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COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS

GAME DAY PREVIEW

Columbus Blue Jackets at Pittsburgh Penguins || Jan. 17, 2025 || PPG Paints Arena || 7 pm ET || Game 48 (Away 26)

GAME DAY SCHEDULE

11:00am ET: Media Availability with non-skating players
11:30am ET: Optional Morning Skate followed by media availability with players and Head Coach Rick Bowness
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)

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

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UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Jan. 18: No Practice
Jan. 19: 11:00am ET practice (NWA)

OhioHEALTH INJURY REPORT
 Isac Lundstrom (Lower Body) 11
 Brendan Smith (Lower Body) 9
 Miles Wood (Lower Body) 8
 Mason Marchment (Upper Body) 6
 Denton Mateychuk (Upper Body) 2
TOTAL MAN GAMES LOST: 127

COLUMBUS

21-19-7 (49 pts.)
 11-7-4 (26 pts.)
 10-12-3 (23 pts.)
 7th, Metropolitan
 15th, Eastern
 2.98 (21st) / 3.32 (27th)
 20.3 (15th) / 74.2 (29th)
 30.7 (3rd) / 30.9 (31st)
 Jan. 15 at CBJ 4, VAN 1
 Jan. 20 vs. Ottawa

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

22-14-10 (54 pts.)
 11-7-6 (28 pts.)
 11-7-4 (26 pts.)
 3rd, Metropolitan
 8th, Eastern
 3.17 (14th) / 2.91 (10th)
 29.4 (2nd) / 83.2 (7th)
 28.8 (11th) / 27.7 (12th)
 Jan. 15 at PIT 6, PHI 3
 Jan. 19 at Seattle

ALL-TIME SERIES CBJ RECORD

19-30-0-11 (6-19-0-5 on the road)

THIS SEASON (CBJ, 1-0-2)

Oct. 25, 2025 - CBJ 5, at PIT 4 (SO)
 Nov. 28, 2025 - PIT 4, at CBJ 3 (OT)
 Jan. 4, 2026 - PIT 4, at CBJ 3 (OT)
 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 has earned points in six of the last seven contests in the series overall (4-1-2) and has points in eight of the last 12 meetings (5-4-3).
- ★ The club has won two of its last three visits to PPG Paints Arena with both victories via shootouts.
- ★ The winning team has recorded four or more goals (including SO goals) in 14 of the last 16 meetings overall since Mar. 22, 2022 and eight of the past nine at PPG Paints Arena over that stretch.
- ★ Five of the last seven meetings have been decided after regulation (CBJ; 3-2), while eight of the past 12 have been decided by a single goal.
- ★ The teams have combined for seven-plus goals (including SO goals) in seven consecutive meetings and 12 of the last 15 of the all-time series.



JACKET TO WATCH - D Zach Werenski

Has posted 6-11-17 with 4 multi-point efforts in 24 career GP against Pittsburgh. Has 1-1-2 in each of last 2 contests and has tallied points in 5 of his last 7 games (4-5-9, 4 multi-point GP).



PENGUIN TO WATCH - C Evgeni Malkin

Has 19-32-51 with 13 multi-point efforts in 42 career GP vs. Columbus. Has tallied points in 9 of his past 11 contests vs. CBJ overall (4-9-13) as well each of his past 8 home outings (6-8-14).



TEAM NOTES

- ★ Columbus won its third consecutive contest with a 4-1 victory over Vancouver on Thursday. The club has outscored its opponents 12-6 and allowed two even-strength goals during the stretch.
- ★ Saturday's game at Pittsburgh is the only road contest during an eight-game stretch from Jan. 13-28.
- ★ The Jackets have scored the first goal in 12 of the last 16 contests and 15 of the past 21. The team ranks fifth-T in the NHL in games scoring first in 2025-26 (27).
- ★ Columbus leads the NHL in goals by defensemen and ranks fourth in points with 37-83-120 in 47 contests.
- ★ The Blue Jackets have scored a power play goal in three consecutive games (5-of-9; 55.6 pct.), including two outings with multiple power play goals.
- ★ CBJ netminders have stopped 84-of-90 shots faced over the past three games (.933 SV%). The club ranks eighth-T in the NHL in team save percentage since Dec. 22 (.911 in 12 GP).

PLAYER NOTES

- ★ C Charlie Coyle has tallied goals in three-straight games (4-1-5), one shy of tying his career high (2x, MR: Oct. 27-Nov. 3, 2022). He is also one goal away from 200 for his NHL career (199-316-515, 997 GP).
- ★ C Adam Fantilli has collected assists in four of the past five games (0-4-4) and five of the last seven (0-5-5).
- ★ C Boone Jenner, who has posted 3-6-9 in the last 10 games, became the fourth player to record 200 career assists with the Blue Jackets (207-200-407, 774 GP) with an assist on Thursday.
- ★ RW Kirill Marchenko registered 1-1-2 on Thursday and has recorded points in 10 of the last 12 contests (7-7-14).
- ★ RW Mathieu Olivier combined for 13 hits in the last two contests and leads the NHL with 54 hits since returning from injury on Dec. 28.
- ★ D Zach Werenski, who leads NHL blueliners in goals (18) and multi-point efforts (17), has notched points in three-straight games (2-3-5). He has also registered points in 23 of his past 27 contests overall to lead NHL blueliners in goals, assists (tied), points and points-per-game since Nov. 13 (14-26-40, 1.48).