 10-day break from game action for the bye week and the NHL All-Star Game, the Buffalo Sabres returned to the ice on Tuesday night against the Ottawa Senators to start a stretch of nine of the next 10 games to be played at KeyBank Center. However, the Sabres ended up losing 5-2 on home ice after being tied up at 2-2 in the third period.

The Sabres' penalty kill unit was a huge factor in Buffalo's downfall as three of Ottawa's goals came while the Sabres were shorthanded. With Buffalo trailing 3-2 late in the third and on the power play, they ended up pulling the goalie for the extra attacker, but failed to convert and ended up giving up a shorthanded goal in the process.

However, the big story from Tuesday night's game was the injury to Sabres goalie Linus Ullmark, who left the game in the third period due to a lower-body injury. The 26-year-old ended up getting his right leg caught up under him in his crease, and ended up needing help off the ice.

Ullmark had just been starting to establish himself as the No. 1 goalie in Buffalo with his recent play in goal, but now the Sabres will have to turn to Carter Hutton in goal, who has not won a game, in which he has started, since Oct. 22 against the San Jose Sharks.

Sabres head coach Ralph Krueger knows how important a player like Ullmark is to a Sabres team that still has aspirations of making the playoffs.

"It's something we have to take really seriously," Krueger said during the Howard and Jeremy on Wednesday morning on WGR. "We expect to lose him for a few games, the question will be, how many? He is being diagnosed this morning, and we should know more in a couple of hours, but we do expect a setback."

That setback is expected to be 3-4 weeks, as the Sabres announced late Wednesday morning.

With Ullmark set to be out for the next few weeks, the Sabres made a call up on Wednesday, bringing up goalie Jonas Johansson from the Rochester Americans. The 24-year-old has had a stellar season with the Amerks this year, currently sitting third in the American Hockey League for goals-against average (2.19) and fourth in the league for save percentage (.925). Those numbers were good enough to earn Johansson a spot in his first career AHL All-Star Game.

The Buffalo net will likely belong, though, to Hutton until further notice, even though he has lost his last 11 starts and has not gotten much support around him on the ice. However, Krueger believes that it is still a day-to-day process for Hutton to re-gain the play in goal that he is capable of.

"We're continuing to try to fix things a day at a time whether we've had a good day a bit of a rougher night like last night," Krueger said. "We're here today to work with the bodies that are healthy and the guys that are here and Carter has been working very hard on getting his confidence up and on his game and had a good finish last night."

"We're optimistic that he can be a strong goalie for us [Thursday] night against Montreal, but after that it's day to day because we aren't too sure how long Linus will be out. If he is out awhile it becomes a two goalie competition again with one of our depth players and we will see how that evolves."

In other injury news, Krueger did say that the Sabres are optimistic that rookie forward Victor Olofsson is still about five or six games away from returning. He has been out of action since Jan. 2 when he sustained a lower-body injury.

In terms of Tuesday night's game against the Senators, Krueger hit on the fact that penalties and, at times, sluggish play are what really hurt the Sabres in the loss.

"We had three shorthanded goals against, we had four penalties in the offensive zone and both of those are just unacceptable. In general, there were phases in the game where in the second period, we had two long shifts in

our end where we just seemed to be a step behind and weren't able to put the defensive pressure on Ottawa that we'd like too."

Krueger did compliment the game Ottawa played, but assured fans that the Sabres will come out much better in Thursday's game against the Montreal Canadiens at KeyBank Center.

Sabres call up Jonas Johansson from Rochester

By Brayton Wilson

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The Buffalo Sabres have called up goalie Jonas Johansson from the Rochester Americans of the American Hockey League on Wednesday after starting goalie Linus Ullmark suffered a lower-body injury in the third period of Tuesday night's 5-2 loss to the Ottawa Senators.

Johansson is getting his first career call up to the Sabres after being selected by the team in the third round (61st overall) in the 2014 NHL Draft.

The 24-year-old is having a stellar season with the Amerks this season, posting a 13-3-3-2 record in 20 games played with a 2.19 goals-against average, a .925 save percentage and two shutouts. His goals-against average currently ranks third-best in the AHL, while his save percentage has him ranked fourth in the league.

