



VS



COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS GAME DAY PREVIEW

Columbus Blue Jackets at Chicago Blackhawks || Feb. 4, 2026 || Nationwide Arena || 7 pm ET || Game 56 (Home 27)

GAME DAY SCHEDULE

No Morning Skate
11:30am ET: Rick Bowness Media
4:30pm ET: Select Player Media Availability
7:00pm ET: Game vs. Chicago
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
Jeff Rimer (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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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 4:00pm)

OhioHEALTH INJURY REPORT
Brendan Smith (Lower Body) 17
Kirill Marchenko (Illness) 1

TOTAL MAN GAMES LOST: 153

COLUMBUS

28-20-7 (63 pts.)
14-8-4 (32 pts.)
14-12-3 (31 pts.)
4th, Metropolitan
9th, Eastern
3.09 (17th-T) / 3.20 (22nd)
19.9 (18th) / 76.9 (27th-T)
30.0 (4th) / 30.4 (30th-T)
Feb. 3 at NJD 0, CBJ 3
Feb. 26 at Boston

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

CHICAGO

22-25-9 (53 pts)
12-14-5 (29 pts)
10-11-4 (24 pts)
6th, Central
12th, Western
2.70 (26th) / 3.14 (19th)
19.5 (19th) / 85.6 (1st)
24.8 (32nd) / 29.6 (25th)
Feb. 2 at CHI 6, SJS 3
Feb. 26 at Nashville

ALL-TIME SERIES CBJ RECORD

43-46-2-13 (22-21-1-8 at Home)

THIS SEASON (CBJ, 1-0-0)

Jan. 30, 2026 - CBJ 4, at CHI 2
Feb. 4, 2026 - at Columbus (7:00 pm ET)

2024-25 RECORD (CBJ 2-0-0)

Dec. 1, 2024 - CBJ 6, at CHI 3
Feb. 22, 2025 - at CBJ 5, CHI 1

MATCHUP NOTES

- ★ Columbus has won six-straight games overall against Chicago and is 7-1-0 in the last seven contests in the series since Feb. 17, 2022.
- ★ The Jackets have won three consecutive home games and collected points in four of the last five at NWA (3-1-1).
- ★ The winning team has scored four or more goals in 11-straight meetings and 13 of the last 15 in the series overall since Feb. 11, 2021.
- ★ The winning team has won by multiple goals in each of the past nine meetings, including seven instances of by at least three goals.
- ★ The teams have combined for six-plus goals in 12 of the past 15 contests, including nine with seven or more goals.
- ★ The Blue Jackets have recorded a power play goal in six of the past eight meetings (6-of-21; 28.6 pct.).



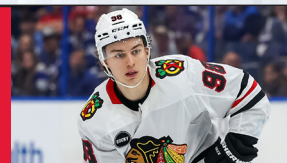
JACKET TO WATCH - D Zach Werenski

Has collected 3-18-21 with 7 multi-point efforts in 19 career GP vs. Chicago. Has multiple assists in each of his past 6 contests (1-14-15) and assists in past 3 at home (1-7-8).



BLACKHAWK TO WATCH - C Connor Bedard

Has 3-3-6 with points in 4 of 5 career GP vs. Columbus. Has 20-plus goals in all 3 NHL campaigns and leads CHI with 23-30-53 in 43 GP in 2025-26.



TEAM NOTES

- ★ Columbus has won a season-high six-straight games, as well as 10 of its past 11 games overall, while outscoring opponents 42-26 since Jan. 11 following its 3-0 victory at New Jersey last night.
- ★ CBJ lead the NHL in wins, points pct. (.909) and team save percentage (.916) and rank second in goals-against/game (2.36), sixth-T in goals for/game (3.82) and seventh in power play pct. (29.6) over that stretch.
- ★ The club has scored the opening goal in nine of the past 11 games and has scored the first goal in 33 contests, tied for fourth-most in the NHL in 2025-26.
- ★ Columbus leads the NHL in goals by defensemen and ranks fourth in points with 42-98-140 in 55 contests.
- ★ CBJ conclude their 11th of 16 back-to-back sets of the season (13-5-3 .690 pts. pct.) vs. Chicago tonight.
- ★ The Jackets have allowed two power play goals over the last eight contests and lead the league in penalty kill pct. since Jan. 17 (91.7 pct., 1st in NHL; 22-of-24).

PLAYER NOTES

- ★ C **Charlie Coyle** has notched 9-6-15 in the last 11 contests and ranks second-T in the NHL in goals since Jan. 11.
- ★ G **Jet Greaves** (5-0-0, 2.47 GAA, .914 SV%, 1 SO) and G **Elvis Merzlikins** (5-1-0, 2.03 GAA, .925 SV%, 1 SO) have each won five games for the Blue Jackets since Jan. 11.
- ★ C **Boone Jenner** (203 career assists) is one assist from tying RW David Vyborny for the third-most all-time in CBJ history.
- ★ RW **Kirill Marchenko**, who missed last night's game due to illness, has points in his past four games (1-4-5) and in 15 of his last 19 contests since Dec. 22 (9-11-20).
- ★ RW **Mathieu Olivier** (two goals at New Jersey) has notched multiple points in three of the past four games (4-2-6).
- ★ D **Zach Werenski** has recorded assists in five-straight games (8 assists) and points in six consecutive (1-8-9). He leads NHL blueliners in goals (tied, 19), points (61), multi-point efforts (20), points-per-game (1.20), even strength goals (16), even strength points (45) and shots on goal (181) this season.



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IN-GAME INFORMATION & ACTIVATIONS

ANTHEM: Leo Welsh

CANNONEER: Lisa Chesson, 2010 Olympic silver medalist with Team USA women's hockey

KID STARTER, presented by OhioCat: OhioCat Kid Starter - Paxon Carr, Age 11, CCYHA

MILITARY HONOREE, presented by Elk + Elk: Former Army Specialist Cody Pletcher

1ST INTERMISSION: OhioHealth Future Jackets, Blue Jackets Hockey League (Scrimmage)

2ND INTERMISSION: Toyota Bubble Ball

50/50 BENEFICIARY, presented by Kemba Financial Credit Union: Leveling the Playing Field

SPOTLIGHTS: 2026 Winter Olympic Sendoff

THEME NIGHT ACTIVATIONS: N/A

BLUE LINE ITEM OF THE GAME: Blue 84 Crewneck Sweatshirt - Originally \$99.99 on sale for \$49.99. Available online and in the main team store, while supplies last.

