



BUFFALO SABRES
vs.
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS



Monday, September 23, 2024, 5 p.m.

35	Evan Gardner	G	27	Devon Levi	G
73	Jet Greaves	G	32	Felix Sandstrom	G
3	Jack Johnson	D	4	Bowen Byram	D
4	Cole Sillinger	C	8	Dennis Gilbert	D
10	Dmitri Voronkov	LW	9	Zach Benson	LW
18	Dylan Gambrell	C	10	Henri Jokiharju	D
19	Adam Fantilli	C	12	Jordan Greenway	LW
22	Jordan Harris	D	17	Jason Zucker	LW
24	Mathieu Olivier	RW	19	Peyton Krebs	C
37	Cameron Butler	RW	22	Jack Quinn	RW
41	Hunter McKown	C	23	Mattias Samuelsson	D
53	Luca Pinelli	C	24	Dylan Cozens	C
55	David Jiricek	D	25	Owen Power	D
57	Charlie Elick	D	29	Beck Malenstyn	LW
64	Trey Fix-Wolansky	RW	71	Ryan McLeod	C
65	Luca Del Bel Belluz	C	72	Tage Thompson	C
74	Corson Ceulemans	D	75	Connor Clifton	D
81	Stanislav Svozil	D	77	JJ Peterka	RW
82	Mikael Pyyhtia	LW	81	Sam Lafferty	C
88	Tyler Peddle	LW	96	Nicolas Aube-Kubel	RW

Referees: Kendrick Nicholson (30), Brandon Blandina (39)

Linespersons: Scott Cherrey (50), Michel Cormier (76)

Anthem Singer: Frankie Muscarella

No.	Player	9/21 vs. PIT	9/23 vs. CBJ	9/24 at PIT	9/26 at OTT	9/28 at CBJ	9/30 vs. DET
3	Rathbone, Jack	DND					
4	Byram, Bowen	0-1, +2					
5	Prow, Ethan	DND					
6	Poolman, Colton	DND					
8	Gilbert, Dennis	DND					
9	Benson, Zach	0-1, +2					
10	Jokiharju, Henri	1-2, +2					
12	Greenway, Jordan	DND					
13	Rousek, Lukas	0-0, E					
17	Zucker, Jason	DND					
19	Krebs, Peyton	0-0, E					
20	Kulich, Jiri	0-1, E					
22	Quinn, Jack	0-1, +2					
23	Samuelsson, Mattias	0-0, +1					
24	Cozens, Dylan	1-1, +2					
25	Power, Owen	1-1, +2					
26	Dahlin, Rasmus	INJ					
29	Malenstyn, Beck	0-1, +1					
33	Johnson, Ryan	DND					
36	Ostlund, Noah	DND					
38	Clague, Kale	DND					
41	Cheveldayoff, Ty	DND					
42	Warren, Brendan	DND					
43	Brunet, Simon-Pier	DND					
44	Dunne, Josh	DND					
45	Fiddler-Schultz, Riley	DND					
46	Laaouan, Noah	DND					
48	Kozak, Tyson	DND					
49	Jobst, Mason	DND					
52	Kisakov, Aleksandr	DND					
54	Nadeau, Olivier	DND					
56	Tischke, Peter	DND					
57	Murray, Brett	DND					
59	Tullio, Tyler	DND					
63	Rosen, Isak	DND					
67	Slaggert, Graham	DND					
71	McLeod, Ryan	DND					
72	Thompson, Tage	0-1, +2					
73	Metsa, Zach	DND					
74	Panocha, Norwin	DND					
75	Clifton, Connor	0-0, +2					
76	Komarov, Vsevolod	DND					
77	Peterka, JJ	3-0, +2					
78	Bryson, Jacob	0+0, +1					
79	Neuchev, Viktor	DND					
81	Lafferty, Sam	1-0, +1					
89	Tuch, Alex	0-1, +2					
91	Novikov, Nikita	DND					
92	Wahlberg, Anton	DND					
94	Helenius, Konsta	DND					
95	Miedema, Ethan	JR					
96	Aube-Kubel, Nicolas	0-1, +1					

PLAYER STATS = Goals-Assists, +/-
JR = Returned to Junior

INJ = Missed Game Due to Injury
MIN = Assigned to Rochester (AHL)

DND = Did Not Dress
FA = Free Agent

No.	Player	9/21 vs. PIT	9/23 vs. CBJ	9/24 at PIT	9/26 at OTT	9/28 at CBJ	9/30 vs. DET
1	Luukkonen, Ukko-Pekka	W, 15-18, 60:00					
27	Levi, Devon	DND					
31	Houser, Michael	DND					
32	Sandstrom, Felix	DND					
34	Ratzlaff, Scott	DND					
35	Leenders, Ryerson	JR					
47	Reimer, James	DNP					

GOALTENDER STATS = Decision, Saves-Shots, Minutes
DNP = Did not Play ND = No Decision

INJ = Missed Game Due to Injury
JR = Returned to Junior

DND = Did not Dress
MIN = Assigned to Rochester (AHL)

PRESEASON AT A GLANCE

2023-24 PRESEASON RECORD...