Johansson was named to his first career AHL All-Star Game this past weekend in Ontario, California where he was Rochester's lone representative on the ice. Amerks head coach Chris Taylor was behind the bench representing the Amerks for the North Division, while defenseman Lawrence Pilut had been named to his second consecutive All-Star Game, but he did not play after being called up to the Sabres on Sunday.

Sabres head coach Ralph Krueger said on the Howard and Jeremy Show on Wednesday that Ullmark will miss at least a few games with his injury, but the question now becomes how many games will he miss? Ullmark was attempting to go side-to-side in his crease on Tuesday night when he got his right leg caught up under him.

Ullmark has really started to establish himself as the No. 1 goalie in Buffalo with his solid play in the past eight games. The 26-year-old has posted a 16-14-3 record this season in 33 games with a 2.72 goals-against average, a .914 save percentage and one shutout.

Carter Hutton will now take over in goal as Buffalo starting goalie, despite his recent struggles with losses in 11 consecutive starts. In the limited action he saw on Tuesday, Hutton turned aside all four shots that he faced.

Overall this season, Hutton is 6-7-4 with a 3.31 goals-against average, an .892 save percentage and two shutouts.

The Sabres will return to the ice for practice at noon on Wednesday at KeyBank Center.

Jonas Johansson's big opportunity with the Sabres arrives. Will he grab it?

By Joe Yerdon

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As prospects go, goalie Jonas Johansson has been overlooked. You might even say he's been forgotten about as the guy bridging the prospect gap from Linus Ullmark to Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen. But in that quiet space in between, he's been brought up and now will have the opportunity to show the Sabres he can be the man.

Since he was a third-round pick by Buffalo in the 2014 draft, the 24-year-old, 6-foot-5 Swede has taken the developmental route less traveled.

If Johansson's career before this season were to be described, "solid but unspectacular" would be accurate, although that sounds like damning praise.

Johansson ranked second among international goalies by NHL Central Scouting in his draft year while playing for the Brynas junior team. When he graduated from the Swedish junior league to the men's leagues, he posted matching .913 save percentages in 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 with Almtuna in Sweden's second league, Allsvenskan. Those were solid numbers but they put him in the middle of the pack in the league. He got a handful of games with Brynas' SHL team, but becoming a better professional goalie is a process that can take time. After his three seasons there, it was time to head across the ocean.

When he arrived in North America, his road took him to Cincinnati in the ECHL and then Rochester. In 2017-2018, he was adjusting to the speed of hockey on this side of the Atlantic, and that took time. He went 14-11-1 with a .909 save percentage with the Cyclones in 27 games but struggled with the Americans, going 4-3-0 in seven games with a .861 save percentage. In '18-'19, things got better as he went 18-5-3 with a .908 in Cincinnati and was 4-1-0 in five games in Rochester with a .926.

"Learning the pace, it's quicker in a smaller rink," Johansson said about coming to North America. "It's (more fun), too — I really enjoy that. Then with more games to play, you've got to find habits and having good routines and just to play more consistent."

This season, Johansson has been a surprise of sorts. Although that year-by-year progression could have indicated an even better year was on the way, before the season started, he seemed to be keeping the seat warm for Luukkonen while he acclimated himself to pro hockey in North America with Cincinnati. Andrew Hammond was presumably signed to steer the ship in Rochester and be the Sabres' No. 3 goalie. Instead, Johansson posted a .925 save percentage and a 13-3-3 record during the first half and earned a spot in the AHL All-Star Game. Instead, it's Hammond who has helped Johansson to improve his game.

"I think I just found really good habits from the start," Johansson said. "Me and Hammond, we've been working really close helping each other out doing goalie drills with each other. I think I just found good habits in practices, and on game days and it's been working fine."

The change in Johansson's play from year to year was incremental but still apparent.

"What I saw from last year, you had a lot of flashes of the same (thing) that he's got this year," defenseman Lawrence Pilut said. "I think he just built on that confidence. You see him glowing with confidence in him, and I think that's such a positive thing to see."

After Ullmark's lower-body injury against Ottawa on Tuesday, Johansson is in Buffalo and ready to play whether it's as Carter Hutton's backup or the next in line to start. No matter what, Johansson's play earned him the right to be here.

"The American League is a heck of a league, and sometimes it's almost harder to play goal down there," Hutton said. "So far, just seeing him today, he looks great out there. He works hard, he's a big kid, he moves well, and I think he's got a great attitude. I think you're going to see a lot from him. He looks like he's ready to make the jump."

