



## COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS POST-GAME NOTES



MAR. 1, 2025 || OHIO STADIUM || VS. DETROIT RED WINGS

BOX SCORE	RECORDS	1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>	OT	FINAL
Columbus	Overall: 30-22-8, 68 pts (Home: 20-6-4, 44 pts)	0	3	2		5
Detroit	Overall: 30-24-6, 66 pts (Away: 14-11-3, 31 pts)	0	1	2		3

### GAME AT A GLANCE

#### THREE STARS

1<sup>st</sup> – E. Merzlikins, CBJ (43-of-46); 2<sup>nd</sup> – A. DeBrincat (2-0-2); 3<sup>rd</sup> – J. Danforth, CBJ (1-1-2, GWG)

#### GOAL SCORERS

**Columbus:** D. Mateychuk (3), PP – D. Voronkov (20), M. Olivier (12), J. Danforth (6), EN – A. Fantilli (18)

**Detroit:** PP – A. DeBrincat (28), P. Kane (15), A. DeBrincat (29)

#### GOALTENDERS

**Columbus:** E. Merzlikins (43 saves, W)

**Detroit:** C. Talbot (16 saves, L)

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

**Columbus PP:** 1-for-1, 1 shot

**Detroit PP:** 1-for-2, 3 shots

### BLUE JACKETS TEAM NOTES

- ★ The Blue Jackets earned a victory in their outdoor game debut, 5-3, over the Red Wings. It's the league's 43<sup>rd</sup> regular season outdoor contest in NHL history.
- ★ Columbus finished the 2024-25 season series against Detroit with a 2-1-0 record after tonight's win.
- ★ The Jackets have score five or more goals in four-straight wins out of the 4 Nations Face-Off break (21 total). It's the longest stretch of games with five-plus goals in franchise history, surpassing the three consecutive from Feb. 25-Mar. 1, 2001 (15 total goals).
- ★ CBJ improved to 8-1-1 in the last 10 home games. The team has recorded points in 15 of the past 17 home contests (12-2-3) as well as 20 of the last 23 played at home (16-3-4).
- ★ The Blue Jackets are 20-6-4 (44 points) at home in 2024-25, posting the most points and second-most wins (21, 2016-17) through the first 30 homes games of a single season in CBJ history.
- ★ The club has recorded 201 goals (not including SO goals) through 60 games this season. It's the most in franchise history through 60 games played, surpassing the 197 scored in the 2016-17 season.
- ★ Columbus has scored goals in 124-of-the-178 periods played in regulation this year after scoring three times in the second period and twice in the third. The club has registered multiple goals in 55 periods in 2024-25.
- ★ Columbus scored first for the 37<sup>th</sup> time this season (23-9-5) and for the eighth time in the last 13 contests.

- ★ CBJ blueliners have tallied 40-112-152 this season after posting 1-3-4 tonight.
- ★ Tonight's attendance at Ohio Stadium was a crowd of 94,751, the second-largest crowd for an outdoors game in NHL history (105,491 in 2014 Winter Classic between Toronto and Detroit on Jan. 1, 2014).

