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COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS

POST-GAME NOTES

OCT. 16, 2025 || VS. COLORADO AVALANCHE || NATIONWIDE ARENA (17,249)

	RECORD	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	SO	FINAL
	Overall: 1-3-0 (2 pts.) Home: 0-2-0 (0 pts.)	0	1	0	-	-	1
	Overall: 4-0-1 (9 pts.) Away: 3-0-0 (6 pts.)	0	3	1	-	-	4

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GAME AT A GLANCE

THREE STARS

1st – S. Wedgewood, COL (22-of-23 saves, W); 2nd – B. Nelson, COL (1-0-1); 3rd – E. Merzlikins, CBJ (32-of-35 saves, L)

GOAL SCORERS

Columbus: I. Provorov (1)

Colorado: C. Makar (2), B. Nelson (1), V. Nichushkin (1), EN – V. Nichushkin (2)

GOALTENDERS

Columbus: E. Merzlikins (32-of-35 saves in 58:30)

Colorado: S. Wedgewood (22-of-23 saves in 60:00)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Columbus PP: 0-for-2, 3 shots

Colorado PP: 0-for-1, 1 shot

POST-GAME AUDIO INTERVIEWS

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS

[HC Dean Evason](#) | [G Elvis Merzlikins](#) | [F Sean Monahan](#) | [D Ivan Provorov](#)

NEW JERSEY DEVILS

[HC Jared Bednar](#) | [F Gabriel Landeskog](#) | [F Brock Nelson](#) | [G Scott Wedgewood](#)

TEAM NOTES

- ★ The Blue Jackets scored the first goal tonight, marking the second time in the last three contests the club has opened the scoring. The team posted a 29-9-5 record during the 2024-25 season when scoring the first goal of the game.
- ★ Columbus finished with a season-high 20 blocked shots (16; Oct. 11 at Minnesota).
- ★ Cam Atkinson signed a one-day contract this morning that allowed him to officially retire from the NHL as a member of the Columbus Blue Jackets. The Riverside, Connecticut native was honored pregame with a final lap around the ice and introduced alongside the starting lineup. Originally selected in the sixth round, 157th overall, in the 2008 NHL draft, Atkinson posted 213-189-402 in 627 career NHL games while playing 10 of his 13 seasons as a Jacket.

PLAYER NOTES

- ★ RW **Kirill Marchenko** (4-1-5, 4 GP) notched the primary helper on Provorov's goal and has collected points in three-straight contests. He improved his career mark against Colorado to 2-4-6 in five games played, including 1-2-3 in three contests at Nationwide Arena.
- ★ C **Sean Monahan** (0-1-1, 4 GP) collected his first point of the season tonight with the secondary assist on Provorov's goal. He has tallied 11-18-29 in 28 career outings against Colorado with points in his last five-straight (4-5-9) and has totaled 5-11-16 in 13 games played on home ice.

- ★ D **Ivan Provorov** (1-2-3, 4 GP) notched his first goal of the campaign while skating in his 700th career NHL game tonight (78-207-285). He has collected points in three consecutive outings. He became the fourth Blue Jacket to score while skating in their 700th career NHL game, joining LW **Johnny Gaudreau** (Nov. 18, 2023 at Washington), LW **Freddy Modin** (Jan. 5, 2007 at Anaheim) and LW **Geoff Sanderson** (Jan. 10, 2001 vs. Colorado).

UPCOMING WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Friday, Oct. 17	11am practice (Nationwide Arena)
Saturday, Oct. 18	7pm vs. Tampa Bay (FanDuel Sports Network/93.3 The Bus)
Sunday, Oct. 19	No practice
Monday, Oct. 20	10:30am practice (Nationwide Arena)
Tuesday, Oct. 21	8pm ET at Dallas (FanDuel Sports Network/97.1 The Fan)