



VS



COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS GAME DAY PREVIEW

Columbus Blue Jackets vs. Seattle Kraken || Mar. 21, 2026 || Nationwide Arena || 5:00 pm ET || Game 69 (Home 35)

GAME DAY SCHEDULE

No Morning Skate

2:30pm ET: Media with Head Coach Rick Bowness and Select Players

5:00pm ET: Game vs. Seattle

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)

Brian Giesenschlag (host)

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Bob McElligott (play-by-play)

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

MEDIA ENTRANCES

Morning Skate: Nationwide Arena Security Entrance

Game Night: Nationwide Arena Box Office (Opens at 2:00pm)

OhioHEALTH INJURY REPORT

Brendan Smith (Lower Body) 30

TOTAL MAN GAMES LOST: 176

COLUMBUS

36-21-11 (83 pts.)

19-8-7 (45 pts.)

17-13-4 (38 pts.)

3rd, Metropolitan

8th, Eastern

3.19 (12th-T) / 3.10 (20th-T)

20.7 (16th) / 77.9 (23rd)

30.0 (4th-T) / 29.4 (22nd-T)

Mar. 19 at CBJ 6, NYR 3

Mar. 22 at NY Islanders

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

SEATTLE

31-28-9 (71 pts)

17-14-5 (39 pts)

14-14-4 (32 pts)

5th, Pacific

9th, Western

2.84 (23rd) / 3.00 (13th)

20.9 (15th) / 73.4 (31st)

25.5 (28th) / 29.3 (21st)

Mar. 19 at NSH 3, SEA 1

Mar. 24 at Florida

ALL-TIME SERIES CBJ RECORD

4-5-0-0 (2-2-0-0 at home)

THIS SEASON (CBJ, 1-0-0)

Nov. 11, 2025 - CBJ 2, at SEA 1 (SO)

Mar. 21, 2026 - at Columbus (5 pm ET)

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

Nov. 12, 2024 - at SEA 5, CBJ 2

Jan. 9, 2025 - at CBJ 6, SEA 2

MATCHUP NOTES

- ★ The home team has earned points in four-straight games (3-0-1) and seven of the nine all-time meetings between the clubs (5-2-2).
- ★ The teams split the season series for the first time in 2024-25 after Columbus swept the 2021-22 series and Seattle won both games of the 2022-23 and 2023-24 series.
- ★ The teams have combined for six or more goals in three of the four games played at Nationwide Arena with the winning team scoring six-plus in each of the last two at Columbus.
- ★ The winning team has recorded four or more goals in five of the last six games and six of the last eight.
- ★ The teams have combined for less than 60 shots in six of the nine contests of the series (59.2 avg).
- ★ Neither team has recorded a hat trick, shutout, or penalty shot in the series.



JACKET TO WATCH - RW Conor Garland

Has registered 6-9-15 with four multi-point efforts in 17 career GP vs. Seattle. Collected an assist in his most recent contest (Feb. 28) and has totaled 1-4-5 in seven career home outings.



KRAKEN TO WATCH - RW Jordan Eberle

Has tallied 13-20-33 with nine multi-point efforts in 36 career GP vs. Columbus. Has goals in his last two contests at NWA and has points in six of his last seven overall vs. the club (4-5-9).



TEAM NOTES

- ★ Columbus won for the third-straight game and stretched its season-high points streak to 11 games (7-0-4) with a 6-3 win over the NY Rangers on Thursday. The club has also earned points in 22 of its last 24 contests since Jan. 11 (18-2-4).
- ★ The Blue Jackets, who conclude a three-game homestand on Saturday vs. the Kraken, have earned points in 11-straight home games (8-0-3), one shy of the longest home points streak in club history (12; 9-0-3 from Feb. 11-Mar. 31, 2013). The team has also collected points in 15-of-16 contests at Nationwide Arena in 2026 (11-1-4).
- ★ Since Dec. 22, CBJ are tied for the least regulation losses in the NHL with a 21-6-5 record (49 pts., .742 points pct.), and rank second in points and points pct., fourth in goals-against/game (2.67) as well as seventh in goals for/game (3.48).
- ★ CBJ play their 14th of 16 back-to-back sets of the season on Saturday (vs. Seattle) and Sunday (at NY Islanders). The club leads the NHL in wins and point pct. in back-to-back sets in 2025-26 (17-5-4, .731).

PLAYER NOTES

- ★ **C Charlie Coyle**, who has tallied 7-18-25 in the last 18 contests, has tied his single-season career high in assists (2016-17 w/ MIN) and has the third-most points of his 14-year career with 17-38-55 in 68 games in 2025-26.
- ★ **C Adam Fantilli** collected two goals on Thursday, has registered points in five consecutive games (3-4-7), points in 11 of the last 13 games (8-8-16), and has posted 9-12-21 in the past 18 contests since Jan. 24.
- ★ **G Jet Greaves** has earned points in each of his last 13 starts since Jan. 11 (11-0-2, 2.34 GAA in 14 GP), while **G Elvis Merzlikins** has recorded points in nine of his past 11 starts over that span (7-2-2, 2.54 GAA in 12 GP).
- ★ **RW Kirill Marchenko** has posted points in 13 of his past 16 contests since Jan. 24 (7-10-17).
- ★ **D Zach Werenski** notched his 23rd multi-point effort of the season with three assists on Thursday and has collected points in 26 of his past 31 games played since Dec. 11 (11-31-42, 13 multi-point efforts). He became the second Blue Jacket (Artemi Panarin (2017-19) to record consecutive 50-assist and 70-point campaigns with 20-52-72 in 61 games in 2025-26.



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IN-GAME INFORMATION & ACTIVATIONS

ANTHEM: Leo Welsh

CANNONEER: Blue Jackets Alumni Andrew Cassels, Jack Johnson, Rick Nash, Lyle Odelein and Fedor Tyutin

KID STARTER, presented by OhioCot: Miles Everest, Age 12, Columbus Capitals Select

MILITARY HONOREE, presented by Elk + Elk: Major Ingrid Navarro & Master Sergeant Mike Navarro U.S. Air Force Reserve

1ST INTERMISSION: OhioHealth Future Jackets, Troy Bruins 10u (Shootout)

2ND INTERMISSION: Toyota Bubble Ball

50/50 BENEFICIARY, presented by Kemba Financial Credit Union: Columbus Blue Jackets Foundation

THEME NIGHT ACTIVATIONS: *25TH ANNIVERSARY GAME #5*, presented by Garage Beer

- The Columbus Blue Jackets will hold their fifth and final 25th Anniversary Celebration game featuring appearances by former players: defensemen Jack Johnson, Lyle Odelein and Fedor Tyutin along with forwards Andrew Cassels and Rick Nash.
- The featured alumni will participate in an autograph session beginning at 4 p.m. on the Nationwide Arena concourse.

BLUE LINE ITEM OF THE GAME: Celebrating the longest win streak in franchise history with a commemorative puck and poster. Items will be available online and in the main team store, while supplies last.

