

Inside the series: This will be the fourth matchup between the Buffalo Sabres and the Detroit Red Wings this season with the Sabres having a 1-1-1 record. Their last matchup was in Buffalo and ended in a 6-5 shootout loss on Dec. 9. The other two matchups were on Nov. 2 in Detroit which resulted in a 2-1 loss and on Oct. 26 where the Sabres won 5-3.

Tage Turning it up: In the Sabres last game vs the Oilers Monday night Tage Thompson saw two of his shots get past Stuart Skinner which included a third-period game winner. This marked five goals for Thompson in his past five games and 14 in his last 17 games which puts his goal tally to 33 goals on the year. 33 goals has Thompson tied for fourth place in the NHL for goal scorers with David Pasternak, Kyle Conner, and Alexander Ovechkin.

Tage taking control: After Tage Thompson scored two goals vs the Oilers in the Sabres 3-2 win, he now has 23 career multi-goal games. In those games the Sabres are 18-5-0. For the past two games Thompson has been skating along Sabres trade deadline acquisition Josh Norris from the Ottawa Senators who assisted Thompson's game winning goal Monday against the Oilers.

Brick Wall Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen: Monday night against the Oilers Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen stopped 32 of Edmontons shots. Although the Oilers generated 3.30 expected goals they only got two shots past Luukkonen. Luukkonen has posted a .892 save percentage and 3.11 goals-against average in the 47 games he's played this season.

Detroit's Point Leaders: Lucas Raymond and Dylan Larkin are Detroit Red Wings top point scores this season with Raymond having 66 points which puts him at twenty second in the NHL for points and Dylan Larkin having 56 points which has him forty fourth in the NHL tied with Tage Thompson.

Red Wings struggles: The Detroit Red Wings have lost their past six games dropping them out of an Eastern Conference playoff wildcard spot. Despite losing their last six, the Red Wings have averaged 35.0 shots on goal per game in those games which ranks first in the NHL over that span of games. Their last game was Monday against Ottawa where the Red Wings recorded 49 shots in the 2-1 loss.

Sabres highlights against the Red Wings: Tage Thompson has played 18 games in his career against Detroit and has 21 points (11 goals and 10 assists) in those games. Sabres center Jason Zucker has three goals vs Detroit this season and new acquisition Josh Norris has two goals against Detroit this season. Sabres forward Alex Tuch looks to add on to his goal record since Feb. 4 where he has scored 9 goals which has him tied for second in the NHL for goals in that span.

Sabres Injuries: Sabers forwards JJ Peterka and Jason Zucker missed Tuesday's practice. Peterka has a lower body injury which he played through Monday night against Edminton and Zucker missed practice for personal reasons. Zucker will suit up tonight for the Sabres, whereas Peterka is a game time decision with the Sabres not practicing this morning.

All time records: The Buffalo Sabres and the Detroit Red Wings have faced off a total of 160 times. The Sabres have a record of 73-74-13 in the series and look to get their seventy fourth win against the Red Wings tonight.