With 32 games to go and the hope of playoffs looking dim for the Sabres, Johansson has the opportunity to steal a job. He can look to his battery mate in Rochester as a reason for inspiration.

In February 2015, Hammond was called upon by the Senators when injuries felled goalies Craig Anderson and Robin Lehner. He proceeded to go on a run of epic proportions, going 20-1-2 with a .941 save percentage and helping Ottawa to the postseason. That led to a rain of hamburgers being thrown to the ice in Kanata every time Hammond won.

"I've never seen a guy drink so much Pedialyte in a month, and he gave us (his) all every single night," former Senators and current Sabres forward Curtis Lazar said. "He had a big workload, but you know, we rallied around it and the whole hamburger thing. It was a cool storyline for a team, but it was kind of a similar situation for us here. ... Maybe JJ is the guy that can do that here for us."

On Feb. 17, 2015 — the day before Hammond's first start — the Senators were sixth in the Atlantic Division, with 54 points in 55 games. When the season ended, they were fourth in the Atlantic with 99 points and scored the first wild card in the East. Earning 45 points in 27 games was a remarkable feat that the Sabres will need to virtually mimic to end their playoff drought.

Through 50 games, Buffalo sits at 51 points and is tied for fifth in the Atlantic Division with Montreal, 10 points behind the second wild-card spot. It's not on Johansson to repeat what Hammond did five years ago, but this situation for the Sabres could use a surprise hero from out of the blue. So why not speak it into existence?

"A lot of it's confidence. ... You feel good about your game, you're going to excel regardless where it is, and this is no different, goalie or forward," Lazar said. "If anything, sure, guys can shoot harder, maybe pick your spots a little more defensively — things are a little more sorted out up here. We also clear shots and stuff, but it's well deserved for him, and we're happy to have him."

With Linus Ullmark injured, Sabres will likely turn to goalie Carter Hutton

By Bill Hoppe
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BUFFALO – While Sabres coach Ralph Krueger wouldn't reveal tonight's starting goalie, it's a safe bet he will utilize Carter Hutton against the Montreal Canadiens.

Throughout a three-month slump in which he has morphed into a spare part, Hutton, 34, has quietly gone about his business, expressing confidence in his ability to bounce back and showing support for his teammates.

With workhorse Linus Ullmark sidelined three to four weeks with a lower-body injury, Krueger has two options in goal: Hutton or AHL All-Star Jonas Johansson, who was recalled from the Rochester Americans for the first time Wednesday.

Remember, Hutton, who hasn't won a game since Oct. 22, started the season 6-0-0. The veteran has a 5-1-2 career mark against the Canadiens and beat them Oct. 9.

"We know that Carter can step up here," Krueger said following this Wednesday's practice inside KeyBank Center. "He had an excellent start of the season, some struggles of late. But it was more also the team performing differently in those games. There was some overtimes in there that didn't tip his way, so we're cheering for him as loud as anybody to get back on track result-wise.

"But he's always worked hard and has had some good weeks now with (goalie coach) Mike Bales, they've done a lot of extra work, and we feel Carter is ready to be the guy to step in here and carry the ball."

Hutton, of course, wants to keep a narrow focus for what could be his final opportunity. He knows he hasn't been awarded the net.

"If I don't play well, J.J. is going to play," said Hutton, who has lost 11 straight games. "There's no security in what we do. This is the NHL. In that sense, I'm just going to go out there and do what I do. It's hard to really look at the big picture in that sense. I'm not looking down the road or whatever. You just try to stay in the moment. It's just hockey. I leave the rink I've got a family to go to."

Hutton has endured a stunning in-season decline. Since his torrid start, he has compiled a wretched 0-7-4 record with a 4.22 goals-against average and an .867 save percentage.

That's the worst goals-against average and save percentage of any NHL goalie who has played at least six games since Oct. 23.

Krueger has mostly used Hutton in back-to-back situations for two months, starting him just two of the last 20 games.

So Hutton has spent time working closely with Bales to sharpen his game.

"We find different things to chip away at, kind of build your game," Hutton said. "It's been a bit of a roller coaster this year, obviously. Some stuff that goes on behind the scenes. You try to stick with it. It's such a long season, right? For me, nothing changes. I've been doing this for a while now. (I'm) just excited to get in there and play. It's the same game."

