



VS



# COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS

# GAME DAY PREVIEW

Columbus Blue Jackets vs. New York Islanders || Dec. 28, 2025 || Nationwide Arena || 5:00pm ET || Game 37 (Home 17)

## GAME DAY SCHEDULE

9:00am ET: Media Availability  
 9:30am ET: Optional Morning Skate  
 5:00pm ET: Game vs. NY Islanders  
 Post-Game: Locker room will open approximately five minutes after the game's conclusion. Head Coach Dean Evason will be available immediately after player availability.

## BROADCAST INFO

TV: FANDUEL SPORTS NETWORK  
 Steve Mears (play-by-play)  
 Jody Shelley (analyst)  
 Dave Maetzold (reporter)  
 Brian Giesenschlag (host)  
 Jean-Luc Grand-Pierre (analyst)

## RADIO: 97.1 THE FAN

Bob McElligott (play-by-play)  
 Dylan Tyrer (host)

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## For More Information

PR X Account: @BlueJacketsPR  
 Website: BlueJackets.com/PressBox  
 Game Notes: Game Notes available at Media.NHL.com

## MEDIA ENTRANCES

Morning Skate: Nationwide Arena Security Entrance  
 Game Night: Nationwide Arena Box Office (Opens at 2:30pm)

## OhioHEALTH INJURY REPORT

Erik Gudbranson (Upper Body) 28  
 Mathieu Olivier (Upper Body) 13  
 Zach Werenski (Lower Body) 1

TOTAL MAN GAMES LOST: 73

## COLUMBUS

15-15-6 (36 pts.)  
 7-6-3 (17 pts.)  
 8-9-3 (19 pts.)  
 8th, Metropolitan  
 16th, Eastern  
 2.89 (22nd) / 3.44 (31st)  
 20.7 (12th-T) / 74.3 (30th)  
 30.1 (4th) / 30.8 (30th)  
 Dec. 22 at LAK 1, CBJ 3  
 Dec. 29 at Ottawa

## HEAD-TO-HEAD

Record  
 At Home  
 On the Road  
 Division Rank  
 Conference Rank  
 GF / GA (NHL rank)  
 PP / PK (NHL rank)  
 SF / SA (NHL rank)  
 Last Game  
 Next Game

## NEW YORK\*

20-13-4 (44 pts.)  
 11-7-2 (24 pts.)  
 9-6-2 (20 pts.)  
 3rd, Metropolitan  
 5th, Eastern  
 2.81 (23rd) / 2.70 (8th)  
 16.4 (26th) / 81.6 (11th)  
 28.5 (14th-T) / 28.4 (17th-T)  
 Dec. 23 at NYI 2, NJD 1  
 Dec. 30 at Chicago

## ALL-TIME SERIES CBJ RECORD

27-23-1 (18-7-1-4 at Home)

## THIS SEASON (CBJ, 0-1-0)

Nov. 2, 2025 - at NYI 3, CBJ 2  
 Dec. 28, 2025 - at Columbus (5 pm ET)  
 Feb. 28, 2026 - at Columbus (6 pm ET)  
 Mar. 22, 2026 - at NY Islanders (7 pm ET)

## 2024-25 RECORD (CBJ, 3-1-0)

Oct. 30, 2024 - at CBJ 2, NYI 0  
 Jan. 20, 2025 - at NYI 3, CBJ 1  
 Mar. 24, 2025 - CBJ 4, at NYI 3 (SO)  
 Apr. 17, 2025 - at CBJ 6, at NYI 1

## MATCHUP NOTES

- ★ Columbus has won three of the last five meetings in the series overall, including both home games of the 2024-25 series.
- ★ The home team has earned points in five consecutive games in the series (4-0-1) and in 11 of the past 14 (10-3-1).
- ★ The winning team has won by a multiple goals in six of the last eight meetings overall, including four-straight at Nationwide Arena.
- ★ Each team has recorded a 2-0 shutout victory over the past four contests played at Nationwide Arena.
- ★ The Blue Jackets killed off 7-of-8 Islanders power play attempts over the last four contests played in Ohio (87.5 pct.).
- ★ The club was held without a power play attempt in each of its home games of the 2024-25 series vs. NYI.
- ★ CBJ have recorded five shutouts in the all-time series (MR: Merzlakins, 26 saves in 2-0 W at CBJ on Oct. 30, 2024).



