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# COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS GAME DAY PREVIEW

Columbus Blue Jackets at Montreal Canadiens || Mar. 26, 2026 || Bell Centre || 7:00 pm ET || Game 72 (Road 37)

## GAME DAY SCHEDULE

**11:30am ET:** Morning Skate followed by Media Availability with Players and Head Coach Rick Bowness at Bell Centre

**7:00pm ET:** Game at Montreal

**Post-Game:** Locker room will open approximately five minutes after the game's conclusion. Head Coach Rick Bowness will be available immediately after player availability.

## BROADCAST INFO

### TV: FANDUEL SPORTS NETWORK\*

Steve Mears (play-by-play)  
Jody Shelley (analyst)  
Dave Maetzold (reporter)  
Jean-Luc Grand-Pierre (analyst)

\* Simulcasted on CW Columbus, WUAB in Cleveland, WXIX in Cincinnati, WZCD in Dayton, WQCW in Charleston/Huntington, WV, WKYT in Lexington, KY and WAVE in Louisville, KY

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**Game Notes:** Game Notes available at Media.NHL.com

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

**Mar. 27:** 12:00pm ET Practice (NWA)

**Mar. 28:** 5:00pm ET vs. San Jose

**Mar. 29:** 5:00pm ET vs. Boston

## OhioHEALTH INJURY REPORT

Brendan Smith (Lower Body) 33

**TOTAL MAN GAMES LOST:** 179

## COLUMBUS

38-22-11 (87 pts.)  
20-8-7 (47 pts.)  
18-14-4 (40 pts.)  
2nd, Metropolitan  
5th, Eastern  
3.17 (13th) / 3.04 (14th-T)  
20.1 (17th) / 77.9 (22nd-T)  
29.8 (5th) / 29.1 (21st)  
Mar. 22 at PHI 2, CBJ 3  
Mar. 26 vs. 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

## MONTREAL

39-21-10 (88 pts.)  
23-13-2 (44 pts.)  
18-8-8 (44 pts.)  
3rd, Atlantic  
4th, Eastern  
3.53 (3rd) / 3.21 (25th)  
25.0 (3rd-T) / 76.3 (27th)  
26.6 (23rd) / 27.7 (14th-T)  
Mar. 24 at MTL 5, CAR 2  
Mar. 28 at Nashville

## ALL-TIME SERIES CBJ RECORD

22-17-1-5 (10-10-1-3 Road)

## THIS SEASON (CBJ, 1-0-0)

Nov. 17, 2025 - at CBJ 4, MTL 3 (SO)  
Mar. 26, 2026 - at Montreal (7 pm ET)  
Apr. 11, 2026 - at Montreal (7 pm ET)

## 2024-25 RECORD (CBJ, 1-1-1)

Nov. 16, 2024 - at MTL 5, CBJ 1  
Nov. 27, 2024 - MTL 4, at CBJ 3 (OT)  
Dec. 23, 2024 - at CBJ 5, MTL 4

## MATCHUP NOTES

- ★ Columbus has recorded points in three-straight meetings overall (2-0-1) and 12 of the last 17 dating back to Mar. 28, 2019 (9-5-3).
- ★ The club has collected points in five of last eight games at Montreal (3-3-2) but the Canadiens have won the last four home games in the series (CBJ; 0-3-1).
- ★ Each of the last three games have been decided by a single goal. Prior to that, 7-of-8 were decided by multiple goals.
- ★ The winning team has scored four-plus goals in 11 of the past 15 games since Nov. 19, 2019 (including 50 goals).
- ★ The teams have combined for six or more goals in four-straight meetings and nine of the past 11.
- ★ CBJ have scored a power play goal in two-straight games of the series (2-of-5; 40.0 pct.).
- ★ The teams have combined for 60 shots or less in six of the past nine meetings (58.2 avg.).



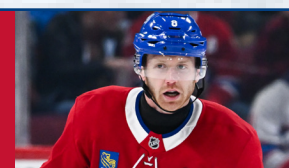
### JACKET TO WATCH D Zach Werenski

Has posted 4-14-18 with five multi-point efforts in 22 career GP vs. the Canadiens. Has multiple points in three-straight (2-5-7) and points in 10 of past 13 vs. club (3-12-15).



### CANADIEN TO WATCH - D Mike Matheson

Has tallied 3-13-16 with six multi-point games in 23 career GP vs. Columbus. Registered points in six of last seven games (2-9-11). Has assists in last four played at Bell Centre (2-6-8).



## TEAM NOTES

- ★ The Blue Jackets won for the fifth time in the last six games with a 3-2 victory at Philadelphia on Tuesday.
- ★ The club has earned points in 24 of its last 27 contests (20-3-4, 44 pts) to lead the league in wins (tied), points, points pct. (.815) and goals-against per game (2.44) as well as posting the fewest regulation losses since Jan. 11. They also rank seventh-T in penalty kill pct. (81.4) and eighth in goals-for per game (3.59).
- ★ CBJ are also 9-2-1 in 12 road contests since Jan. 11, ranking second in the league in points pct. (.792) and third in goals-against per game (2.17) and penalty kill pct. (87.1) as well as fifth in power play pct. (30.4).
- ★ Columbus has allowed two goals or less in seven of the last eight games since Mar. 10 (1.75 GA/GP, 2nd).
- ★ The Blue Jackets have 11 games remaining in the regular season with seven against teams currently holding a playoff spot, and all 11 contests against teams within seven points of a playoff spot.

## PLAYER NOTES

- ★ C Adam Fantilli has registered points in seven out of the last eight games (3-6-9) and 13 of the last 16 contests (8-10-18). He sits two points (21-32-53, 71 GP) from setting a single-season career high.
- ★ G Jet Greaves has earned points in 14 of his last 15 starts since Jan. 11 (12-1-2, 2.24 GAA, .915 SV% in 16 GP), while G Elvis Merzlikins has recorded points in 10 of his past 12 starts over that span (8-2-2, 2.50 GAA in 13 GP).
- ★ LW Mason Marchment notched 1-1-2, including the third period game winner on Tuesday and has totaled 13-10-23 in 29 contests with the Blue Jackets.
- ★ RW Mathieu Olivier has posted 3-1-4 in the past five games and ranks seventh in the NHL in goals since Jan. 28 (11 in 20 GP).
- ★ D Damon Severson collected two assists at Philadelphia and has registered 3-7-10 in 13 games in March.
- ★ D Zach Werenski has recorded multiple points in three of the last four games (1-7-8) and tied Artemi Panarin's single-season club record with his 25th multi-point effort on Tuesday (1-1-2). He has notched 21-56-77 in 64 games in 2025-26 to lead NHL blueliners in points-per-game (1.20), multi-point efforts and shots on goal (225) and sit second in points and third in goals.