	GP	W	L	OTL	GF	GA	PTS
HOME:	1	1	0	0	7	3	2
ROAD:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OVERALL:	1	1	0	0	7	3	2

GOALS BY PERIOD...

	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL
SABRES:	1	5	1	--	7
OPPONENTS:	1	0	2	--	3

SHOTS BY PERIOD...

	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL
SABRES:	16	19	8	--	43
OPPONENTS:	7	5	6	--	18

SABRES POWER PLAY...

	PPG	OPP	%
HOME:	1	3	33.3
ROAD:	--	--	--
OVERALL:	1	3	33.3

SABRES PENALTY KILLING...

	PPGA	OPP	%
HOME:	2	2	0.0
ROAD:	--	--	--
OVERALL:	2	2	0.0

SABRES TRAINING CAMP TRANSACTIONS...

Date **Transaction(s)**
Sept. 20 Returned goaltender **Ryerson Leenders** and forward **Ethan Miedema** and to their respective junior clubs.

NOTE: The Sabres have 57 players on their training camp roster (31 forwards, 20 defensemen and six goaltenders)



COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS GAME DAY



BLUE JACKETS PRESEASON GAME NOTES

Sept. 23, 2024

at Buffalo Sabres, KeyBank Center (5 pm ET)

Referees: Kendrick Nicholson (30), Brandon Blandina (39)

Preseason Game No. 1 (0-0-0, 0 pts.)

Preseason Road Game No. 1 (0-0-0, 0 pts.)

Linespersons: Scott Cherrey (50), Michel Cormier (76)

BLUE JACKETS OPEN EIGHT-GAME PRESEASON SCHEDULE: The Blue Jackets kick off their eight-game preseason schedule today with a game at the Buffalo Sabres at KeyBank Center. Columbus will play a pair of preseason games against the Sabres, Pittsburgh Penguins, St. Louis Blues and Washington Capitals. The Blue Jackets' eight exhibition contests occur in a span of 12 days and concludes with a home-and-home series against the Penguins on Oct. 3 (at Nationwide Arena) and Oct. 4 (at PPG Paints Arena). There are currently 51 players in camp – 30 forwards, 15 defensemen and six goaltenders. For a complete training camp roster and schedule, visit BlueJackets.com.

2024 COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS PRESEASON SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Time (ET)/Result
Sept. 23	Monday	at Buffalo Sabres	KeyBank Center	5 p.m.
Sept. 25	Wednesday	ST. LOUIS BLUES	Nationwide Arena	7 p.m.
Sept. 27	Friday	at Washington Capitals	Capital One Arena	7 p.m.
Sept. 28	Saturday	BUFFALO SABRES	Nationwide Arena	7 p.m.
Sept. 30	Monday	WASHINGTON CAPITALS	Nationwide Arena	7 p.m.
Oct. 1	Tuesday	at St. Louis Blues	Enterprise Center	8 p.m.
Oct. 3	Thursday	PITTSBURGH PENGUINS	Nationwide Arena	7 p.m.
Oct. 4	Friday	at Pittsburgh Penguins	PPG Paints Arena	7 p.m.

2024 COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS PRESEASON GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS

Gm	Date	Opponent	Result	Record	Score	Goal Scorers	GWG	PP	PK	SF-SA	W-L	Goalie	Attn.
1.	Sept. 23	at BUF											
2.	Sept. 25	STL											
3.	Sept. 27	at WSH											
4.	Sept. 28	BUF											
5.	Sept. 30	WSH											
6.	Oct. 1	at STL											
7.	Oct. 3	PIT											
8.	Oct. 4	at PIT											

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS ALL-TIME PRESEASON RESULTS

	Overall	Home	Road	Neutral	Top Scorer	Top Goaltender
2000:	3-5-1	1-1-1	0-1-0	2-3-0	Maltais – 7 GP, 3-4-7	Denis – 1-1-0, 2.49, .899
2001:	2-3-2	2-0-1	0-1-1	0-2-0	Sanderson – 5 GP, 3-2-5	Denis – 0-2-2, 1.99, .930
2002:	6-3-0	2-2-0	3-1-0	1-0-0	Sanderson – 7 GP, 2-5-7	Labbe – 2-0-0, 1.51, .949
2003:	2-4-2	2-1-1	0-3-1	0-0-0	Spacek – 6 GP, 3-2-5	Denis – 2-2-0, 1.87, .930
2005:	3-6-0	3-2-0	0-4-0	0-0-0	Brule – 6 GP, 2-3-5	Leclaire – 2-1-0, 2.86, .905
2006:	4-3-0	3-1-0	1-1-0	0-1-0	Platt – 4 GP, 4-3-7	Leclaire – 3-0-0, 1.20, .957
2007:	3-3-2	0-3-1	3-0-1	0-0-0	Chimera – 6 GP, 2-4-6	Mason – 1-2-0, 1.78, .913
2008:	4-4-0	3-1-0	1-3-0	0-0-0	Nash – 4 GP, 3-5-8	Leclaire – 2-0-0, 2.64, .881
2009:	4-3-1	3-1-0	1-2-1	0-0-0	Voracek – 6 GP, 3-4-7	Garon – 2-0-0, 2.35, .913
2010:	5-4-0	2-2-0	3-2-0	0-0-0	Huselius – 4 GP, 1-6-7	Mason – 2-1-0, 3.65, .899
2011:	5-2-1	4-0-0	1-2-1	0-0-0	Tyutin – 4 GP, 2-5-7	Mason – 4-0-0, 1.98, .934
2012:	n/a					

