

**VS**

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS

GAME DAY PREVIEW

Columbus Blue Jackets at Vegas Golden Knights || Jan. 8, 2026 || T-Mobile Arena || 10 pm ET || Game 43 (Road 23)

GAME DAY SCHEDULE

11:00am PT: Morning Skate
11:30am PT: Media Availability
10:00pm ET: Game at Vegas
Post-Game: Locker room will open approximately five minutes after the game's conclusion. Head Coach Dean Evason will be available immediately after player availability.

BROADCAST INFO

TV: FANDUEL SPORTS NETWORK*
 Steve Mears (play-by-play)
 Jody Shelley (analyst)
 Dave Maetzold (reporter/host)
 Jean-Luc Grand-Pierre (analyst)

* Simulcasted on CW Columbus, WUAB in Cleveland, WXIX in Cincinnati, WZCD in Dayton, WQCW in Charleston/Huntington, WV, WKYT in Lexington, KY and WAVE in Louisville, KY

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OhioHEALTH INJURY REPORT

Erik Gudbranson (Upper Body) 34
 Isac Lundstrom (Lower Body) 6
 Brendan Smith (Lower Body) 4
 Miles Wood (Lower Body) 3
 Mason Marchment (Upper Body) 1

TOTAL MAN GAMES LOST: 100

COLUMBUS

18-17-7 (43 pts.)
 9-7-4 (19 pts.)
 9-10-3 (21 pts.)
 8th, Metropolitan
 16th, Eastern
 2.98 (21st) / 3.36 (28th)
 17.9 (20th) / 76.0 (29th)
 30.3 (4th) / 31.1 (30th)
 Jan. 6 at SJS 5, CBJ 2
 Jan. 10 at Colorado

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Record 18-11-12 (48 pts)
 At Home 8-6-6 (22 pts)
 On the Road 10-5-6 (26 pts)
 Division Rank 1st, Pacific
 Conference Rank 4th, Western
 GF / GA (NHL rank) 3.10 (14th-T) / 3.02 (14th)
 PP / PK (NHL rank) 25.2 (5th) / 81.8 (7th-T)
 SF / SA (NHL rank) 29.0 (9th) / 24.9 (2nd)
 Last Game Jan. 6 at WPG 3, VGK 4 (OT)
 Next Game Jan. 10 vs. St Louis

VEGAS

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 10-5-6 (26 pts)
 1st, Pacific
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ALL-TIME SERIES CBJ RECORD

7-7-0-1 (3-4-0-0 Away)

THIS SEASON (CBJ, 0-1-0)

Dec. 13, 2025 - VGK 3, at CBJ 2
 Jan. 8, 2026 - at Vegas (10:00 pm ET)

2024-25 RECORD (CBJ, 1-1-0)

Jan. 30, 2025 - CBJ 2, at VGK 1 (OT)
 Mar. 13, 2025 - VGK 4, at CBJ 0

MATCHUP NOTES

- ★ The teams have split each of the last two season series and five of the seven overall since 2017.
- ★ The home team has collected points in seven of nine meetings in the series since Nov. 20, 2021 (5-2-2).
- ★ CBJ snapped a three-game road winless streak in the series with the 2-1 OT victory in the last visit to T-Mobile Arena.
- ★ The winning team has scored four or more goals in five of the last eight games of the series.
- ★ The winning team has won by multiple goals in four of the last six meetings overall. Four of the games at Vegas have been decided by multiple goals.
- ★ The teams have averaged 53 shots combined over the past three matchups.
- ★ Columbus owns two of the three shutouts in the series (MR: Merzlikins, 27 saves in 3-0 win at Vegas on Jan. 11, 2020) but Vegas recorded the most recent one on Mar. 13, 2025.



JACKET TO WATCH - D Zach Werenski

Has 1-8-9 in 13 games vs. the Golden Knights with assists in 6 of his last 7 games against the club (0-7-7). Has notched assists in 4 of his 6 career games at T-Mobile Arena (0-5-5).



GOLDEN KNIGHT TO WATCH - RW Mitch Marner

Has 8-22-30 with 11 multi-point efforts in 23 career GP against Columbus. Has points in 12 of last 15 matchups (6-19-25) with 9 multi-point outings coming in that span.



TEAM NOTES

- ★ Columbus has earned points in five of the last seven games (4-2-1), outscoring their opponents 24-18 since Dec. 22.
- ★ CBJ rank in the top-11 in the NHL in several categories since Dec. 22: goals-against/game (5th-T; 2.57), penalty kill pct. (4th; 88.0), shots/game (7th; 31.3) and points percentage (11th-T; .643).
- ★ The Jackets have scored the first goal in eight of the last 11 contests and 11 of the past 16.
- ★ Columbus blueliners have combined for 3-10-13 in the past three games and lead the NHL in goals by defensemen and rank third-T in points with 34-75-109 in 42 contests.
- ★ The team continues a four-game road trip at Vegas on Thursday before finishing with its ninth back-to-back set at Colorado (Jan. 10) and Utah (Jan. 11). The club has two games outside the Eastern Time Zone the rest of 2025-26 following the trip (Jan. 30 at Chicago and Jan. 31 at St. Louis).

PLAYER NOTES

- ★ G Jet Greaves (2.45 GAA in 13 GP) ranks eighth-T in the NHL in SV% (.921) since Dec. 1 (min. 5 GP).
- ★ C Boone Jenner, who has points in five of the past seven games (1-5-6), is tied with RW Cam Atkinson (402) for the third-most career points in Blue Jackets history (205-197-402, 769 GP).
- ★ RW Kirill Marchenko collected an assist at San Jose and has points in six of the last seven outings (5-3-8).
- ★ D Denton Mateychuk ranks fourth-T among NHL blueliners in assists and fifth-T in points since Dec. 20 with points in six of the past eight games (2-7-9, 24.36 TOI).
- ★ D Ivan Provorov has assists in two of the past three games and ranks third in the NHL in TOI/GP this season (26:01).
- ★ LW Dmitri Voronkov has collected points in three-straight games (2-1-3) and six of the past eight (3-3-6).
- ★ D Zach Werenski, who leads league blueliners in goals (16) and multi-point efforts this season (16), has collected multiple points six times while collecting points in each of his last eight contests (7-8-15). He also has points in 19 of his past 22 contests overall to lead NHL blueliners in goals, assists (tied), points and points-per-game since Nov. 13 (12-22-34, 1.55).