FEB. 25, 2025 | NATIONWIDE ARENA | VS. DALLAS STARS

BOX SCORE	RECORDS	1 st	2 ND	3 RD	OT	FINAL
Columbus	Overall: 28-22-8, 64 pts (Home: 19-6-4, 42 pts)	2	2	2		6
Dallas	Overall: 37-19-2, 76 pts (Away: 17-12-1, 35 pts)	1	2	1		4

GAME AT A GLANCE

THREE STARS

1st – K. Marchenko, CBJ (2-1-3); 2nd – I. Provorov (1-1-2); 3rd – A. Fantilli, CBJ (1-1-2)

GOAL SCORERS

Columbus: K. Marchenko (22), M. Olivier (11), K. Marchenko (23), I. Provorov (7), J. van Riemsdyk (12), EN – A. Fantilli (17)

Dallas: J. Benn (15), R. Hintz (23), J. Robertson (24), J. Benn (16)

GOALTENDERS

Columbus: E. Merzlikins (18 saves, W) **Dallas:** J. Oettinger (23 saves, L)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Columbus PP: 0-for-2, 2 shots **Dallas PP:** 0-for-3, 3 shots

BLUE JACKETS TEAM NOTES

- ★ Columbus and Dallas split the 2024-25 season series with each team winning their respective home games (1-1-0).
- ★ CBJ improved to 7-1-1 in the last nine games at Nationwide Arena following tonight's win.
- ★ The team has recorded points in 14 of the past 16 home contests (11-2-3) as well as 19 of the last 22 played at Nationwide Arena (15-3-4).
- ★ The Blue Jackets are 19-6-4 (42 points) at home in 2024-25, posting the most points through the first 29 homes games of a single season in CBJ history and the second-most wins through as many games (20, 2016-17).
- ★ The Jackets scored 30 seconds into the game tonight, marking the fastest goal scored by the club to start a game this season (previous: Fabbro 2:04 into game on Nov. 23 vs. CAR).
- ★ Columbus scored six goals tonight for the 11th time this season, tying the franchise record set during the 2018-19 season.
- ★ The club has recorded 191 goals (not including SO goals) through 58 games this season. It's the most in franchise history through 57 games played, surpassing the 187 scored in 2021-22 season.
- ★ Columbus has scored goals in 120-of-the-172 periods played in regulation this year after scoring in all three periods for the 22nd time this season and second consecutive game. The club scored twice in all three periods and are up to 52 multi-goal frames in 2024-25.
- ★ Columbus scored first for the 36th time this season (22-9-5) and for the eighth time in the last 12 contests.
- ★ CBJ blueliners have tallied 18-53-71 in the last 26 games and 39-107-146 this season after finishing with 1-2-3 tonight.
- ★ Tonight's attendance was a crowd of 16,897.

BLUE JACKETS PLAYER NOTES

★ LW **Zach Aston-Reese** (4-9-13, 57 GP) tallied an assist for the second time in the last three games (0-2-2) and tied his career high in helpers (2-9-11 in 2021-22; 8-9-17 in 2018-19).

- ★ C Adam Fantilli (17-18-35, 58 GP) registered his sixth multi-point game of the season (1-1-2). He has collected 2-2-4 in three-straight games and 6-6-12 in the past 11 contests as well as 10-10-20 in 20 contests since Jan. 2. He has now tallied points in all four career games against Dallas (1-4-5).
- ★ C Boone Jenner (0-2-2, 2 GP) has collected an assist in back-to-back games after making his season debut last Saturday.
- ★ LW **Kent Johnson** (19-20-39, 44 GP) has points in three-straight games (3-1-4) after picking up an assist. He has now posted 7-6-13 in his past 12 contests this season and sits one point shy of tying his single-season career high (16-24-40 in 2022-23). He improved to 1-3-4 all-time against Dallas with points in four of five career contests, including assists in three consecutive (0-3-3). The forward sits two points shy of 100 for his NHL career (41-57-98, 174 GP).
- ★ C Sean Kuraly (4-8-12, 58 GP) collected his first assist since Jan. 16 vs. San Jose.
- ★ RW **Kirill Marchenko** (23-36-59, 55 GP) scored twice and assisted on another for his fifth three-point game and third multi-goal effort of the campaign (2-1-3). His second goal tied his single-season career high set last season in 15 fewer games (23-19-42 in 78 GP). He now has points in eight of his last nine games (5-5-10) as well as 14 of his last 16 contests (7-10-17). He has now posted 3-2-5 in five career contests against Dallas.
- ★ RW **Mathieu Olivier** (11-8-19, 58 GP) scored his first goal since Jan. 4 vs. St. Louis. He has already set career highs in goals an points and sits two assists shy of tying his career high (5-10-15 in 2022-23).
- ★ D Ivan Provorov (7-20-27, 58 GP) scored and assisted for his third multi-point effort of the season (1-1-2) and has now picked up 4-2-6 in his last six games. He sits one assist shy of 200 for his NHL career (76-199-274, 672 GP).
- ★ D Damon Severson (6-17-23, 55 GP) collected an assist for the third time in the last five games (0-3-3). The blueliner improves to 2-7-9 in 19 career games vs. Dalals, including points in six of his past nine contests overall (1-5-6) and four of the past six at home (0-4-4).
- ★ RW James van Riemsdyk (12-14-26, 51 GP) has collected points in eight of last 11 contests (4-5-9) after notching the game-winning goal tonight. He has now registered 8-10-18 in 25 career contests with 6-4-10 in 12 career home games against the Stars.
- ★ LW **Dmitri Voronkov** (19-20-39, 49 GP) collected two assists for the second-straight game (0-4-4) and his 12th multipoint effort of the season. He has now posted 2-3-5 in four career games against Dallas with points coming in each contest
- ★ D Zach Werenski (18-44-62, 57 GP) had his 22-game home points streak (13-27-41) snapped tonight. The run tied Phil Housley (22 GP in 1991-92) for the third-longest by a defenseman in NHL history, trailing only Bobby Orr (25 GP in 1974-75) and Paul Coffey (23 GP in 1985-86). His run was also the fourth-longest home point streak by an active player in the league with only Nathan MacKinnon (35 GP in 2023-24), Connor McDavid (26 GP in 2023-24) and Nikita Kucherov (24 GP in 2022-23) having posted longer runs.

BLUE JACKETS POST-GAME AUDIO INTERVIEWS

HC Dean Evason | F Adam Fantilli | F Kirill Marchenko | D Ivan Provorov

BLACKHAWKS POST-GAME AUDIO INTERVIEWS

<u>HC Peter DeBoer</u> | <u>F Mavrik Bourque</u> | <u>F Matt Duchene</u>

BLUE JACKETS UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Feb. 26 11am ET optional practice (OhioHealth Ice Haus)

Thursday, Feb. 27 7pm ET at Detroit

Friday, Feb. 28 4:30 ET practice (Ohio Stadium)

Saturday, Mar. 1 6pm ET vs. Detroit (2025 Navy Federal Credit Union Stadium Series at Ohio Stadium)