



VS



COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS GAME DAY PREVIEW

Columbus Blue Jackets vs. New York Islanders || Feb. 28, 2026 || Nationwide Arena || 6:00pm ET || Game 58 (Home 28)

GAME DAY SCHEDULE

9:30am ET: Morning Skate followed by Media with Players and Head Coach Rick Bowness
6:00pm ET: Game vs. NY Islanders
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
Steve Mears (play-by-play)
Jody Shelley (analyst)
Dave Maetzold (reporter)
Brian Giesenschlag (host)
Jean-Luc Grand-Pierre (analyst)

RADIO: 97.1 THE FAN

Bob McElligott (play-by-play)
Dylan Tyrer (host)

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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 3:30pm)

OhioHEALTH INJURY REPORT
Brendan Smith (Lower Body) 19

TOTAL MAN GAMES LOST: 156

COLUMBUS

29-21-7 (65 pts.)
15-8-4 (34 pts.)
14-13-3 (31 pts.)
5th, Metropolitan
10th, Eastern
3.09 (17th) / 3.16 (20th-T)
19.6 (18th-T) / 77.2 (24th-T)
30.0 (5th) / 30.1 (27th)
Feb. 26 at BOS 4, CBJ 2
Mar. 2 at NY Rangers

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

NEW YORK

33-21-5 (71 pts.)
16-10-2 (34 pts.)
17-11-3 (37 pts.)
3rd, Metropolitan
8th, Eastern
2.86 (22nd-T) / 2.71 (3rd)
16.1 (28th-T) / 81.5 (9th)
27.4 (20th) / 27.9 (16th-T)
Feb. 26 at MTL 3, NYI 4 (OT)
Mar. 1 vs. Florida

ALL-TIME SERIES CBJ RECORD

28-23-1-7 (19-7-1-4 at Home)

THIS SEASON (CBJ, 1-1-0)

Nov. 2, 2025 - at NYI 3, CBJ 2
Dec. 28, 2025 - at CBJ 4, NYI 2
Feb. 28, 2026 - at Columbus (6 pm ET)
Mar. 22, 2026 - at NY Islanders (7 pm ET)

2024-25 RECORD (CBJ, 3-1-0)

Oct. 30, 2024 - at CBJ 2, NYI 0
Jan. 20, 2025 - at NYI 3, CBJ 1
Mar. 24, 2025 - CBJ 4, at NYI 3 (SO)
Apr. 17, 2025 - at CBJ 6, at NYI 1

MATCHUP NOTES

- ★ Columbus has won four of the last six meetings in the series overall, including three-straight at Nationwide Arena over that stretch.
- ★ The home team has earned points in six consecutive games in the series (5-0-1) and in 12 of the past 15 (11-3-1).
- ★ The winning team has won by a multiple goals in seven of the last nine meetings overall, including five-straight at Nationwide Arena.
- ★ Each team has recorded a 2-0 shutout victory over the past five contests played at Nationwide Arena.
- ★ The Jackets have killed off 9-of-10 Islanders power play attempts over the last five contests played in Ohio (90 pct.).
- ★ CBJ have recorded five shutouts in the all-time series (MR: Merzlikins, 26 saves in 2-0 W at CBJ on Oct. 30, 2024).
- ★ The teams have averaged a combined 58.5 shots on goal in the past six meetings of the series.



JACKET TO WATCH - RW Kirill Marchenko

Has 4-4-8 in 10 career GP vs. the Islanders. Has posted points in five-straight meetings against the club (3-3-6) and three of last four at NWA (3-2-5) after posting two goals on Dec. 28.



ISLANDER TO WATCH - C Bo Horvat

Has tallied 13-11-24 with 6 multi-point efforts in 25 career GP vs. Columbus. Has recorded points in six of the last eight games vs. the Blue Jackets (6-3-9).



TEAM NOTES

- ★ Columbus had its season-high seven-game win streak snapped in the first game following the Olympic Break with a 4-2 loss at Boston on Thursday.
- ★ The Blue Jackets, who open a stretch of five-of-six games played at home on Saturday, have won four consecutive home games since Jan. 22 and earned points in eight-of-nine contests at Nationwide Arena in 2026 (7-1-1).
- ★ Since Dec. 22, the Blue Jackets have gone 15-6-1 (31 pts., .705 points pct.) and are among NHL leaders in team save percentage (.910/3rd-T), points (5th-T), goals-against per game (2.59, 5th), penalty kill pct. (83.3 pct./5th-T), points pct. (6th-T) and goals-for per game (3.41/12th).
- ★ The club has scored the opening goal in 11 of the past 13 games and has scored the first goal in 35 contests (24-7-4), tied for third-most in the NHL in 2025-26.

PLAYER NOTES

- ★ **C Charlie Coyle** ranks sixth-T in the NHL in scoring since Jan. 24 with 5-7-12 and four multi-point efforts in seven games.
- ★ **C Adam Fantilli** posted his eighth multi-point effort of the season with 1-1-2 on Thursday and has totaled 2-6-8 in the past seven contests. He has set a single-season career high in assists with 14-24-38 in 57 games in 2025-26.
- ★ **F Boone Jenner** (207-203-410, 784 GP), who is the club's all-time leader in games played and ranks third in goals and points, is one assist from tying David Vyborny (204) for third-most in CBJ history.
- ★ **LW Mason Marchment** collected his third multi-point outing as a Blue Jacket with two assists on Thursday. He has totaled 9-6-15 in 15 games since making his debut with the club on Dec. 20.
- ★ **D Zach Werenski** helped Team USA capture a Gold Medal at the 2026 Winter Olympics (1-5-6, 6 GP). He collected an assist on Thursday to tie his career-high points streak at eight games (2-9-11) originally set from Nov. 15-Dec. 1, 2024 (5-11-16). He also has points in 21 of his past 23 games played since Dec. 11 (11-22-33, 10 multi-point efforts).



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IN-GAME INFORMATION & ACTIVATIONS

PUCK DROP: 6:08 p.m.

ANTHEM: Leo Welsh

CANNONEER: Drew Sample, Cincinnati Bengals

KID STARTER: Issac Hannahs, Age 12, EYHA Mavericks

MILITARY HONOREE, presented by Elk + Elk: Cohen Fetters, Corporal, U.S. Marine Corps

1ST INTERMISSION: OhioHealth Future Jackets, Dayton Stealth 8U (Scrimmage)

2ND INTERMISSION: Fanatics On-Ice Shot

50/50 BENEFICIARY, presented by Kemba Financial Credit Union: I Know I Can

SPOTLIGHTS: 2026 Winter Olympics - Welcome Back

THEME NIGHT ACTIVATIONS: N/A

BLUE LINE ITEM OF THE GAME: 25th Anniversary Capsule #5 - Celebrating the largest win in CBJ History featuring a puck and poster available online and in the main team store, while supplies last.

