

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS WEEKKY REPORT

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MARCH 25-APRIL 1, 2024

MONDAY / MARCH 25 12 pm PT - Practice, Mullett Arena (Tempe, AZ)

TUESDAY / MARCH 26 [Bally Sports, Bally Sports + / 105.7 FM] TBD - Morning Skate & Media Availability 10 pm ET - at ARIZONA COYOTES, Mullett Arena

WEDNESDAY / MARCH 27 No Practice Scheduled - Flight to Pittsburgh

THURSDAY / MARCH 28 [Bally Sports, Bally Sports + / 97.1 The Fan] 11:30 a.m. ET - Morning Skate & Media Availability 7 pm ET - at PITTSBURGH PENGUINS, PPG Paints Arena

FRIDAY / MARCH 29 No Practice Scheduled

SATURDAY / MARCH 30 [Bally Sports, Bally Sports + / 97.1 The Fan] 10:30 am ET - Morning Skate & Media Availability 7 pm ET - vs. PITTSBURGH PENGUINS, Nationwide Arena

SUNDAY / MARCH 31 12 pm ET - Practice, Nationwide Arena

MONDAY / APRIL 1 [Bally Sports, Bally Sports + / 97.1 The Fan] 10:30 am ET - Morning Skate & Media Availability 7 pm ET - vs. COLORADO AVALANCHE, Nationwide Arena

THIS WEEK'S OPPONENTS



Arizona **COYOTES**

29-37-5, 63 pts. II Central, 7th 2023-24: Second of two meetings (0-1-0) **AII-Time:** CBJ are 29-30-7 (13-15-5, A) **Of Note:** CBJ, 10-4-1 in past 15 meetings **One to Watch: Clayton Keller, RW**



Pittsburgh **PENGUINS**

30-30-10, 70 pts. II Metropolitan, 7th 2023-24: 3rd & 4th of four meetings (0-2-0) **All-Time:** CBJ are 15-28-9 (11-11-4, H) **Of Note:** CBJ, 8-7-1 at home since 2014 **One to Watch: Sidney Crosby, C**

OHIOHEALTH INJURY REPORT

RW Patrik Laine (clavicle fracture; NHL Player Assistance Program-Jan. 28)...C Adam Fantilli (calf laceration)...F Kent Johnson (shoulder)...F Justin Danforth (concussion)...F Sean Kuraly (lower body)...F Yegor Chinakhov (upper body)...D Adam Boqvist (upper body)... MAN GAMES LOST: 243

CBJ AT A GLANCE



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23-36-12, 58 pts. II Metropolitan, 8th Leader, Points: Johnny Gaudreau (52) Leader, Goals: Boone Jenner (21) Goalie: Daniil Tarasov (7-10-3, 3.24, .904)

CBJ NEWS & NOTES

TEAM NOTES: Columbus has gone 13-12-4 vs. Western Conference opponents this season with three games left on the schedule against teams from the West (Tue. at Arizona, Apr. 1 vs. Colorado, Apr. 13 at Nashville)... The Blue Jackets open a four-game homestand on Saturday vs. Pittsburgh...The Jackets rank 11th in the NHL in penalty killing since Feb. 21 at 82.2 percent (37-of-45).



TARASOV SHINES IN NET: G Daniil Tarasov has gone 4-4-1 with a 2.47 GAA and .931 SV% (326 saves-350 shots) in 10 games since Feb. 21. He ranks fourth in the NHL in save percentage and sixth in goals-against average and saves during that span (min. 10 GP) and has made 30 or more saves in five of his nine starts.

WERENSKI CHASING TEAM MARKS: D Zach

Werenski collected his 205th career assist at Vegas on Mar. 23 to move into sole possession of second place on the club's career assist list (Rick Nash-258). His 39 assists this season are the third-most by a blueliner in CBJ history.

CBJ Season Assist Leaders-Defensemen			
Rk	Player	Assists	Years
1.	James Wisniewski	44	2013-14
2.	Seth Jones	41	2017-18
3.	Zach Werenski	39	2023-24
4.	Zach Werenski	37	2021-22
	Seth Jones	37	2018-19



PLAYER NOTES: D Erik Gudbranson, who leads the club with 148 blocked shots, has set career highs in assists and points with 5-15-20 in 67 games and is one goal shy of his career high in that category (six - Calgary in 2021-22)... LW Johnny Gaudreau is seven assists shy of 500 in his NHL career (242-493-735, 753 GP).

SALUTE TO RIMER: Jeff Rimer, who has spent the past 20 years as the Blue Jackets TV play-byplay broadcaster, announced last fall that he is retiring at the end of the current season. The Blue

Jackets will recognize his six-decade career, which includes the past 41 years as the play-by-play voice of the Washington Capitals, Florida Panthers and Blue Jackets, with a ceremony prior to Saturday's game at Nationwide Arena vs. the Pittsburgh Penguins.