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COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS GAME DAY PREVIEW

Columbus Blue Jackets at Pittsburgh Penguins || Oct. 25, 2025 || PPG Paints Arena || 7 pm ET || Game 8 (Road 4)

GAME DAY SCHEDULE

NO MORNING SKATE

4:30 pm ET: Media Availability at PPG Paints Arena
7:00 pm ET: Game at Pittsburgh
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

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Jody Shelley (analyst)
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UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Oct. 26: No Practice
Oct. 27: 10:30am ET practice (NWA)
Oct. 28: 6:45 pm ET at Buffalo
Oct. 29: 7:30 pm ET vs. Toronto
Oct. 30: No practice

OhioHEALTH INJURY REPORT

Miles Wood (Upper Body) 4

TOTAL MAN GAMES LOST: 8

COLUMBUS

3-4-0 (6 pts)
1-3-0 (2 pts)
2-1-0 (4 pts)
8th, Metropolitan
14th Eastern
2.86 (21st-T) / 3.00 (14th-T)
16.7 (24th-T) / 60.0 (32nd)
31.7 (5th) / 32.1 (30th)
Oct. 24 at CBJ 1, WSH 5
Oct. 28 at Buffalo

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

PITTSBURGH

6-2-0 (12 pts.)
2-1-0 (4 pts.)
4-1-0 (8 pts.)
3rd-T, Metropolitan
3rd, Eastern
3.50 (7th-T) / 2.38 (4th-T)
33.3 (1st) / 76.0 (17th)
24.9 (27th) / 29.8 (22nd)
Oct. 23 at FLA 3, PIT 5
Oct. 27 vs. St. Louis

ALL-TIME SERIES CBJ RECORD

18-30-0-9 (5-19-0-5 on the road)

THIS SEASON (CBJ, 0-0-0)

Oct. 25, 2025 - at Pittsburgh (7 pm ET)
Nov. 28, 2025 - at Columbus (7 pm ET)
Jan. 4, 2026 - at Columbus (3 pm ET)
Jan. 17, 2026 - at Pittsburgh (7 pm ET)

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

Nov. 15, 2024 - at CBJ 6, PIT 2
Jan. 7, 2025 - CBJ 4, at PIT 3 (SO)
Mar. 21, 2025 - at PIT 6, CBJ 3

MATCHUP NOTES

- ★ Columbus won the season series against Pittsburgh for the sixth time in franchise history in 2024-25 and for the first time since the 2016-17 campaign.
- ★ Columbus has won three of the last four contests in the series and has points in five of the last nine meetings (4-4-1).
- ★ Two of the last four games in the series have been decided by a shootout, both won by CBJ.
- ★ The winning team has scored four-plus goals in 11 of the past 13 games of the overall series (including 50 goals).
- ★ The teams have combined for six goals or more in seven of the last nine outings.
- ★ LW **Kent Johnson** has tallied 2-3-5 in seven career outings against Pittsburgh and has points in each of his past three outings at PPG Paints Arena (1-3-4).
- ★ RW **Kirill Marchenko** has 2-3-5 in nine career games vs. the Penguins with 1-3-4 in the past four appearances.



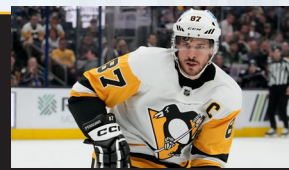
JACKET TO WATCH - C CHARLIE COYLE

Has posted 6-14-20 with 4 multi-point efforts in 34 career GP against Pittsburgh and has points in 5-straight GP (2-4-6). Has tallied 3-7-10 in 17 career games at PPG Paints Arena.



PENGUIN TO WATCH - C SIDNEY CROSBY

Has 21-44-65 with 20 multi-point efforts in 45 GP against the Blue Jackets. Has notched points in each of the last five contests (1-7-8) and 10 of the last 11 contests (8-14-22).



TEAM NOTES

- ★ Columbus, which is in the middle of a stretch of three-of-four games played away from Nationwide Arena from Oct. 21-28, has won two-straight road contests (7-4 W at MIN on Oct. 11 and 5-1 W at DAL on Oct. 21).
- ★ The Blue Jackets complete their first of 15 back-to-back sets of the season tonight at Pittsburgh. CBJ play three-straight back-to-back sets from Oct. 24-Nov. 2 (also Oct. 28 at BUF/Oct. 29 vs. TOR and Nov. 1 vs. STL/Nov. 2 at NYI).
- ★ CBJ have scored first in four of the past six contests. The club scored the first goal 43 times in 2024-25 (10th-T in NHL).
- ★ Columbus has outscored opponents 14-9 during 5-on-5 play in 2025-26 with the nine goals allowed the second-fewest in the NHL (WSH, 8).

PLAYER NOTES

- ★ LW **Zach Aston-Reese** (48-51-99, 396 GP) sits one point shy of 100 for his NHL career and C **Charlie Coyle** (189-299-488, 957 GP) is one assist from 300.
- ★ RW **Kirill Marchenko** had his five-game points streak (5-2-7) snapped in Friday's loss to the Capitals. He leads the club in goals and points (tied) this season.
- ★ D **Denton Mateychuk** has recorded goals in consecutive games for the first time in his career after scoring at Dallas and the club's lone goal on Friday.
- ★ G **Elvis Merzlikins** has turned aside 102-of-110 shots faced in his first three games of 2025-26 (2-1-0, 2.69 GAA, .927 SV%).
- ★ C **Sean Monahan** collected an assist for the second-straight game on Friday and sits three points from 600 for his NHL career (263-334-597, 825 GP). He would become the fourth player from the 2013 NHL Draft class to reach the mark, joining C **Nathan MacKinnon** (1,026 points), C **Aleksander Barkov** (782 points) and C **Elias Lindholm** (611 points).
- ★ LW **Dmitri Voronkov** stretched his points streak to three-straight (1-2-3) with an assist against the Capitals and has tallied points in six of the Blue Jackets' seven games this season (3-4-7).