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS ALL-TIME PRESEASON RESULTS (continued)

	Overall	Home	Road	Neutral	Top Scorer	Top Goaltender
2013:	4-3-1	1-2-1	3-1-0	0-0-0	Gaborik – 4 GP, 2-5-7	Bobrovsky – 1-2-1, 2.13, .925
2014:	7-1-0	4-0-0	3-1-0	0-0-0	Foligno – 5 GP, 3-4-7	Bobrovsky – 3-1-0, 1.92, .948
2015:	5-2-1	2-1-1	3-1-0	0-0-0	Johansen – 4 GP, 4-8-12	Bobrovsky – 4-0-0, 1.36, .959
2016:	4-4-0	1-3-0	3-1-0	0-0-0	Gagner – 5 GP, 1-4-5	Bobrovsky – 1-2-0, 2.39, .900
2017:	4-3-1	1-3-0	3-0-1	0-0-0	Panarin – 6 GP, 3-2-5	Bobrovsky – 2-1-0, 3.38, .906
2018:	3-5-0	2-2-0	0-3-0	1-0-0	Atkinson – 4 GP, 3-4-7	Berube – 1-0-0, 2.28, .875
2019:	2-3-1	2-1-0	0-2-1	0-0-0	Lilja – 4 GP, 2-1-3	Korpisalo – 1-1-0, 1.23, .953
2020:	n/a					
2021:	4-2-2	2-0-2	2-2-0	0-0-0	Voracek – 3 GP, 2-5-7	Berube – 1-0-0, 1.16, .969
2022:	4-2-2	4-0-0	0-2-2	0-0-0	Chinakhov – 6 GP, 6-1-7	Merzlikins – 2-0-1, 1.87, .943
2023:	4-3-1	3-1-0	1-2-1	0-0-0	Laine – 5 GP, 4-4-8	Merzlikins – 2-1-0, 3.31, .886
2024:	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0		

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

- Sept. 15 Signed LW James van Riemsdyk to a one-year contract.
- Sept. 22 Loaned G Nolan Lalonde to Kingston (OHL) and returned D Luca Marrelli to Oshawa (OHL). Released C Pano Fimis and G Jacob Oster from amateur tryout contracts.

RECENT OFF-SEASON TRANSACTIONS

- July 1 Bought out final year of contract of D Adam Boqvist.
- July 1 Signed D Cole Clayton to a one-year entry level contract.
- July 1 Signed C Owen Sillinger to a one-year, two-way NHL/AHL contract.
- July 1 Signed C Sean Monahan to a five-year contract through the 2028-29 season.
- July 2 Signed C Dylan Gambrell to a one-year, two-way NHL/AHL contract.
- July 3 Signed D Jack Johnson to a one-year contract.
- July 7 Signed G Zach Sawchenko to a one-year, two-way NHL/AHL contract.
- July 10 Signed D Jake Christiansen to a one-year, two-way NHL/AHL contract.
- July 13 Signed G Jet Greaves to a two-year contract through the 2025-26 season.
- July 27 Signed F Kent Johnson to a three-year contract through 2026-27.
- July 28 Signed RW Kirill Marchenko to a three-year contract through 2026-27.
- Aug. 19 Acquired D Jordan Harris from Montreal in exchange for F Patrik Laine and a 2026 second round pick.

BLUE JACKETS HEADLINES

CHANGES AT THE TOP: The Blue Jackets have new leaders in the hockey operations department entering the 2024-25 campaign. **Don Waddell** was named president of hockey operations and general manager of the club on May 29, 2024 after serving as team president and general manager of the Metropolitan Division rival Carolina Hurricanes from 2018-24. Over the last six seasons, Carolina posted a 278-130-44 record to rank second in the NHL in points percentage (.664; Boston - .695) and third in wins (Boston - 289, Tampa Bay - 283). The Hurricanes won three division titles (2021-Central, 2022 and 2023-Metropolitan), advanced to the Stanley Cup Playoffs each year and earned trips to the Eastern Conference Finals twice (2019, 2023) during that time. Waddell hired **Dean Evason** as the team's new head coach on July 22, 2024. He amassed a 147-77-27 record in 251 games over parts of five seasons as head coach of the NHL's Minnesota Wild from 2020-23. His .639 points percentage ranks fifth among active NHL coaches with 250 or more contests behind the bench, while the Wild ranked eighth in the league in points percentage, seventh in goals-per-game (3.28) and 10th in wins during his tenure. He led the Wild to appearances in the Stanley Cup Playoffs in each of his first four seasons behind the bench.

