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# COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS GAME DAY PREVIEW

Columbus Blue Jackets at Florida Panthers || Mar. 12, 2026 || Amerant Bank Arena || 7:00 pm ET || Game 65 (Road 33)

## GAME DAY SCHEDULE

**11:00am ET:** Morning Skate followed by Media Availability with Players and Head Coach Rick Bowness at Amerant Bank Arena

**7:00pm ET:** Game at Florida

**Post-Game:** Locker room will open approximately five minutes after the game's conclusion. Head Coach Rick Bowness will be available immediately after player availability.

## BROADCAST INFO

**TV:** FANDUEL SPORTS NETWORK

Steve Mears (play-by-play)

Jody Shelley (analyst)

Dave Maetzold (reporter)

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**Game Notes:** Game Notes available at Media.NHL.com

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

**Mar. 13:** 1:00pm ET Practice

**Mar. 14:** 7:30pm ET at Philadelphia

**Mar. 15:** No Practice Scheduled

**Mar. 16:** 11:00am ET practice (NWA)

**Mar. 17:** 7:00am ET vs. Carolina

## OHIOHEALTH INJURY REPORT

Brendan Smith (Lower Body) 26  
Erik Gudbranson (Upper Body) 1

**TOTAL MAN GAMES LOST:** 170

## COLUMBUS

33-21-10 (76 pts.)

17-8-7 (41 pts.)

16-13-3 (35 pts.)

4th, Metropolitan

9th, Eastern

3.19 (14th) / 3.19 (23rd)

20.5 (17th) / 78.0 (23rd)

29.9 (4th) / 29.8 (26th-T)

Mar. 10 at TBL 2, CBJ 5

Mar. 14 at Philadelphia

## HEAD-TO-HEAD

Record

At Home

On the Road

Division Rank

Conference Rank

GF / GA (NHL rank)

PP / PK (NHL rank)

SF / SA (NHL rank)

Last Game

Next Game

## FLORIDA

32-29-3 (67 pts)

17-14-3 (37 pts)

15-15-0 (30 pts)

7th, Atlantic

13th, Eastern

2.98 (19th) / 3.31 (25th)

19.4 (19th-T) / 82.2 (6th)

29.0 (8th-T) / 26.3 (6th)

Mar. 10 at FLA 4, DET 3

Mar. 15 at Seattle

## ALL-TIME SERIES CBJ RECORD

27-21-0-7 (10-14-0-3 on the road)

## THIS SEASON (CBJ, 1-0-1)

Dec. 6, 2025 - at FLA 7, CBJ 6 (OT)

Mar. 5, 2026 - at CBJ 4, FLA 2

Mar. 12, 2026 - at Florida (7 pm ET)

## 2024-25 RECORD (CBJ 0-2-1)

Oct. 15, 2024 - at CBJ 3, FLA 4

Mar. 6, 2025 - at FLA 3, CBJ 0

Mar. 20, 2025 - FLA 1, at CBJ 0 (OT)

## MATCHUP NOTES

- ★ Columbus has collected points in the past three meetings since Mar. 20, 2025 (1-0-2).
- ★ The teams have combined for seven-plus goals in nine of the last 14 meetings since Jan. 15, 2022.
- ★ The winning team has scored four or more goals in 17 of the past 20 games of the series going back to Mar. 9th, 2021 and in eight of the last nine at Florida since Apr. 19, 2021.
- ★ The winning team has won by multiple goals in 14 of the last 18 meetings of the series, including 11 instances by three-plus goals.
- ★ Columbus has scored a power play goal in both games of the 2025-26 series (2-of-7; 28.6 pct.).
- ★ The teams have combined for 60 shots or less in five of the past seven meetings of the series (59.7 avg.).
- ★ CBJ have recorded three shutouts in the all-time series (MR: Merzlikins, 1-0 OT win at CBJ on Feb. 4, 2020) and two hat tricks (MR: Werenski, 4-1 W at CBJ on Dec. 31, 2019).



## JACKET TO WATCH - D Ivan Provorov

Has notched 3-8-11 in 26 career GP against the Panthers. Has tallied multiple point efforts in both games of the 2025-26 series, collecting 0-2-2 on Dec. 6 and 1-2-3 on Mar. 5.



## PANTHER TO WATCH - LW Matthew Tkachuk

Has 11-6-17 with three multi-point efforts in 16 career GP against the Blue Jackets. Has notched points in each of his last 13 contests (11-6-17) and in 6-of-7 career home contests (5-2-7).



## TEAM NOTES

- ★ Columbus stretched its points streak to seven games (4-0-3) with a 4-2 win at Tampa Bay on Tuesday to tie a season long streak (7-0-0 from Jan. 22-Feb. 4). The club has earned points in 18 of its last 20 contests since Jan. 11 (15-2-3).
- ★ The Blue Jackets, who are 7-1-0 in their last eight road contests, began a stretch of 6-of-9 games played away from home through Mar. 26 on Tuesday.
- ★ Columbus finished 2-of-4 on the power play at Tampa Bay and rank seventh-T in the NHL in power play pct. on the road this season (25.0; 20-of-80).
- ★ Since Dec. 22, CBJ have gone 19-6-4 (42 pts., 724 points pct.) and rank second in the NHL in points, third in points percentage, fourth in penalty kill pct. (84.0), sixth-T in save pct. (.901) and goals-against/game (2.79) as well as eighth in goals for/game (3.55).

## PLAYER NOTES

- ★ **C Charlie Coyle** collected an assist on Tuesday to stretch his assists streak to four games (0-5-5) and points streak to seven consecutive (1-8-9). He has posted 6-15-21 and six multi-point efforts in the last 14 contests since Jan. 24.
- ★ **C Adam Fantilli** has 6-9-15 in the past 14 GP and **LW Mason Marchment** has 11-8-19 in 22 GP with the Blue Jackets.
- ★ **RW Conor Garland**, who has multiple goals in each of the past two contests, is the first player with four goals in his first three games with the Blue Jackets.
- ★ **RW Kirill Marchenko** has notched a power play goal in back-to-back games and has collected points in six consecutive games (4-5-9) and in 11 of his past 12 contests since Jan. 24 (6-9-15).
- ★ **C Sean Monahan** collected two assists against the Lightning and has points in five of the last six contests (2-4-6).
- ★ **D Zach Werenski** registered two assists on Tuesday and has collected points in 24 of his past 27 games played since Dec. 11 (11-27-38, 12 multi-point efforts). He sits two points shy of his second-straight 70-point campaign (20-48-68, 57 GP).