Hutton said he doesn't believe anyone in "this room has ever doubted me or anything."

"Sometimes the picture can get painted outside, you know what I mean?" he said. "But not everybody has the information, what's going on. For me, I played a lot of games. It's not like I just fell off a cliff here. It's been a rough go, but it's just hockey. I feel like for a long time I've felt good here, and it's just a matter of getting in.

"At the same time, I haven't played because Linus has played so well. It wasn't a lack of what I was doing in practice or anything like that. Linus has been ... the backbone so far. Now I have time to get in there and just play my game."

Ullmark, who was injured late in Tuesday's embarrassing home loss to the Ottawa Senators, has become the Sabres' backbone.

"I've been in this situation before," Hutton said of being injured. "I feel bad for him because he was playing great. He's obviously been rock solid all year, and he's been having a great year, for sure. It's a tough injury."

First recall to Sabres special for goalie Jonas Johansson: ‘Just really pumped’

By Bill Hoppe

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BUFFALO – On Monday, goalie Jonas Johansson represented the Rochester Americans at the AHL All-Star Classic, an honor he received for his breakout season.

After landing Tuesday night in Rochester following a long travel from Ontario, Calif., Amerks coach Chris Taylor called Johansson to relay some special news.

Johansson, 24, had earned his first recall to the Sabres. Having lost Linus Ullmark to a lower-body injury for three to four weeks in Tuesday’s 5-2 home loss to the Ottawa Senators, they needed another goalie.

Right away, Johansson called his parents in Sweden, where it was around 5 a.m. At first, his mother, Ulrica, was a little upset he phoned so early.

“They were tired, they just woke up,” Johansson said following Wednesday’s practice inside KeyBank Center. “But, no, they were really happy.”

When Johansson called his parents, he said it hit him he was going up to the NHL.

“That’s something you only had in your dreams before, now it became a reality,” he said. “So that was a really nice moment.”

Johansson, who will likely back up Carter Hutton tonight at home against the Montreal Canadiens, said the previous two days had been “intense.”

“But I’m just really pumped, I’m enjoying it,” he said.

He added: “I’m just trying to take it all in now.”

The 6-foot-5, 219-pound Johansson is often overshadowed by Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen, a youngster labeled by many observers as the Sabres’ goalie of the future. Still, Johansson has established himself as a strong NHL prospect.

Johansson, a third-round pick in 2014, 61st overall, spent most of the last two seasons with the Cincinnati Cyclones, playing 54 games for the ECHL affiliate. He underwent season-ending surgery to repair a torn meniscus last February, ending a strong campaign.

When this season started, he had only played 19 AHL games.

But Johansson has quietly developed into one of the AHL’s best goalies, forming a strong partnership with veteran Andrew Hammond.

“Me and Hammond, we’ve been working really close, helping each other out, doing goalie drills with each other,” said Johansson, who arrived in North America late in the 2016-17 season. “I think I just found good habits in practices and game days. It’s been working fine.”

Johansson has compiled a terrific 13-3-3 record with a 2.19 goals-against average, a .919 save percentage and two shutouts in 20 games this season. He recently enjoyed a nine-game winning streak.

“It’s more than anything psychologically how he’s grown and developed thus far this season,” Sabres coach Ralph Krueger said of what he has seen from Johansson. “It’s a good opportunity to get to know each other. It’s nothing against Hammond.”

To replace Johansson, the Amerks recalled Luukkonen from Cincinnati.

Sabres recall goalie Jonas Johansson from Amerks

By Bill Hoppe

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BUFFALO – Having lost Linus Ullmark to a lower-body injury, the Sabres recalled goalie Jonas Johansson from the Rochester Americans this morning.

Johansson, 24, has enjoyed a breakout season, compiling a 13-3-3 record with a 2.19 goals-against average, a .925 save percentage and two shutouts in 20 games. The Swede represented the Amerks in Monday's AHL All-Star Classic in Ontario, Calif.

Coach Ralph Krueger said following Tuesday's 5-2 loss to the Ottawa Senators the Sabres would know more about Ullmark's injury today. Ullmark left in the third period after his skate appeared to get caught in a rut in the ice, causing him to fall.