## BLUE JACKETS PLAYER NOTES

- ★ F **Dmitri Voronkov** (17:23 of 2<sup>nd</sup> period) and RW **Mathieu Olivier** (17:55 of 2<sup>nd</sup> period) tallied goals 32 seconds apart late in the second period. It's the third fastest two goals by one team in outdoor game history behind the Islanders in the 2024 Stadium Series at MetLife Stadium (0:16) and Red Wings in the 2009 Winter Classic at Wrigley Field (0:17).
- ★ LW **Zach Aston-Reese** (4-10-14, 59 GP) collected an assist for the third time in the past five contests (0-3-3).
- ★ C **Justin Danforth** (6-8-14, 39 GP) scored and assisted (1-1-2) for his third multi-point effort of the season in his first career outdoor game. It was his first game-winning goal of the season and third of his NHL career.
- ★ C **Adam Fantilli** (18-19-37, 60 GP) scored an empty net goal and has collected 3-3-6 over a five-game points streak. He has posted 7-7-14 in the past 13 contests as well as 11-11-22 in 22 contests since Jan. 2. He improved to 2-2-4 in five career games against Detroit, recording all his points in his past four games.
- ★ C **Boone Jenner** (0-7-7, 4 GP) tallied two assists tonight for back-to-back multi-assist outings (0-5-5) and has points in each game played in this season. He becomes the second player in franchise history with at least one assist in each of his first four games during a season, following Nick Foligno (6 GP from Oct. 9-23, 2014). He improves to 11-19-29 in 35 career games against Detroit, with 0-6-6 in back-to-back games and has 7-10-17 in 17 career home contests.
- ★ LW **Kent Johnson** (20-22-42, 46 GP) has points in five-straight games (4-3-7) after picking up an assist tonight and has now posted 8-8-16 in his past 14 contests this season. He has posted 2-3-5 in seven career matchups against Detroit, including a 1-2-3 in back-to-back games.
- ★ D **Denton Mateychuk** (3-2-5, 23 GP) scored the game's first goal for his second tally in the past four outings.
- ★ G **Elvis Merzlikins** (23-14-4) posted 43 saves, tying for the second-most in an outdoor game in NHL history (David Rittich; 2019 Heritage Classic) and trailing only New Jersey's Nico Daws (45 in 2024 Stadium Series). He improved to 6-3-1 in 10 career starts against Detroit, winning five of his last six games against the club since Apr. 7, 2021 (5-1-0).
- ★ RW **Mathieu Olivier** (12-9-21, 60 GP) stretched his points streak to three consecutive contests (2-1-3) with a second period goal and continued to set a career high in goals and points.
- ★ D **Ivan Provorov** (7-21-28, 60 GP) picked up an assist in his fourth career outdoor game. He has registered 4-3-7 in his past eight contests in 2024-25.
- ★ RW **James van Riemsdyk** (14-15-29, 53 GP) skated in an NHL record eighth career outdoor game tonight and tallied has 3-4-7 after collecting an assist against Detroit. He's tied with Jonathan Toews (2-5-7 in 6 GP) and Henrik Zetterberg (0-7-7 in 4 GP) for the most points in outdoor contests in NHL history. He has collected points in 10 of last 13 contests overall this season (6-6-12).
- ★ LW **Dmitri Voronkov** (20-20-40, 51 GP) became the third Jackets player to score 20 goals this season (Kirill Marchenko, Kent Johnson) after netting the team's second in the second period. He has posted points in three of the past four contests (1-4-5).
- ★ D **Zach Werenski** (18-46-64, 59 GP) collected his team-leading 10<sup>th</sup> multi-assist and 16<sup>th</sup> multi-point game of the season with two assists. He's tied Rick Nash (258 in 675 GP) for the most in franchise history (258 in 544 GP). He has collected points in nine of his past 12 contests (3-10-13) and has 7-19-25 in the last 22 outings as well as 7-25-32 in the last 25 games. His 46 assists this season are tied with his 2023-24 total (70 GP) for the most by a Blue Jackets defenseman in a single season. He improved to 4-16-20 with six multi-point efforts in 25 career games played against Detroit, including assists in his five of his past six outings overall (2-10-12, three 3-point efforts) and points in his past six of seven (3-10-13) as well as points in his past six home contests vs. the team (3-8-11, four multi-point efforts).

## BLUE JACKETS POST-GAME AUDIO INTERVIEWS

[HC Dean Evason](#) | [F Justin Danforth](#) | [F Adam Fantilli](#) | [D Denton Mateychuk](#) | [G Elvis Merzlikins & F Boone Jenner](#) | [F Mathieu Olivier](#) | [D Zach Werenski](#)

## BLACKHAWKS POST-GAME AUDIO INTERVIEWS

[HC Todd McLellan](#) | [F Alex DeBrincat](#) | [D Simon Edvinsson](#) | [F Patrick Kane](#) | [F Dylan Larkin](#)

# **BLUE JACKETS UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

Sunday Mar. 2	No Practice
Monday Mar. 3	10:30am practice (OhioHealth Ice Haus)
Tuesday Mar. 4	7pm at Tampa Bay
Wednesday Mar. 5	11am practice (Amerant Bank Arena)