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# COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS GAME DAY PREVIEW

Columbus Blue Jackets vs. New York Rangers || Mar. 19, 2026 || Nationwide Arena || 7:00pm ET || Game 68 (Home 34)

## GAME DAY SCHEDULE

**10:30am ET:** Morning Skate followed by Media with Players and Head Coach Rick Bowness  
**7:00pm ET:** Game vs. NY Rangers  
**Post-Game:** Locker room will open approximately five minutes after the game's conclusion. Head Coach Rick Bowness 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)

\* Simulcasted on CW Columbus, WUAB in Cleveland, WXIX in Cincinnati, WZCD in Dayton, WQCW in Charleston/Huntington, WV, WKYT in Lexington, KY and WAVE in Louisville, KY

## RADIO: 97.1 THE FAN

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

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**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 4:30pm)

## OhioHEALTH INJURY REPORT

Brendan Smith (Lower Body) 29

TOTAL MAN GAMES LOST: 175

## COLUMBUS

35-21-11 (81 pts.)  
18-8-7 (43 pts.)  
17-13-4 (38 pts.)  
4th, Metropolitan  
9th, Eastern  
3.15 (14th-T) / 3.10 (18th-T)  
20.7 (16th) / 77.7 (24th)  
29.9 (4th-T) / 29.5 (26th-T)  
Mar. 17 at CBJ 5, CAR 1  
Mar. 21 vs. Seattle

## 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\*

28-31-8 (64 pts)  
9-16-6 (24 pts)  
19-15-2 (40 pts)  
8th, Metropolitan  
16th, Eastern  
2.79 (5th) / 3.12 (21st-T)  
24.6 (6th) / 78.2 (20th-T)  
25.2 (29th-T) / 29.1 (21st)  
Mar. 16 at NYR 1, LAK 4  
Mar. 22 vs. Winnipeg

\* Rangers host the New Jersey Devils at Madison Square Garden on Wednesday

## ALL-TIME SERIES CBJ RECORD

25-24-1-7 (13-16-0-2 at home)

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

Nov. 15, 2025 - NYR 2, at CBJ 1 (SO)  
Mar. 2, 2026 - CBJ 5, at NYR 4 (OT)  
Mar. 19, 2026 - at Columbus (7 pm ET)

## 2024-25 RECORD (CBJ 1-2-1)

Jan. 18, 2025 - at NYR 1, CBJ 0 (SO)  
Feb. 8, 2025 - NYR 4, at CBJ 3  
Mar. 9, 2025 - CBJ 7, at NYR 3  
Mar. 15, 2025 - NYR 4, at CBJ 0

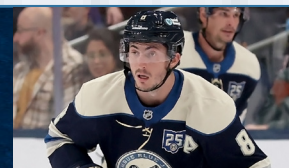
## MATCHUP NOTES

- ★ Columbus has recorded points in seven of the last 10 games of the all-time series (4-3-3).
- ★ CBJ have picked up points in three of the past five home contests (2-2-1) but the Rangers have won the past three at Nationwide Arena since Feb. 8, 2025 (CBJ; 0-2-1).
- ★ The winning team has recorded four or more goals (including 50 goals) in 10 of the past 12 games overall and 14 of the last 17 games of the series dating back to Oct. 29, 2021.
- ★ The Blue Jackets have recorded the three most recent hat tricks (MR: Adam Fantilli in 7-3 win at NYR on Mar. 9, 2025). and penalty shot attempt (Brandon Saad, unsuccessful in 5-2 win at NYR on Feb. 26, 2017).
- ★ CBJ have killed off 19-of-22 Rangers power play attempts in the last 11 meetings of the series (86.4 pct.).
- ★ The teams have combined for 60 shots or less in five of the past eight contests at Nationwide Arena (59.0 avg.).



## JACKET TO WATCH - D Zach Werenski

Has 3-16-19 with four multi-point efforts in 27 career GP vs. the NY Rangers. Collected an assist in his most recent contest on Nov. 15 and has assists in 3 of his last 4 contests vs. the club (0-4-4).



## RANGER TO WATCH - D Adam Fox

Has tallied 1-17-18 with four multi-point outings in 18 career games vs. Columbus. Has collected points in his past five contests at NWA (0-6-6) and 10-of-11 career games at CBJ (0-12-12).



## TEAM NOTES

- ★ Columbus stretched its season-high points streak to 10 games (6-0-4) with a 5-1 win over Carolina on Tuesday. The club has also earned points in 21 of its last 23 contests since Jan. 11 (17-2-4).
- ★ The Blue Jackets, who continue a three-game homestand on Thursday vs. the Rangers, have earned points in 10-straight home games (7-0-3) for the second-longest home points streak in club history (12; 9-0-3 from Feb. 11-Mar. 31, 2013). The team has also collected points in 14-of-15 contests at Nationwide Arena in 2026 (10-1-4).
- ★ Since Dec. 22, CBJ are tied for the least regulation losses in the NHL with a 21-6-5 record (47 pts, .734 points pct.), and rank second in points, points pct. and goals-against/game (2.66) as well as ninth-T in goals for/game (3.44).
- ★ The Jackets play three-straight (2-0-0) and five of six games against Metropolitan Division opponents from Mar. 14-24.

## PLAYER NOTES

- ★ C **Charlie Coyle** notched his third four-point outing of 2025-26 with 1-3-4 on Tuesday and has tallied 7-18-25 in the last 17 contests. He has tied his single-season career high in assists (2016-17 w/ MIN) and has the third-most points of his 14-year career with 17-38-55 in 67 games in 2025-26.
- ★ C **Adam Fantilli** collected two assists on Tuesday, has registered points in four consecutive games (1-4-5), points in 10 of the last 12 games (6-8-14), and has posted 7-12-19 in the past 17 contests since Jan. 24.
- ★ G **Jet Greaves** has earned points in each of his last 12 starts since Jan. 11 (10-0-2, 2.29 GAA in 13 GP), while G **Elvis Merzlikins** has recorded points in nine of his past 11 starts over that span (7-2-2, 2.54 GAA in 12 GP).
- ★ RW **Kirill Marchenko**, who became the second fastest Blue Jacket (276 GP) to record 100 career goals on Saturday at Philadelphia, has posted points in 12 of his past 15 contests since Jan. 24 (7-9-16).
- ★ D **Zach Werenski** has collected points in 25 of his past 30 games played since Dec. 11 (11-28-39, 12 multi-point efforts) and sits one point shy of his second-straight 70-point campaign (20-49-69, 60 GP).



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**PUCK DROP:** 7:12 p.m.

**ANTHEM:** Leo Welsh

**CANNONEERS:** Tyvis Powell, Former NFL Safety and 97.1 The Fan On-Air Talent

**KID STARTER:** Cade Alexander, Age 12, Blue Jackets Hockey League

**MILITARY HONOREE,** presented by Elk + Elk: Jake Kolbus, Petty Officer Third Class, U.S. Navy

**1ST INTERMISSION:** OhioHealth Future Jackets, Blue Jackets Hockey League 12u (Shootout)

**2ND INTERMISSION:** Chick-fil-A On-Ice Shot

**50/50 BENEFICIARY,** presented by Kemba Financial Credit Union: Learning 4 Life Farm

**SPOTLIGHTS:** N/A

**THEME NIGHT ACTIVATIONS:** N/A

**BLUE LINE ITEM OF THE GAME:** Exclusive Blue Jackets 25th Anniversary Long Sleeve Tee on sale for \$29.99!

Available online and in the main team store, while supplies last