Update: The Sabres have announced Ullmark will miss three to four weeks.

The 6-foot-5, 219-pound Johansson spent most of the past two seasons with the ECHL Cincinnati Cyclones, earning occasional recalls to the Amerks.

He underwent season-ending surgery to repair a torn meniscus last February.

The Sabres drafted him in the third round in 2014, 61st overall.

Linus Ullmark to miss 3-4 weeks with lower-body injury

By Jenna Callari

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BUFFALO, N.Y. (WKBW) — Another injury has hit the Buffalo Sabres, this time to the goaltender position.

The team announced Linus Ullmark will miss 3-4 weeks with a lower-body injury. He went down in Tuesday night's game against the Senators in a fluke-like play and needed help off the ice, putting little to no pressure on his right leg.

Ullmark has started in 33 games this season, recording a 16-14-3 record, a 2.72 goals against average and a .914 save percentage. Carter Hutton will most likely get the start on Thursday when the team hosts Montreal.

The team also recalled Jonas Johansson from the Rochester Americans Wednesday morning. Johansson has posted a 13-3-3 record in 20 games played with the Amerks that includes a 2.19 goals-against average, a .925 save percentage, and two shutouts.

Linus Ullmark out 3-4 weeks, Johansson called up

By Mike Courtney

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BUFFALO, N.Y. (WIVB) The Buffalo Sabres announced Wednesday that goalie Linus Ullmark will be out 3-4 weeks with a lower body injury.

The injury occurred in the third period of the team's game Tuesday night against Ottawa. Ullmark's leg seemed to stay under his body as he fell backwards. He had to be helped off the ice. Sabres Head Coach Ralph Krueger said, "we're disappointed for him and for us because he was really building a good season here."

In response to Ullmark's injury, the Sabres recalled goalie Jonas Johansson from the Rochester Americans. Johansson was having a good season for the Amerks, just coming off his appearance in the AHL All-star game. Johansson had a 13-3-3 record in Rochester with a 2.19 Goals Against Average, and a .925 Save Percentage.

Johansson is excited to have his first shot to play in the NHL and was asked when it really sank in that he was getting his chance, "last night I guess, when I got the call obviously and I was calling my parents, calling my family, it's something you only had in your dreams before and now it became reality."

Ullmark's injury also gives goalie Carter Hutton a chance to return to form. After a good start to the season Hutton has struggled recently. "I'm excited to get in there, it's part of the game, there's injuries, I've been in this situation before. I feel bad for him because he was playing great, rock solid all year, he was having a career year for sure. Right now I just got to go in there and play hockey and it will be fun", Hutton said.

Coach Ralph Krueger said he will wait until tomorrow to announce who will get the start against the Canadiens tomorrow night.

Linus Ullmark out 3-4 weeks; Sabres call up Jonas Johansson

By Heather Prusak

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BUFFALO, N.Y. — Ten points out of a playoff spot with 32 games to go, that's a tough situation for the Sabres as they attempt to end the NHL's current longest playoff drought.

And to make things even worse, they started a stretch of nine out of 10 games at home with an embarrassing 5-2 loss to the Senators coming out of the All-Star break.

And to make things even worse than that, they lost Linus Ullmark who emerged as their starting goaltender who is out three to four weeks with a lower-body injury he suffered against Ottawa.

For the time being, they'll now have to rely on Carter Hutton and Jonas Johansson after they called him up from Rochester on Wednesday.

It looks like Hutton will slide back into that primary role with Ullmark out and will likely start Thursday's game against Montreal even though head coach Ralph Krueger will not say until game day.

Hutton's had a rough year so far, one that he called a "roller coaster season". He hasn't won a game since mid October and has only started three games since the start of December.

Johansson's had an impressive season in Rochester and just played in the AHL All-Star Classic earlier this week.

Ullmark's Injury Gives Johansson NHL Opportunity

By Ted Goldberg

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Nearly six years after he was drafted, Jonas Johansson has finally earned his first shot at the NHL. Johansson received the call Tuesday night, not long after flying back from California. Johansson (13-3-3, 2.19 GAA) had represented Rochester in the AHL All-Star game last weekend.

"I was calling my parents," he says. "Calling my family. That's something you only had in your dreams before. It became reality. That was a nice moment. They were tired, they just woke up. They were really happy, all of them were really happy."

