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# COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS GAME DAY PREVIEW

Columbus Blue Jackets at Buffalo Sabres || Apr. 9, 2026 || KeyBank Center || 7:00 pm ET || Game 79 (Road 40)

## GAME DAY SCHEDULE

**11:30am ET:** Morning Skate followed by Media Availability with Players and Head Coach Rick Bowness at KeyBank Center

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

**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)

Jean-Luc Grand-Pierre (analyst)

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

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

**Apr. 10:** No practice

**Apr. 11:** 7:00 pm ET at Montreal

**Apr. 12:** 6:00 pm ET vs. Boston

**Apr. 13:** No practice

## OhioHEALTH INJURY REPORT

Brendan Smith (Knee) 40  
Damon Severson (Shoulder) 6  
Dmitri Voronkov (Upper Body) 5  
Mathieu Olivier (Upper Body) 4

**TOTAL MAN GAMES LOST:** 202

## COLUMBUS

39-27-12 (90 pts.)  
20-11-8 (48 pts.)  
19-16-4 (42 pts.)  
4th, Metropolitan  
9th, Eastern  
3.05 (17th-T) / 3.06 (17th-T)  
19.6 (19th-T) / 75.9 (28th)  
29.2 (7th) / 29.2 (22nd)  
Apr. 7 at DET 3, CBJ 4 (SO)  
Apr. 11 at Montreal

## 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

## BUFFALO\*

47-23-8 (102 pts.)  
25-10-4 (54 pts.)  
22-13-4 (48 pts.)  
2nd, Atlantic  
3rd, Eastern  
3.40 (7th) / 2.99 (10th-T)  
20.4 (18th) / 82.0 (6th-T)  
28.3 (11th-T) / 29.3 (23rd)  
Apr. 6 at BUF 4, TBL 2  
Apr. 13 at Chicago

## ALL-TIME SERIES CBJ RECORD

29-16-1-3 (15-8-0-3 on Road)

## THIS SEASON (CBJ, 2-0-0)

Oct. 28, 2025 - CBJ 4, at BUF 3 (OT)

Jan. 3, 2026 - at CBJ 5, BUF 1

Apr. 9, 2026 - at Buffalo (7:00 pm ET)

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

Oct. 17, 2024 - at CBJ 6, BUF 4

Feb. 4, 2025 - at BUF 3, CBJ 2

Apr. 10, 2025 - at CBJ 3, BUF 2

\*Buffalo visits the NY Rangers at Madison Square Garden on Wednesday

## MATCHUP NOTES

- ★ Columbus has won three-straight and four of the past five meetings. The club has also earned points in 18 of the last 24 meetings in the series dating back to Mar. 28, 2017 (15-6-3).
- ★ CBJ have earned points in nine out of their last ten games at KeyBank Center since Mar. 31, 2019 (6-1-3).
- ★ The teams have combined for seven or more goals in six of the past eight games at KeyBank Center.
- ★ Three of the last four meetings overall and five of the past seven have been decided by a single goal. Each of the past three contests at KeyBank Center have been one-goal decisions.
- ★ The Blue Jackets have had a perfect penalty kill in the last three games at Buffalo (4-for-4) and seven games overall (16-for-16).
- ★ The Jackets have scored a power play goal in four of the past six meetings of the series (4-for-10; 40.0 pct.).



### JACKET TO WATCH - D Zach Werenski

Has posted 2-17-19 with four multi-point efforts in 21 career GP vs. Buffalo. Has multiple points in both games of season series (1-3-4) and points in nine of his last 10 vs. club (2-11-13).



### SABRE TO WATCH - D Rasmus Dahlin

Has tallied 4-14-18 with six multi-point efforts in 18 career GP vs. Columbus. Has points in six of his last eight home contests against the Jackets (2-7-9).



## TEAM NOTES

- ★ Columbus began a three-game road trip with a 4-3 SO win at Detroit on Tuesday. The club concludes its road portion of the regular season at Buffalo on Thursday and Montreal on Saturday.
- ★ The team has earned points in 11 of its last 15 road games, ranking fourth-T in the NHL in points pct. since Jan. 11 (10-4-1, .700).
- ★ The Jackets have also earned points in 26 of their past 34 contests overall since Jan. 11 (21-8-5, 47 pts.). The club ranks third in the league in goals-against per game (2.62) and fourth-T in points pct. (.691) over that stretch.
- ★ The Blue Jackets play all four of their games this week against the Atlantic Division. The club has earned points in 19 of its last 23 games against the division dating back to Apr. 8, 2025 (14-4-5) following the win at Detroit.
- ★ Columbus leads the NHL with a franchise-record 58 goals scored by defensemen in 2025-26 (58-135-193, 78 GP).

## PLAYER NOTES

- ★ C **Adam Fantilli** notched the tying goal on Tuesday with 17 seconds remaining and has set single-season career highs in assists and points with 23-33-56 in 78 contests.
- ★ G **Jet Greaves**, who turned aside 34-of-37 shots faced in regulation and overtime in the win at Detroit, has earned points in 16 of his last 20 starts since Jan. 11 (13-4-3, 2.37 GAA, .914 SV% in 21 GP), ranking fifth among NHL goaltenders in GAA and sixth in SV% over that stretch (min. 6 GP).
- ★ RW **Kirill Marchenko** has posted assists in four of the past five games (1-5-6) and is the fifth player in Blue Jackets history with 25-plus goals in consecutive seasons (31 in 2024-25; 26 in 2025-26).
- ★ LW **Mason Marchment** has collected assists in each of his past four outings (1-5-6) and has 2-6-8 in his last seven games. He ranks second on the team in goals since making his CBJ debut on Dec. 20, 2025 (14-15-29 in 35 GP).
- ★ D **Zach Werenski** set a new single-season franchise record with his 26th multi-point effort on Tuesday (1-1-2). He has recorded 22-58-80 in 71 games in 2025-26 and became the third American-born defenseman in NHL history with consecutive 80-point campaigns (Brian Leetch, 1990-91 - 1991-92 with NYR; Phil Housley, 1991-92 - 1992-93 with WPG).