



COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS POST-GAME NOTES



FEB. 8, 2025 || NATIONWIDE ARENA || VS. NEW YORK RANGERS

BOX SCORE	RECORDS	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	OT	FINAL
Columbus	Overall: 26-22-8, 60 pts (Home: 17-6-4, 38 pts)	2	1	0		3
New York	Overall: 27-24-4, 58 pts (Away: 13-12-2, 28 pts)	1	1	2		4

GAME AT A GLANCE

THREE STARS

1st – W. Cuyllé, NYR (2-0-2, GWG); 2nd – M. Zibanejad, NYR (1-1-2); 3rd – J. van Riemsdyk, CBJ (1-0-1)

GOAL SCORERS

Columbus: K. Johnson (17), J. Danforth (5), J. van Riemsdyk (11)

New York: A. Kaliyev (3), M. Zibanejad (11), W. Cuyllé (14), W. Cuyllé (15)

GOALTENDERS

Columbus: E. Merzlikins (36 saves, L)

New York: J. Quick (22 saves, W)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Columbus PP: 0-for-0, 0 shots

New York PP: 0-for-0, 0 shots

BLUE JACKETS TEAM NOTES

- ★ The Blue Jackets had their six-game home points streak (5-0-1) snapped with the regulation loss to the Rangers.
- ★ The team has recorded points in 12 of the past 14 home contests (9-2-3) as well as 17 of the last 20 played at Nationwide Arena (13-3-4) despite the loss.
- ★ The club has recorded 180 goals (not including SO goals) through 56 games this season. It's tied for the second-most goals scored in the first 56 contests of a campaign in franchise history (2018-19 & 2016-17) and three shy of the 183 scored in the 2021-22 season.
- ★ Columbus has scored goals in 114-of-the-166 periods played in regulation this year after scoring in the first and second periods tonight. The club scored twice in the first period for its 47th multi-goal frame of the season (14th in the opening period).
- ★ Tonight was the fourth time in franchise history that both teams did not have a power play opportunity, joining Nov. 19, 2018 at Toronto (2-4 L), Apr. 6, 2019 at Ottawa (6-2 W) and Mar. 13, 2021 vs. Dallas (4-3 OTW).
- ★ CBJ blueliners have tallied 15-49-64 in the last 24 games and 36-103-139 this season after finishing with 0-3-3 tonight.
- ★ Tonight's attendance was a sellout crowd of 18,755, marking the third-straight sellout at Nationwide Arena (18,742 average).

BLUE JACKETS PLAYER NOTES

- ★ LW **Zach Aston-Reese** (4-8-12, 55 GP) picked up his first assist since Dec. 19 vs. New Jersey.
- ★ D **Jake Christiansen** (1-6-7, 56 GP) skated in his 100th NHL game tonight (2-12-14).
- ★ C **Justin Danforth** (5-7-12, 35 GP) scored for the second-straight game tonight, matching his career high goals streak (5x – MR: Dec. 23-27, 2023).
- ★ C **Adam Fantilli** (15-17-32, 56 GP) collected an assist and has 4-5-9 in the past nine contests as well as 8-9-17 in 18 contests since Jan. 2.

- ★ LW **Kent Johnson** (17-19-36, 42 GP) established a new single-season career high in goals (prev. 16-24-40 in 2022-23) and has now posted 5-5-10 in his past 10 contests this season.
- ★ D **Jack Johnson** (0-5-5, 34 GP) tallied the primary helper on Danforth's goal and has now collected 0-3-3 in his past five games played.
- ★ D **Damon Severson** (6-16-22, 53 GP) collected an assist on van Riemsdyk's goal to post 0-2-2 in his past three contests. He improved to 4-15-19 in 43 career games against the Rangers, including assists in three of the past four outings overall (0-3-3).
- ★ RW **Cole Sillinger** (9-18-27, 51 GP) added an assist and has now collected 2-2-4 in his past six contests. He is one assist shy of tying his single-season career high (13-19-32, 77 GP in 2023-24).
- ★ LW **James van Riemsdyk** (11-14-25, 49 GP) scored a goal and has picked up points in seven of the last nine games played (3-5-8) as well as 7-9-16 in 18 contests since the calendar flipped to 2025. The veteran improves to 15-11-26 in 56 career games against New York, including 2-3-5 in his past six meetings against the club.
- ★ D **Zach Werenski** (17-42-59, 55 GP) assisted on the club's first goal to extend his franchise record home points streak to 21-straight games (13-25-38), tying Bobby Orr (21 GP in 1970-71) for the fourth-longest run by a defenseman in NHL history. The list is topped by Orr (25 GP in 1974-75), Paul Coffey (23 GP in 1985-86) and Phil Housley (22 GP in 1991-92). His streak also ties Connor McDavid (21 GP in 2022-23) for the fourth-longest home point streak by an active player in the league. Only Nathan MacKinnon (35 GP in 2023-24), McDavid (26 GP in 2023-24) and Nikita Kucherov (24 GP in 2022-23) have posted longer runs. He has recorded points in seven of his past eight games (2-6-8) and 6-14-20 in the last 18 outings. The blueliner improves to 3-13-16 in 24 career games against the Rangers, including points in six of his past nine meetings at Nationwide Arena (1-8-9).

BLUE JACKETS POST-GAME AUDIO INTERVIEWS

[HC Dean Evason](#) | [F Justin Danforth](#) | [F James van Riemsdyk](#) | [D Zach Werenski](#)

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[HC Peter Laviolette](#) | [F Will Cuyllle](#) | [D Braden Schneider](#) | [F Mika Zibanejad](#)

BLUE JACKETS UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Sunday, Feb. 9 – Tuesday, Feb. 18	Break for 4 Nations Face-Off
Wednesday, Feb. 19	10:30am practice (OhioHealth Ice Haus)
Thursday, Feb. 20	10:30am practice (OhioHealth Ice Haus)