HONORING THE GAUDREAUS: Blue Jackets LW **Johnny Gaudreau** was tragically killed, along with his brother, Matthew, on Aug. 29, 2024. The team announced preliminary plans to honor and remember the Gaudreau brothers prior to and during the 2024-25 National Hockey League season on Sept. 18. Plans include wearing a special patch on jerseys and sticker on players helmets. Johnny tallied 243-500-743 in 763 games with Columbus and the Calgary Flames during his 10 NHL seasons and ranked ninth in the league in assists (500) and points (742) since 2014. He played in seven All-Star Games, was named to the NHL's First All-Star Team in 2021-22 with Calgary and won the Lady Byng Trophy in 2017-18. He led the Blue Jackets in assists and points in both of his seasons with the club (21-53-74, 80 GP in 2022-23; 12-48-60, 81 GP in 2023-24).

TRIO OF VETERANS ADDED: The club added three veterans to its locker room for the 2024-25 season with the trio combining for 632-871-1,503 in 2,962 career NHL outings. CBJ signed C **Sean Monahan** as a free agent on the first day of free agency on July 1 to a five-year contract. The sixth overall selection in the 2013 NHL Draft has totaled 244-294-538 in 764 career games with the Calgary

Flames, Montreal Canadiens and Winnipeg Jets. The forward, who totaled 26-33-59 in 83 outings split between Montreal and Winnipeg in 2023-24, has recorded eight 20-plus goals and six 50-point campaigns in his 11-year NHL career. Columbus signed Stanley Cup champion (2022 with Colorado) D **Jack Johnson** to a one-year contract two days later on July 3. He has collected 77-259-336 in 1,187 games with six different teams over his 18-year NHL career. In his second stint with the club, he ranks fifth on CBJ's all-time list among defensemen in games played, assists and points with 36-118-154 in 445 outings (2012-17). The Jackets signed veteran LW **James van Riemsdyk** to a one-year deal three days prior to the start of training camp on Sept. 15. He has totaled 311-318-629 in 1,011 career appearances with the Philadelphia Flyers, Toronto Maple Leafs and Boston Bruins over his 15-year NHL career.

AT THE DRAFT: The Blue Jackets selected six players in the 2024 NHL Draft held at Sphere in Las Vegas from June 28-29. The team drafted C **Cayden Lindstrom** in the first round fourth overall from the Western Hockey League's Medicine Hat Tigers. Lindstrom was awarded the Canadian Hockey League's Top Draft Prospect Award after posting 27-19-46 with 66 penalty minutes in 32 games with the Tigers. Overall, the club selected one forward, four defensemen and one netminder.

BUFFALO PROSPECT CHALLENGE RECAP: It was a new experience for the Blue Jackets when it comes to prospects tournaments. After playing in the annual Traverse City (Michigan) Prospects Tournament in 21 of its first 22 seasons, Columbus took part in the Prospects Challenge in Buffalo, New York for the first time from September 13-16. The club finished 2-1-0 after falling to the host Sabres, 3-1, in its opening game on Sept. 13 before rallying to earn a 4-3 overtime victory over the Boston Bruins on Sept. 14 and 4-1 win over the Ottawa Senators on Sept. 16. Invite C **Pano Fimis** led the club with three goals, including two with the game-winner in the win over Ottawa. RW **Gavin Brindley** notched goals in two of the contests and C **Luca Del Bel Belluz** tallying the overtime winner against the Bruins. **Nolan Lalonde** (stopped 38-of-41 shots vs. Buffalo), **Evan Gardner** (stopped 33-of-36 shots vs. Boston) and invite **Jacob Oster** (stopped 14-of-15 shots vs. Ottawa) each played well in goal for the Jackets.

2023-24 SEASON RECAP

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS COMPLETE 23RD NHL SEASON: The Columbus Blue Jackets completed their 23rd NHL season with a 27-43-12 record (66 pts./402 pct.)... The club finished eighth in the Metropolitan Division, 16th in the Eastern Conference and 29th in the NHL... Columbus recorded a season-high four-game regulation unbeaten streak (2-0-2) from Oct. 20-26 (3-1 W vs. CGY, 5-4 W at MIN, 2-3 OTL vs. ANA, 3-4 OTL at MTL) and won three-of-four games (3-1-0) on three occasions (Nov. 22-27, Mar. 2-7, Mar. 30-Apr. 6)... Since the start of the 2012-13 season, the Blue Jackets have gone 425-386-101 (.521) with seven winning seasons and five Stanley Cup Playoffs berths during that span.