Linus Ullmark's lower-body injury opened the door for the Sabres to bring up a goalie from the minors. While Andrew Hammond is a veteran with 56 NHL games under his belt, the 24-year-old Johansson is more of an unknown.

"It's more than anything, psychologically, how he's grown and developed thus far this season," said Sabres head coach Ralph Krueger about why Johansson was brought up. "It's a good opportunity to get to know each other. It's nothing against Hammond, it's for Johansson that we made this decision."

"Me and Hammond, we've been working really close," says Johansson. "Helping each other out, doing goalie drills with each other. I think I just found good habits on the practice ice and on game days. It's been working fine."

While backup goalie Carter Hutton has lost 11 straight starts, he understands that the Sabres will likely lean on him as Johansson gets acclimated to NHL game speed.

"Playing this sport, there's injuries. I've been in this situation. I feel bad for him," he said of Ullmark. "He's played great. He's been great, rock-solid. He's having a career year, for sure. It's a tough injury. It's weird. The way we play, it's tough with whatever happened. He'll come back. Right now I just have to go in there and play hockey. It'll be fun."

Sabres host Montreal Thursday but it was not immediately announced whether Johansson would get the start.

Ullmark out 3-4 weeks for Sabres with lower-body injury

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Linus Ullmark is out 3-4 weeks for the Buffalo Sabres with a lower-body injury sustained in a 5-2 loss to the Ottawa Senators at KeyBank Center on Tuesday.

The goalie made 30 saves before falling awkwardly in his crease and was replaced by Carter Hutton at 10:28 of the third period. Ullmark is 16-14-3 with a 2.72 goals-against average, a .914 save percentage and one shutout in 33 games.

Goalie Jonas Johansson was recalled from Rochester of the American Hockey League. Johansson is third in the AHL with a 2.19 GAA and fourth with a .925 save percentage in 20 games.

The Sabres (22-21-7) trail the Carolina Hurricanes by 10 points for the second wild card into the Stanley Cup Playoffs from the Eastern Conference. They play the Montreal Canadiens in Buffalo on Thursday (7 p.m. ET; ESPN+, MSG-B, TSN2, RDS, NHL.TV).

Sabres turn to Hutton, Johansson in Ullmark's absence

By Jourdon LaBarber

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Carter Hutton repeated a term that Jack Eichel used to describe Linus Ullmark back in December, when he was just beginning to take the reigns as a No. 1 goalie.

"He's been the backbone so far," Hutton said. "Now I have to get in there and just play my game."

The Sabres expect to be without Ullmark for three to four weeks as he recovers from a lower-body injury sustained during the team's loss to Ottawa on Tuesday. The 26-year-old had started 18 of the team's past 20 games and already earned a career-high 16 wins.

In Ullmark's absence, the Sabres are set to lean on Hutton and rookie Jonas Johansson, who was recalled from Rochester prior to practice on Wednesday. Krueger did not announce a starter for their home game against Montreal on Thursday.

"We're disappointed for him and us, because he was really building a good season here," Sabres coach Ralph Krueger said. "Again, we have an excellent staff that's going to bring him back as quick as possible. He's in their hands now, he's in that camp."

"We have Jonas here who's earned this opportunity to join us. He's had a terrific season so far in Rochester, an all-star there, which everybody knows. Now we have to work with Hutton and Johansson and do the best we can with this group going forward."

Naturally, an increase in playing time for Ullmark has meant limited action for Hutton. He's made three starts since the beginning of December and is winless since starting the season 6-0-0, though Krueger explained that there are more factors at play than just individual performance.

"We know that Carter can step up here," he said. "He had an excellent start of the season, some struggles of late. But it was more also the team performing differently in those games. There were some overtimes in there that didn't tip his way, so we're cheering for him as loud as anybody to get back on track result-wise."

"But he's always worked hard and has had some good weeks now with [assistant coach] Mike Bales. They've done a lot of extra work, and we feel Carter is ready to be the guy to step in here and carry the ball."

Hutton has vocally supported Ullmark along the way while keeping a day-to-day approach behind the scenes. He's seen it all since completing his long climb to the NHL at age 27, from backing up Pekka Rinne in Nashville, to splitting the net in St. Louis and, last year, earning the No. 1 spot in Buffalo.

