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# COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS

# POST-GAME NOTES

JANUARY 3, 2026 || VS. BUFFALO SABRES || NATIONWIDE ARENA (18,809)

	RECORD	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	SO	FINAL
	<b>Overall:</b> 18-16-6 (42 pts.) <b>Home:</b> 9-7-3 (21 pts.)	3	1	1	-	-	5
	<b>Overall:</b> 21-15-4 (46 pts.) <b>Away:</b> 9-10-2 (20 pts.)	1	0	0	-	-	1

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## GAME AT A GLANCE

### THREE STARS

1<sup>st</sup> – J. Greaves, CBJ (32-of-33 saves); 2<sup>nd</sup> – D. Mateychuk, CBJ (1-1-2); 3<sup>rd</sup> – B. Gaunce, CBJ (1-0-1, GWG)

### GOAL SCORERS

**Columbus:** D. Mateychuk (8), SHG – B. Gaunce (2), D. Voronkov (14), M. Olivier (4), EN – C. Sillinger (5)

**Buffalo:** J. Doan (12)

### GOALTENDERS

**Columbus:** J. Greaves (32-of-33 saves in 60:00, W)

**Buffalo:** U. Luukkonen (30-of-34 saves in 58:34, L)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

**Columbus PP:** 0-for-1, 2 shots

**Buffalo PP:** 0-for-5, 4 shots

## POST-GAME AUDIO INTERVIEWS

### COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS

[HC Dean Evason](#) | [F Brendan Gaunce](#) | [G Jet Greaves](#) | [D Zach Werenski](#)

### BUFFALO SABRES

[HC Lindy Ruff](#) | [D Rasmus Dahlin](#) | [G Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen](#) | [F Josh Norris](#)

## TEAM NOTES

- ★ Columbus has won four of its last five games and five of the past eight since Dec. 16 with today's victory.
- ★ The Blue Jackets have won the first two games against Buffalo in 2025-26 (4-3 OTW at BUF on Oct. 28) and have already won the season series for the second-straight campaign (2-1-0 in 2024-25). The Jackets will look to complete the season sweep on Apr. 9 at Buffalo.
- ★ The Jackets snapped a franchise-high (tied) 10-game win streak for the Sabres. It's the third time in CBJ franchise history the club has ended an opponent's double-digit win streak according to NHL Stats (Dec. 31, 2016 vs. Minnesota, 12-game streak; Feb. 25, 2024 vs. NY Rangers, 10-game streak).
- ★ The club has scored four goals or more in three of its past four contests. The five goals by Columbus this afternoon, including three in the opening period, snapped a Buffalo streak of six games where the team allowed two tallies or fewer.
- ★ CBJ scored the first goal of the game for the 23<sup>rd</sup> time this season (14-5-4). It also marked the fifth-straight game as well as for the 13<sup>th</sup> time at Nationwide Arena (8-4-1).
- ★ The Jackets denied the Sabres on all five power play attempts and have allowed one power play goal over the past six contests since Dec. 20 (19-of-20; 95.0 pct.).
- ★ Columbus skated in front of its fifth and largest sold-out crowd of the season today and is 3-1-1 when playing in a sold-out Nationwide Arena this season.

## PLAYER NOTES

- ★ **LW Zach Aston-Reese** (0-4-4, 32 GP) collected an assist in his 100<sup>th</sup> game as a Blue Jacket (6-15-21, 100 GP).
- ★ **C Brendan Gaunce** (2-3-5, 16 GP) scored his second shorthanded goal of the season and of his career today unassisted. He notched his first career shorthanded goal on Nov. 28 vs. Pittsburgh.
- ★ **G Jet Greaves** (12-10-5) recorded his fourth win in his last five games for the Blue Jackets today and has turned aside 136-of-144 shots on goal (.944 SV% and 1.40 GAA) since Dec. 22. He remained unbeaten in his career against Buffalo with a 3-0-0 record alongside a .946 save percentage and 2.00 GAA (106-of-112 saves).
- ★ **RW Danton Heinen** (1-1-2, 14 GP) made his Blue Jackets debut today, finishing with 8:51 time on ice with a +1 plus/minus rating.
- ★ **LW Boone Jenner** (6-12-18, 26 GP) collected an assist and has points in three-straight games (1-2-3) and in four of his past five overall (1-3-4). His assist moves him within one of tying Cam Atkinson (402) for the third-most points in franchise history as well as four helpers from 200 for his career (205-196-401, 767 GP). Jenner's assist gives him 7-8-15 in 26 career matchups against Buffalo, including points in eight of last 10 contests overall (4-7-11) and 4-3-7 in 13 career games at Nationwide Arena with points in four of his last five home contests (2-3-5).
- ★ **D Denton Mateychuk** (8-11-19, 39 GP) opened the scoring for the Jackets and assisted on the final goal for his second multi-point performance of the season. He has totaled 2-5-7 with points in five of the last six games.
- ★ **RW Mathieu Olivier** (4-6-10, 27 GP) scored his first goal since an 2-1-3 outing on Nov. 13 vs. Edmonton.
- ★ **D Ivan Provorov** (5-10-15, 40 GP) tallied an assist today to improve his career mark against Buffalo to 6-15-21 in 33 career games, including 1-6-7 in his last eight games overall with assists in six of his past nine home games (0-6-6).
- ★ **C Cole Sillinger** (5-15-20, 39 GP) notched the empty net goal and has tied his career high with points in four-straight games (2-3-5) for the third time in his career and for the first time since Mar. 28-Apr. 4 2024 (2-3-5).
- ★ **D Damon Severson** (3-14-17, 40 GP) posted his third multi-point effort in the past six games and this season, and second multi-assist effort of the campaign with two assists today and has picked up 1-7-8 in five of his last six outings.
- ★ **LW Dmitri Voronkov** (14-12-26, 40 GP) scored his team-leading (tied) 14<sup>th</sup> goal of the season to give the Jackets a 3-1 lead in the first period. It was his first since Dec. 20 at Anaheim.
- ★ **D Zach Werenski** (14-27-41, 36 GP) tallied a multi-point performance (0-2-2) for his fourth-straight game played and in his first game back from injury (missed four games since Dec. 20). He has 5-7-12 and five multi-point efforts while recording points in each of his last six games played. He now sits one assist shy of 300 for his career with 127-299-426 in 603 career games played. Werenski improved to 2-17-19 in 21 career games against the Sabres. He has 1-3-4 during 2025-26 and points in his last four (1-5-6) as well as 2-11-13 in eight of his last 10 games and 1-6-7 in his last six at Nationwide Arena (1-8-9 in 11 GP in career).

## UPCOMING WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, Jan. 4	3:00pm ET vs. Pittsburgh (FanDuel Sports Network / 97.1 The Fan)
Monday, Jan. 5	No practice
Tuesday, Jan. 6	10:00pm ET at San Jose (FanDuel Sports Network / 97.1 The Fan)
Wednesday, Jan. 7	No practice
Thursday, Jan. 8	10:00pm ET at Vegas (FanDuel Sports Network / 93.3 The Bus)