BLUE JACKETS AT HOME: The Blue Jackets went 17-19-5 (39 pts./476) at home this season, scoring 123 goals (3.00 per game) and allowing 136 goals (3.32) in 41 games... The Jackets finished the season with a 7-3-1 mark over their final 11 home contests from Mar. 4-Apr 16, including wins over playoff qualifiers Vegas, Edmonton, Colorado and Carolina... The club picked up points in three consecutive home games (2-0-1) from Dec. 1-8 (4-2 W vs. OTT, 3-4 OTL vs. LAK, 5-2 W vs. STL)... In 23 seasons, Columbus is 444-357-107 (.548) in 908 home games.

COLUMBUS ON THE ROAD: Columbus went 10-24-7 (27 pts./329) on the road this season, scoring 111 goals (2.71 per game) and allowing 162 goals (3.95) in 41 games... The Blue Jackets went 8-6-3 on the road from Dec. 14-Mar. 2, including a five-game regulation unbeaten streak (3-0-2) from Dec. 14-Jan. 4 (6-5 W at TOR, 9-4 W at BUF, 3-4 OTL at NJD, 2-3 OTL at BUF, 3-2 W at PHI)... In 23 NHL seasons, Columbus is 323-470-113 (.419) in 906 road games.

GOALS FOR/GOALS AGAINST: Goals For: The Blue Jackets scored 234 goals in 82 games (not including SO goals), which was an average of 2.85 goals per game (24th-T, NHL)... The club scored a season-high nine goals on Dec. 19 at Buffalo (9-4 W) and posted two seven-goal contests on Nov. 22 vs. Chicago (7-3 W) and Feb. 21 at Anaheim (7-4 W)... Columbus scored four or more goals (not incl. SO goals) 26 times (21-3-2) and five or more on 14 occasions (14-0-0)... **Goals Against:** The Blue Jackets allowed 298 goals in 82 games, averaging 3.63 goals-against per game (31st, NHL)... The team surrendered two goals or fewer in 20 games (15-4-1) and one goal or fewer in four contests (4-0-0).

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS & NOTES: The Blue Jackets average age to start the campaign was 25.9, tied for the third-youngest team in the NHL (Arizona and New Jersey) and trailing only Buffalo (25.0) and Ottawa (25.7)... The club saw 11 players make their team debuts, including six making their NHL debuts... A season after seeing franchise highs in total players (47) and goaltenders (6) play a game, the club had 42 different players (skaters/goaltenders) and five different goaltenders see action for the club in 2023-24... Columbus played 13 back-to-back sets during the 2023-24 season and posted an overall record of 9-14-3 with a 5-7-1 mark in first games and 4-7-2 in second contests... CBJ blueliners combined for 39-148-187 in the 82 games and led the league in assist (38.1 pct.) and point percentage (30.0 pct.) and ranked 10th-T in points, 11th in assists and 12th in goals by a team's defense... Columbus scored the first goal of the game 45 times, tied for the ninth-most in the NHL and finishing with the fourth-most in a season in franchise history... The Blue Jackets averaged 30.0 shots on goal per game (20th, NHL) and allowed 34.4 shots-against (31st, NHL)...

The club averaged 16.82 blocked shots per game (7th, NHL; 1,396 total); 19.02 hits (30th, NHL; 1,578 total); 5.32 giveaways (3rd-fewest, NHL; 442 total); 6.19 takeaways (22nd-T, NHL; 514 total); and won 47.2 percent of its faceoffs taken (27th, NHL).

2023-24 PLAYER RECAP

WERENSKI CONTINUES ASSAULT ON CLUB RECORD BOOK: D **Zach Werenski** set single-season career highs in assists and points and led the club in TOI and ranked second in assists and points with 11-46-57 and 24:27 TOI in 70 games... Finished 13th among NHL blueliners in assists-per-game (.63)... Reached the 40-assist and 50-point marks for the first time in his career and set a new franchise record for most assists by a blueliner in a single season, surpassing James Wisniewski (44 - 2013-14)... Tied the franchise record for most points by a defenseman in a single season (Seth Jones, 16-41-57 - 2016-17)... Collected his 205th career assist at Vegas on Mar. 23rd to move into sole possession of second place on the club's career assist list (Rick Nash, 258)... Set a new franchise record for blueliners with his fifth career multi-goal game with two goals at Anaheim on Feb. 21 (Jones, 4)... Notched his 30th career multi-assist game with 2-2-4 in the Jackets' season finale on Apr. 16 vs. Carolina, which is the most by a CBJ defenseman... Collected his 300th career NHL point in the season finale on Apr. 16 vs. Carolina (1st goal) to become the sixth player in Blue Jackets history to hit that mark with the club, joining Rick Nash (547), Cam Atkinson (402), Boone Jenner (364), Nick Foligno (334) and David Vyborny (317)... Owns CBJ career records for goals, assists and points by a defenseman with 90-212-302 in 486 games since making his NHL debut in 2016-17.

