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COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS GAME DAY PREVIEW

Columbus Blue Jackets vs. Washington Capitals || Oct. 24, 2025 || Nationwide Arena || 7 pm ET || Game 7 (Home 4)

GAME DAY SCHEDULE

10:00am ET: Optional Morning Skate
10:30am ET: Media Availability
7:00pm ET: Game vs. Washington
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 Maetzdold (reporter)
Brian Giesenschlag (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 4:30pm)

OhioHEALTH INJURY REPORT

Erik Gudbranson (Upper Body) 4
Miles Wood (Upper Body) 3

TOTAL MAN GAMES LOST: 7

COLUMBUS

3-3-0 (6 pts)
1-2-0 (2 pts)
2-1-0 (4 pts)
7th
11th-T
3.17 (10th-T) / 2.67 (12th-T)
20.0 (16th-T) / 60.0 (31st)
31.2 (5th) / 32.5 (30th)
Oct. 21 at DAL 1, CBJ 5
Oct. 25 vs. Pittsburgh

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

CAPITALS

5-2-0 (10 pts)
3-2-0 (6 pts)
2-0-0 (4 pts)
3rd-T
4th-T
3.00 (15th-T) / 1.86 (1st-T)
18.2 (21st-T) / 70.6 (25th)
32.0 (4th) / 24.1 (4th)
Oct. 21 at WSH 4, SEA 1
Oct. 25 vs. Ottawa

ALL-TIME SERIES CBJ RECORD

21-26-1-10 (11-12-0-6 at home)

THIS SEASON (CBJ, 0-0-0)

Oct. 24, 2025 - at Columbus (7 pm ET)
Nov. 24, 2025 - at Washington (7 pm ET)
Dec. 7, 2025 - at Washington (7 pm ET)
Apr. 14, 2026 - at Columbus (7 pm ET)

2024-25 RECORD (CBJ 2-1-1)

Nov. 2, 2024 - at WSH 7, CBJ 2
Dec. 12, 2024 - WSH 2, at CBJ 1 OT
Apr. 12, 2025 - at CBJ 7, WSH 0
Apr. 13, 2025 - CBJ 4, at WSH 1

MATCHUP NOTES

- ★ CBJ have collected points in the last three matchups of the series against the Capitals (2-0-1).
- ★ Columbus recorded the largest victory in the all-time series against Washington, 7-0, in the most recent game at Nationwide Arena on Apr. 12, 2025.
- ★ The teams have combined for seven goals or more eight times in the past 13 meetings, including four instances of nine goals or more.
- ★ CBJ have killed off 16-of-18 Washington power play chances in the past 10 contests (88.9 pct.).
- ★ Seven of the past 10 games in the series have been decided by a single goal with four decided in overtime.
- ★ The winning team has scored four-plus goals in 10 of the past 15 dating back to Nov. 12, 2021.



JACKET TO WATCH - LW Kent Johnson

Has posted 1-5-6 with two multi-point efforts in 8 career GP against the Capitals. Has notched points in each of the last three meetings against the club (1-3-4).



CAPITAL TO WATCH - LW ALEX OVECHKIN

NHL's all-time goal leader is 2 shy from 900. Has 27-16-43 with 13 multi-point efforts in 50 career GP against the Blue Jackets, including goals in his last four contests (4-3-7).



TEAM NOTES

- ★ Columbus has won two-straight games, earning a 3-2 victory over Tampa Bay on Oct. 18 and 5-1 win at Dallas on Tuesday.
- ★ CBJ finished a perfect 2-for-2 on the power play and penalty kill against Dallas. It marked the seventh time in club history - and second on the road - that the team was 100 pct. on both special teams in a game with multiple attempts.
- ★ The club plays two back-to-back sets over the next six days. CBJ kick off their first of 15 back-to-backs on Friday against Washington before traveling to Pittsburgh on Saturday then visits Buffalo on Oct. 28 and hosts Toronto on Oct. 29.
- ★ CBJ have scored first in four of the past five contests. The club scored the first goal 43 times in 2024-25 (10th-T in NHL).
- ★ Friday's game against Washington closes out a stretch of six-straight against 2025 Stanley Cup Playoffs teams (3-2-0).

PLAYER NOTES

- ★ Goaltenders **Jet Greaves** (1-2-0, 2.04 GAA, .928 SV%) and **Elvis Merzlikins** (2-1-0, 2.69 GAA, .927 SV%) have combined to stop 179-of-193 shots faced in the first six games (.927 SV%). They are one of two goaltending tandems in which each netminder has a .920 SV% or better (min. 2 GP; Washington).
- ★ LW **Zach Aston-Reese** (48-51-99, 395 GP) sits one point shy of 100 for his NHL career and C **Charlie Coyle** (189-299-488, 956 GP) is one assist from 300.
- ★ C **Adam Fantilli** notched his second consecutive multi-point game on the road with 1-1-2 on Tuesday at Dallas. He notched his 45th career goal and passed Nikolay Zherdev (44) for fourth-most by a CBJ skater before age 22.
- ★ C **Boone Jenner** collected his 82th career multi-point game with 1-1-2 on Tuesday and passed Cam Atkinson for second-most in franchise history (Rick Nash, 137).
- ★ RW **Kirill Marchenko** has recorded points in five-straight games (5-2-7) after being held off the scoresheet in the season opener on Oct. 9. He ranks eighth-T in the NHL in goals in 2025-26.
- ★ LW **Dmitri Voronkov** posted a power play goal on Tuesday and has tallied points in five of the club's six games this season (3-3-6).