



VS



COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS GAME DAY PREVIEW

Columbus Blue Jackets vs. Pittsburgh Penguins || Jan. 4, 2026 || Nationwide Arena || 3 pm ET || Game 41 (Home 20)

GAME DAY SCHEDULE

No Morning Skate
12:30pm ET: Media Availability
3:00pm ET: Game vs. 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

Steve Mears (play-by-play)
 Jody Shelley (analyst)
 Dave Maetzold (reporter)
 Brian Giesenschlag (host)
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RADIO: 97.1 THE FAN

Bob McElligott (play-by-play)
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 Website: BlueJackets.com/PressBox
 Game Notes: Game Notes available at Media.NHL.com

MEDIA ENTRANCES

Morning Skate: Nationwide Arena Security Entrance
Game Day: Nationwide Arena Box Office (Opens at 12:00pm)

OhioHEALTH INJURY REPORT

Erik Gudbranson (Upper Body)	32
Isac Lundstrom (Lower Body)	4
Sean Monahan (Maintenance)	3
Brendan Smith (Lower Body)	2
Miles Wood (Lower Body)	1
TOTAL MAN GAMES LOST:	90

COLUMBUS

18-16-6 (42 pts.)
 9-7-3 (21 pts.)
 9-9-3 (21 pts.)
 8th, Metropolitan
 16th, Eastern
 2.98 (20th-T) / 3.28 (25th)
 18.4 (21st) / 76.1 (28th)
 30.3 (4th) / 30.7 (30th)
 Jan. 3 at CBJ 5, BUF 1
 Jan. 6 at San Jose

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

19-12-9 (47 pts.)
 9-6-5 (23 pts.)
 10-6-4 (24 pts.)
 5th, Metropolitan
 8th, Eastern
 3.23 (10th) / 3.05 (15th-T)
 29.6 (3rd) / 81.5 (10th)
 28.6 (12th) / 27.8 (13th-T)
 Jan. 3 at DET 1, PIT 4
 Jan. 8 vs. New Jersey

ALL-TIME SERIES CBJ RECORD

19-30-10 (13-11-5 at Home)

THIS SEASON (CBJ, 1-0-1)

Oct. 25, 2025 - CBJ 5, at PIT 4 (SO)
 Nov. 28, 2025 - PIT 4, at CBJ 3 (OT)
 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 has earned points in five of the last six contests in the series overall (4-1-1) and has points in seven of the last 11 meetings (5-4-2).
- ★ The Blue Jackets have also recorded points in four of the past five played at Nationwide Arena (3-1-1).
- ★ The winning team has recorded four or more goals (including 50 goals) in 13 of the last 15 meetings overall since Mar. 22, 2022 and 10 of the past 13 played at Nationwide Arena dating back to Feb. 18, 2018.
- ★ Four of the last six meetings have been decided after regulation with Columbus winning three via shootout.
- ★ The teams have combined for seven-plus goals (including 50 goals) in six consecutive meetings and 11 of the last 14 of the all-time series.
- ★ Columbus and Pittsburgh have combined for 70-plus shots in five of the past seven meetings at Nationwide Arena.
- ★ CBJ have scored five shorthanded goals in the past 10 home games of the series.



JACKET TO WATCH - C CHARLIE COYLE

Has posted 7-15-22 with 4 multi-point efforts in 36 career GP against Pittsburgh. Has points both games as a Blue Jacket (1-1-2) and in his last 7-straight outings (3-5-8).



PENGUIN TO WATCH - C SIDNEY CROSBY

Has 23-44-67 with 21 multi-point efforts in 47 GP against the Blue Jackets. Has notched points in 6 of the last 7 games (3-7-10) as well as in 11 of the last 13 games overall (10-14-24).



TEAM NOTES

- ★ Columbus won for the fourth time in the last five games with a 5-1 victory over Buffalo on Saturday afternoon.
- ★ The Blue Jackets conclude their eighth of 15 back-to-back sets of the campaign today vs. Pittsburgh. The club, which has swept two sets, including on Dec. 28-29, is 9-4-2 in back-to-backs (5-1-2 in 1st GP; 4-3-0 in 2nd GP).
- ★ The Jackets have scored the first goal in eight of the last nine contests and 11 of the past 14.
- ★ CBJ have killed off 19-of-20 opponent power play chances over the last six games since Dec. 20 (95.0 pct.).
- ★ Columbus blueliners combined for 1-6-7 in the win over Buffalo and lead the NHL in goals by defensemen and rank fifth in points with 32-71-103 in 40 contests.
- ★ The team heads out on the road for a four-game road trip from Jan. 6-11 following today's game vs. Pittsburgh.

PLAYER NOTES

- ★ G Jet Greaves (11 GP) ranks second in the NHL in SV% (.927) and fourth in GAA (2.16) since Dec. 1 (min. 5 GP).
- ★ C Boone Jenner, who has points in three-straight games (1-2-3) and four of the past five (1-4-5) sits one point (205-196-401, 767 GP) shy of tying Cam Atkinson (402) for the third-most career points in Blue Jackets history.
- ★ LW Mason Marchment had his five-game points streak (4-2-6) snapped on Saturday. It was the longest points streak to begin a Blue Jackets career.
- ★ D Denton Mateychuk collected his second multi-point effort of the campaign on Saturday (1-1-2) and has points in five of the past six games since Dec. 20 (2-5-7, 25:17 TOI).
- ★ D Damon Severson has points in five of the past six contests (1-7-8) and C Cole Sillinger has points in four consecutive (2-3-5), tied for the longest points streak of his career (third time).
- ★ D Zach Werenski leads NHL blueliners in multi-point efforts (15) after collecting two assists on Saturday. He has registered multiple points in each of his past four games played (5-4-9) and five times over his past six contests (5-7-12). He also has points in 17 of his past 20 contests overall (10-21-31).



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IN-GAME INFORMATION & ACTIVATIONS

ANTHEM: Leo Welsh

CANNONEER: TBD

MILITARY HONOREE, presented by Elk + Elk: Scott Sipes

1ST INTERMISSION: OhioHealth Future Jackets, Blue Jackets Hockey League

2ND INTERMISSION: Toyota Bubble Ball

50/50 BENEFICIARY, presented by Kemba Financial Credit Union: Ohio Association of Student Leaders

SPOTLIGHTS: Pregame AAA Blue Jackets - Quebec PeeWee Sendoff

THEME NIGHT ACTIVATIONS: N/A

BLUE LINE ITEM OF THE GAME: Exclusive Beer.
Cannon. Hockey.
T-Shirt