### JACKET TO WATCH - C Adam Fantilli

Has 4-2-6, including a 3-point effort, in 7 career GP vs. the Islanders.  
 Has registered points in the last three contests vs. the club (2-1-3) after posting an assist on Nov. 2.



### ISLANDER TO WATCH - C Mathew Barzal

Has tallied 8-17-25 with 9 multi-point efforts in 23 career GP vs. Columbus. Has posted 3 multi-point outings in last 5 contests (2-6-8) and has points in 12 of last 15 contests (8-14-22).



## TEAM NOTES

- ★ Columbus returns from the holiday break with its seventh of 15 back-to-back sets of the campaign, hosting the NY Islanders on Sunday and visiting Ottawa on Monday. The club is 6-4-2 in back-to-backs (3-1-2 in 1st GP; 3-3-0 in 2nd GP).
- ★ The Blue Jackets play five games, including four at home, over eight days from Dec. 28-Jan. 4.
- ★ CBJ scored a season-high three power play goals in the 3-1 victory at Los Angeles before the break on Dec. 22 (3-for-7). The club ranks seventh in the NHL in power play pct. since Nov. 11 (25.0 pct.; 14-of-56).
- ★ Sunday's contest vs. the Islanders kicks off a stretch of five-straight against the Eastern Conference, including three against the Metropolitan Division (also New Jersey and Pittsburgh).
- ★ CBJ lead the NHL in faceoff pct. since Dec. 13 (58.3 pct.; 176-of-302 in last 5 GP).

## PLAYER NOTES

- ★ C Adam Fantilli has notched 36 goals in 80 games in 2025 for the fourth-most by a Blue Jacket in a single calendar year.
- ★ LW Kent Johnson has collected assists in four of the past six contests (0-5-5).
- ★ LW Mason Marchment, who was acquired in a trade on Dec. 19, is the fourth player to score in his first two games with the Blue Jackets, and the first with three goals total after notching two goals at Los Angeles on Dec. 22.
- ★ D Denton Mateychuk has collected assists in each of the past two contests and has set single-season career highs in goals and points with 6-8-14 in 35 contests.
- ★ D Damon Severson has registered the primary assist on all three of Marchment's goals over the past two contests.
- ★ D Zach Werenski, who missed the game at the Kings (lower body injury), has multiple points in his last three-straight games (5-2-7) and four times over a five-game points streak (5-5-10). He has notched a point in 16 of the last 19 games overall to rank fourth-T in the entire NHL in scoring since Nov. 13 (10-19-29).
- ★ LW Dmitri Voronkov has posted points in two-straight (1-1-2) and has 4-2-6 in the past nine contests.



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**PUCK DROP:** 5:08 p.m.

**ANTHEM:** Leo Welsh

**CANNONEER:** TBA

**MILITARY HONOREE**, presented by Elk + Elk: Robert "Pete" Fentress, Master Sergeant, Air Force; 160th Air Refueling Group

**1ST INTERMISSION:** OhioHealth Future Jackets, West Virginia Wild 8U

**2ND INTERMISSION:** Fanatics On-Ice Shot

**50/50 BENEFICIARY**, presented by Kemba Financial Credit Union: St. Charles Prep Football

### SPOTLIGHTS:

**THEME NIGHT ACTIVATIONS:** N/A

**BLUE LINE ITEM OF THE GAME:** Get 30% off all clearance items in-store at Nationwide Arena or online at [TheBlueLineOnline.com](http://TheBlueLineOnline.com).