JENNER BECOMES FRANCHISE LEADER IN GAMES PLAYED, MAKES ALL-STAR GAME DEBUT: C **Boone Jenner** ranked second on the team in goals and fourth in points with 22-13-35 in 58 outings despite missing 24 games, including 15 from Dec. 10-Jan. 15 due to a fractured jaw... Notched his third consecutive – and fourth career – 20-goal campaign, becoming the fourth player in franchise history to record four or more 20-goal seasons (Rick Nash-8, Cam Atkinson-6, R.J. Umberger-4)... Played in his 675th career game on Nov. 18 at Washington, surpassing LW Rick Nash (674) and becoming the franchise's all-time leader in games played... Scored a pair of goals in his All-Star Game debut at Toronto on Feb. 3... Posted his second career hat trick - and first natural hat trick - on Oct. 14 vs. the Rangers (3-0-3)... Skated in his 700th career game at Madison Square Garden on Feb. 28... Has served in a leadership role with CBJ since 2015, first as an alternate captain (2015-21) prior to being named as the team's captain before the 2021-22 season... Ranks third on the club's all-time lists in goals and points with 192-172-364 in 715 contests.

KIRILL THE THRILL: RW **Kirill Marchenko** set single-season career highs and led the team in goals and ranked third in points with 23-19-42 in 78 outings after notching 21-4-25 in 59 outings as a rookie in 2022-23... Became just the second Jacket (Pierre-Luc Dubois) to record back-to-back 20-goal seasons to begin his NHL career... Posted 35-14-49 in his first 100 contests with the club, tying Rick Nash for the most goals through the first 100 games of an NHL career in CBJ history... Scored his second career hat trick with three consecutive goals on Dec. 19 at Buffalo in a span of 8:07 to record the second fastest hat trick in franchise history (Jeff Carter, 3:18 on Dec. 22, 2011 at Nashville).

ROOKIE REPORT: CBJ's rookies totaled 34-44-78 this season, leading the league among team rookie classes in goals (tied) and ranking fifth in points and seventh in assists... The club was one of three teams (Anaheim and Minnesota) to have two rookies record at least 26 points (Voronkov-34, Fantilli-27)... C **Adam Fantilli**, the third overall pick in the 2023 NHL Draft, finished his rookie campaign with 12-15-27, 16 penalty minutes and 115 shots on goal in 49 games... Missed the final 33 games of the season due to a calf laceration suffered on Jan. 28 at Seattle... Ranked third-T among NHL rookies in goals, fourth in points and sixth-T in assists at the time of the injury... Set a club rookie record for goals and points in the month of December with 7-6-13 in 13 contests... Collected an assist in his NHL debut on Oct. 12 vs. Philadelphia and notched his first career goal on Oct. 21 at Minnesota... **LW Dmitri Voronkov** led all NHL rookies in power play goals and ranked fifth in goals and eighth-T in points with 18-16-34 and six power play goals in 75 contests... Posted the third-most goals and power play goals (tied) by a rookie in club history... Recorded an assist in his NHL debut on Oct. 26 at Minnesota and notched his first career goal on Oct. 30 at Dallas.

MISCELLANEOUS PLAYER NEWS & NOTES: G **Daniil Tarasov** went 8-11-3 with a 3.18 GAA and .908 SV% in 24 outings... Finished the campaign with a .900 or better save percentage in 11 of his final 13 appearances and led the league in SV% and ranked eighth-T in GAA (min. 12 GP) from Feb. 21 until the end of the season with a 5-5-1 record, 2.51 GAA and .933 SV% in 13 games... C **Cole Sillinger** set career highs in assists, points, penalty minutes, shots on goal and TOI with 13-19-32, 46 PIM and 157 shots on goal, while averaging 16:07 of ice time in 77 contests after being held to 3-8-11 in 64 games in 2022-23... D **Ivan Provorov** collected 5-27-32, 20 penalty minutes and 155 blocked shots, while averaging 22:10 TOI in 82 contests... Set a single-season career high in assists, while his 32 points was the third-highest total of his eight-year career... Finished second on the club in blocked shots and TOI as well as third in assists... Was the lone Blue Jacket to play in all 82 games, which marked the seventh season in which he did not miss a game (he's appeared in 614 of a possible 617 games since making his NHL debut in 2016)... D **Erik Gudbranson** set single-season career highs in goals (tied), assists, points with 6-20-26, 74 penalty minutes, 92 hits and 170 blocked shots, while averaging 19:40 TOI in 78 outings in 2023-24... Led the club in blocked shots and penalty minutes.

