



# COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS POST-GAME NOTES



**JAN. 16, 2025 || NATIONWIDE ARENA || VS. SAN JOSE SHARKS**

BOX SCORE	RECORDS	1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>	OT	FINAL
Columbus	Overall: 22-17-6, 50 pts (Home: 16-5-3, 35 pts)	2	1	1		4
San Jose	Overall: 14-27-6, 34 pts (Away: 6-13-5, 17 pts)	0	0	1		1

## GAME AT A GLANCE

### THREE STARS

1<sup>st</sup> – J. van Riemsdyk, CBJ (2-0-2); 2<sup>nd</sup> – K. Johnson, CBJ (1-1-2, GWG); 3<sup>rd</sup> – E. Merzlikins, CBJ (18-of-19, W)

### GOAL SCORERS

**Columbus:** A. Fantilli (11), K. Johnson (12), J. van Riemsdyk (7), EN – J. van Riemsdyk (8)

**San Jose:** T. Toffoli (17)

### GOALTENDERS

**Columbus:** E. Merzlikins (18 saves, W)

**San Jose:** A. Georgiev (30 saves, L)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

**Columbus PP:** 0-for-2, 5 shots

**San Jose PP:** 0-for-3, 4 shots

## BLUE JACKETS TEAM NOTES

- ★ The Blue Jackets won for a season-high sixth-straight game and have now recorded points in 11 of their past 13 contests overall since Dec. 19 (10-2-1) following tonight's win over the Sharks. The last time Columbus won six consecutive games was from Jan. 11-22, 2020.
- ★ CBJ have collected points in 15 of the last 17 home contests (12-2-3) following the win.
- ★ The Jackets finished the 2024-25 season series against the Shark with a 1-0-1 record. The club has posted points in six-straight games against the club (5-0-1) and have won the past four games played at Nationwide Arena.
- ★ Columbus killed off all seven San Jose power plays this season after stopping three tonight.
- ★ Columbus recorded the first goal tonight and has scored first in 11 of the last 13 games and in 28 (18-6-4) of the 45 games this season.
- ★ The club has recorded 152 goals (not including SO goals) in the first 45 games this season. It's the most goals scored through the opening 45 contests of a campaign in franchise history, surpassing the 146 scored in the 2018-19 season.
- ★ Columbus has scored goals in 95-of-the-135 periods played in regulation this year after scoring in all three periods for the 19<sup>th</sup> time this season (15<sup>th</sup> time at home) and for the eighth time in the last 13 contests (seventh time in the past nine at home).
- ★ The Jackets scored twice in the first period for their 40<sup>th</sup> multi-goal frame of the season.
- ★ Tonight's attendance was 15,943.

## BLUE JACKETS PLAYER NOTES

- ★ **C Adam Fantilli** (11-12-22, 45 GP) scored tonight to stretch his career-high points streak to seven games (4-4-8). He is the second Jackets skater to post a seven-game points streak before age-21, following LW Rick Nash (8 GP in 2003-04).

- ★ LW **Kent Johnson** (12-13-25, 31 GP) scored and collected an assist for his sixth multi-point effort of the season. He has registered 2-3-5 in the past six contests. The forward has posted 2-4-6 in five career matchups against San Jose with 1-3-4 in his two career games at Nationwide Arena against the club.
- ★ C **Sean Kuraly** (4-7-11, 45 GP) picked up an assist and has 1-1-2 in his past four games this season. He has now tallied 2-3-5 in 11 career games against the Sharks and has points in three-straight matchups (2-1-3).
- ★ RW **Kirill Marchenko** (18-31-49, 45 GP) registered an assist for points in six-straight games (2-5-7) and has tallied 5-7-12 in his last 10 games played. His helper tonight gives him 2-1-3 in six career contests against the Sharks with points in three of his past four games. He also improved to 7-1-1 in his last nine outings since Dec. 19.
- ★ G **Elvis Merzlikins** (16-10-3) made 18 saves on 19 shots (.947 SV%) to pick up his fourth-straight win and sixth in his last seven starts this season.
- ★ D **Damon Severson** (6-13-19, 42 GP) collected an assist for the second time in the past four games (0-2-2).
- ★ RW **James van Riemsdyk** (8-9-17, 38 GP) scored twice for his second multi-goal effort of the season (1/2/25 vs. DET, 2-1-3) and has collected 4-4-8 in his past seven games this season. His fourth multi-point game of the season improves him to 6-5-11 in 24 career games against San Jose with 5-2-7 in his past nine contests against the club.
- ★ D **Zach Werenski** (15-36-51, 45 GP) assisted on Fantilli's first period goal and has registered points in seven of his last eight contests overall (4-8-12). He extended his franchise record home points streak to 18-straight games (12-23-35), tying Brian Leetch (18 GP in 1991-92) for the sixth-longest home points streak by a defenseman in NHL history. His streak is also the 10<sup>th</sup>-longest in the NHL in the last 30 years at any position. He has posted 4-3-7 in 13 career games against the Sharks, recording points in three of his last four meetings (1-2-3) and points in five of his six career home games against the club (3-3-6).

## BLUE JACKETS POST-GAME AUDIO INTERVIEWS

[HC Dean Evason](#) | [F Kent Johnson](#) | [G Elvis Merzlikins](#) | [D Zach Werenski](#)

## SHARKS POST-GAME AUDIO INTERVIEWS

[HC Ryan Warsofsky](#) | [G Alexandar Georgiev](#) | [F Tyler Toffoli](#) | [D Marc-Edouard Vlasic](#)

## BLUE JACKETS UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Friday, Jan. 17	No practice
Saturday, Jan. 18	7pm at New York Rangers (Madison Square Garden)
Sunday, Jan. 19	No practice
Monday, Jan. 20	7:30pm at New York Islanders (UBS Arena)