"If I don't play well JJ is going to play," Hutton said. "There's no security in what we do. This is the NHL. In that sense, I'm just going to go out there and do what I do. It's hard to really look at the big picture in that sense. I'm not looking down the road or whatever. You just try to stay in the moment."

"It's just hockey. I leave the rink I've got a family I go to. It's just hockey. I come here, I do my job, I do my best, I put a lot of work into it, but at the end of the day, it's just hockey. I do what I do and put enough work to try to be as successful as possible."

Johansson, meanwhile, is looking to complete his own ascension to hockey's highest level. He spent three years in Sweden after being drafted in the third round in 2014, then spent the past two years playing primarily with the Sabres' ECHL affiliate in Cincinnati.

He's split the net with veteran Andrew Hammond in Rochester this season, his first full AHL campaign. His 13-3-3 record and .925 save percentage earned him a spot in the AHL All-Star Game in Ontario, California this past weekend.

"I just think it's excellent to take a look at him right now with the record he has," Krueger said. "... But it's, more than anything, psychologically how he's grown and developed thus far this season. It's a good opportunity to get to know each other."

Johansson described the 48 hours leading up to his first NHL practice as "intense." He traveled from California to Rochester on Tuesday, then got the call from Amerks coach Chris Taylor telling him he was headed to Buffalo. He made the trip up the I-90 Wednesday morning.

First, he made a phone call to his parents back in Sweden that was a long time in the making.

"That's something you only had in your dreams before, now it became a reality," he said. "So that was a really nice moment."

Wednesday's practice

Rasmus Ristolainen took a maintenance day but will be ready to play Thursday. Here's how the team lined up in his absence:

28 Zemgus Girgensons - 9 Jack Eichel - 23 Sam Reinhart
53 Jeff Skinner - 90 Marcus Johansson - 67 Michael Frolik
13 Jimmy Vesey - 27 Curtis Lazar - 21 Kyle Okposo
43 Conor Sheary - 22 Johan Larsson - 71 Evan Rodrigues

4 Zach Bogosian, 10 Henri Jokiharju, 19 Jake McCabe, 24 Lawrence Pilut, 26 Rasmus Dahlin, 33 Colin Miller, 62
Brandon Montour

40 Carter Hutton
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Ullmark expected to miss 3 to 4 weeks with lower-body injury

By Chris Ryndak

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The Buffalo Sabres announced today that goaltender Linus Ullmark will miss approximately three to four weeks with a lower-body injury.

He sustained the injury midway through the third period of last night's game when he fell backward while tracking the play behind the net. He was helped off the ice and did not return.

Ullmark, 26, has started 33 of Buffalo's 50 games this season. He's 16-14-3 with his 16 wins marking a career high. He's posted a 2.72 goals-against average and a .914 save percentage with one shutout.

This morning, the Sabres recalled goaltender Jonas Johansson from the Rochester Americans. Johansson represented the Amerks at the 2020 AHL All-Star Classic earlier this week.

Buffalo is set to practice at noon. We'll have full coverage here on Sabres.com. The Sabres host the Montreal Canadiens tomorrow night at KeyBank Center.

Sabres recall Jonas Johansson from Rochester

By Chris Ryndak

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The Buffalo Sabres announced this morning that the team has recalled goaltender Jonas Johansson from the Rochester Americans of the AHL.

In 20 games with the Amerks this season, Johansson, 24, has compiled a record of 13-3-3 with a 2.19 goals-against average (3rd in the AHL) and a .925 save percentage (5th). He's also posted two shutouts.

Drafted in the third round of the 2014 NHL Draft (61st overall), Johansson was selected to participate in the 2020 AHL All-Star Classic, which took place on Sunday and Monday.

In 2018-19, his second season with the Cincinnati Cyclones of the ECHL, he went 18-5-3. He played 10 games with Rochester last year.

He has also represented Sweden at the 2013 IIHF World Under-18 Championship and won a silver medal at the 2014 IIHF World Junior Championship.

This is his first career recall to the NHL.

Sabres goaltender Linus Ullmark left last night's game with a lower-body injury. Coach Ralph Krueger said he'd be further evaluated today. Buffalo is set to practice at noon. Stay tuned to Sabres.com and our social media platforms for updates throughout the day.