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS 2023-24 FINAL STATISTICS

No.	Player	Pos	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM	PP	SH	GW	OT	S	%	TOI/G	FO%
13	Johnny Gaudreau	L	81	12	48	60	-27	22	1	0	3	1	160	7.5	18:49	0.0
8	Zach Werenski	D	70	11	46	57	0	22	2	0	0	0	202	5.5	24:27	--
86	Kirill Marchenko	R	78	23	19	42	-5	14	9	0	1	0	193	11.9	16:25	32.9
38	Boone Jenner	C	58	22	13	35	-8	28	5	1	1	0	155	14.2	20:06	54.3
10	Dmitri Voronkov *	L	75	18	16	34	-6	52	6	0	2	0	142	12.7	13:27	42.2
4	Cole Sillinger	C	77	13	19	32	-4	46	1	0	1	0	157	8.3	16:07	46.3
9	Ivan Provorov	D	82	5	27	32	-11	20	0	0	0	0	107	4.7	22:10	--
42	Alexandre Texier	C	78	12	18	30	-5	38	0	2	1	0	109	11.0	15:11	31.6
59	Yegor Chinakhov	R	53	16	13	29	-3	6	1	0	3	0	110	14.6	15:10	7.1
78	Damon Severson	D	67	9	19	28	-10	51	0	0	1	0	88	10.2	21:09	--
11	Adam Fantilli *	C	49	12	15	27	-21	16	1	0	1	0	115	10.4	15:43	43.6
17	Justin Danforth	R	71	10	16	26	-10	26	0	0	1	0	86	11.6	14:16	48.5
44	Erik Gudbranson	D	78	6	20	26	-14	74	0	0	1	0	91	6.6	19:40	--
96	Jack Roslovic +	C	40	6	17	23	-9	14	0	1	2	1	86	7.0	16:33	41.9
7	Sean Kuraly	C	62	9	9	18	-5	40	0	0	0	0	92	9.8	13:44	48.1
91	Kent Johnson	C	42	6	10	16	-2	10	0	0	1	1	62	9.7	13:33	40.0
92	Alex Nylander	L	23	11	4	15	-1	6	2	0	2	0	62	17.7	16:46	37.5
22	Jake Bean	D	72	4	9	13	-10	32	0	0	0	0	76	5.3	16:20	--
24	Mathieu Olivier	R	54	5	7	12	-4	70	0	1	1	0	55	9.1	11:17	25.0
52	Emil Bemstrom +	C	32	5	6	11	-5	10	3	0	0	0	49	10.2	12:55	46.2
27	Adam Boqvist	D	35	1	9	10	-8	0	0	0	0	0	45	2.2	18:17	--
55	David Jiricek *	D	43	1	9	10	-4	22	0	0	1	0	38	2.6	14:36	--
29	Patrik Laine	L	18	6	3	9	-10	6	1	0	0	0	41	14.6	15:13	38.0
2	Andrew Peeke +	D	23	1	7	8	-2	6	0	0	0	0	24	4.2	15:37	--
16	Brendan Gaunce	C	24	2	2	4	-7	6	0	0	0	0	24	8.3	11:45	53.9
67	James Malatesta *	L	11	2	2	4	-1	5	0	0	0	0	12	16.7	10:13	0.0
64	Trey Fix-Wolansky	R	11	2	1	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	17	11.8	10:59	0.0
72	Carson Meyer	R	14	1	1	2	-2	2	0	0	0	0	10	10.0	9:07	--
23	Jake Christiansen	D	12	0	2	2	-5	2	0	0	0	0	7	0.0	13:13	--
82	Mikael Pyyhtia *	L	17	0	2	2	-5	0	0	0	0	0	22	0.0	13:09	25.0
50	Eric Robinson +	L	7	1	0	1	-3	0	0	0	1	0	9	11.1	13:15	--
65	Luca Del Bel Belluz *	C	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	50.0	9:35	40.0
77	Nick Blankenburg	D	12	1	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	10	10.0	16:13	--
19	Liam Foudy +	C	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	7:56	--
39	Tyler Angle *	C	2	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	8:20	33.3
37	Cameron Butler *	R	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0:54	--
45	Gavin Brindley *	C	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	12:20	--

No.	Goaltender	GP	MIN	W	L	OT	SO	SA	SV	SV%	GA	GAA	G	A	PIM
90	Elvis Merzlikins	41	2,258:40	13	17	8	1	1,266	1,136	.897	130	3.45	0	0	4
40	Daniil Tarasov *	24	1,376:28	8	11	3	0	796	723	.908	73	3.18	0	0	0
73	Jet Greaves *	9	515:52	3	6	0	0	327	297	.908	30	3.49	0	0	0
40	Spencer Martin +	13	707:13	3	8	1	0	379	336	.887	43	3.65	0	0	0
32	Malcolm Subban	1	60:00	0	1	0	0	35	32	.914	3	3.00	0	0	0

+ Traded or Claimed Player * Rookie

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No.	Player	Team	Pos	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM	PP	SH	GW	OT	S	S%
64	Trey Fix-Wolansky	CLE	RW	58	26	34	60	17	48	4	0	6	4	180	14.4
23	Jake Christiansen	CLE	D	62	13	33	46	8	34	4	0	0	0	183	7.1
12	Owen Sillinger +	CLE	LW	69	11	29	40	0	66	2	0	3	1	123	8.9
10	Brendan Gaunce +	CLE	C	46	19	20	39	7	37	5	0	2	1	125	15.2
72	Carson Meyer +	CLE	RW	55	22	15	37	-1	65	6	0	3	0	158	13.9
65	Luca Del Bel Belluz*+	CLE	C	58	9	22	31	-2	12	3	0	2	1	88	10.2
82	Mikael Pyyhtia	CLE	LW	60	7	21	28	-1	6	1	0	1	0	92	7.6
47	Marcus Bjork	CLE	D	51	6	19	25	4	26	1	0	2	0	80	7.5
41	Hunter McKeown*	CLE	C	53	9	15	24	3	26	4	0	1	1	88	10.2
5	Stanislav Svozil*+	CLE	D	57	5	18	23	1	24	2	0	3	2	64	7.8
11	James Malatesta*	CLE	LW	56	12	10	22	-4	79	1	0	3	0	132	9.1
24	Justin Pearson*+	CLE	LW	66	10	12	22	-11	28	0	0	1	0	77	13.0
34	Cole Clayton+	CLE	D	59	5	15	20	4	31	0	1	0	0	60	8.3
37	Roman Ahcan+	CLE	LW	52	9	10	19	-1	46	0	2	0	0	69	13.0
55	David Jiricek	CLE	D	29	7	12	19	-16	21	2	0	0	0	59	11.9
77	Tyler Angle+	CLE	C	40	8	8	16	-11	22	0	0	1	0	40	20.0
91	Kent Johnson	CLE	C	10	5	10	15	5	0	3	0	0	0	29	17.2
52	Emil Bemstrom+	CLE	RW	8	10	4	14	9	6	2	0	3	1	34	29.4
8	Alex Whelan	CLE	RW	36	7	7	14	2	8	0	0	0	0	88	8.0
7	Nick Blankenburg	CLE	D	24	3	10	13	7	22	2	0	0	0	42	7.1
67	Jakub Zboril+	PRO	D	31	0	9	9	-5	29	0	0	0	0	39	0.0
		CLE		15	0	4	4	-2	19	0	0	1	0	65	10.8
18	Jake Gaudet+	CLE	C	49	7	5	12	-11	10	0	0	0	0	39	7.7
4	Corson Ceulemans*+	CLE	D	47	3	9	12	-11	54	2	0	0	0	36	5.6
20	Samuel Knazko+	CLE	D	44	2	10	12	-6	12	0	0	0	0	43	4.7
42	Cameron Butler*+	CLE	RW	51	2	6	8	-10	71	0	0	1	0	49	4.1
21	Josh Dunne+	CLE	C	25	2	5	7	5	24	0	0	2	0	17	11.8
25	Stefan Matteau+	CLE	LW	15	2	4	6	-3	29	1	0	0	0	10	30.0
59	Yegor Chinakhov+	CLE	RW	3	3	1	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	13	7.7
50	Eric Robinson+	CLE	LW	9	1	3	4	3	0	3	0	0	0	35	2.9
6	Billy Sweezey+	CLE	D	57	1	3	4	4	73	0	0	1	0	16	12.5
14	Zachary Okabe*	CLE	RW	9	2	1	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	33.3
91	Mitchell Lewandowski*+	CLE	LW	6	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0
71	Dmitri Voronkov+	CLE	LW	4	0	3	3	-1	2	0	0	0	0	4	0.0
88	Ole Julian Bjorgvik-Holm+	CLE	D	2	0	1	1	-3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0
36	Matthew Wedman	CLE	LW	2	0	0	0	-3	2	0	0	0	0	1	0.0
		HEN		4	1	1	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	4	25.0
		CGY		19	1	0	1	-5	34	0	0	0	0	26	3.8
52	Brendan Harris*+	CLE	C	3	0	0	0	-4	4	0	0	0	0	3	0.0
13	Nolan Walker*+	CLE	C	4	0	0	0	-3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0

No.	Goaltender	Team	GP	MIN	W	L	OT	SO	SA	SV	SV%	GA	GAA
40	Daniil Tarasov	CLE	4	210:20	2	1	0	0	106	97	.915	9	2.57
73	Jet Greaves+	CLE	46	2684:15	30	12	4	1	1,449	1,318	.910	131	2.93
32	Malcolm Subban+	SPR	31	1755:35	11	14	3	0	834	920	.907	86	2.94
		CLE	4	223:37	0	3	0	0	116	99	.853	17	4.56
30	Paval Cajan	CLE	22	1248:36	8	8	4	2	688	618	.898	70	3.36

+ Inactive * Rookie