



COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS

# WEEKLY REPORT

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## MARCH 11-18, 2024

### MONDAY / MARCH 11

11 am ET - Practice, OhioHealth Ice Haus

### TUESDAY / MARCH 12 [Bally Sports, Bally Sports + / 97.1 The Fan]

TBD - Morning Skate & Media Availability

7 pm ET - at MONTREAL CANADIENS, Bell Centre

### WEDNESDAY / MARCH 13

12 pm ET - Practice, Nationwide Arena

### THURSDAY / MARCH 14 [Bally Sports, Bally Sports + / 105.7 FM]

10:30 am ET - Morning Skate & Media Availability

7 pm ET - vs. OTTAWA SENATORS, Nationwide Arena

### FRIDAY / MARCH 15

12 pm ET - Practice, OhioHealth Ice Haus

### SATURDAY / MARCH 16 [Bally Sports, Bally Sports + / 97.1 The Fan]

10:30 am ET - Morning Skate & Media Availability

7 pm ET - vs. SAN JOSE SHARKS, Nationwide Arena

### SUNDAY / MARCH 17 [Bally Sports, Bally Sports + / 97.1 The Fan]

TBD - Media Availability

6 pm ET - vs. WINNIPEG JETS, Nationwide Arena

### MONDAY / MARCH 18

12 pm ET - Practice, Nationwide Arena

## THIS WEEK'S OPPONENTS



### Montreal CANADIENS

24-30-10, 58 pts. || Atlantic, 7th

2023-24: Third of three meetings (0-1-1)

All-Time: CBJ are 20-15-5 (10-8-4, A)

Of Note: CBJ, 0-3-1 in past 4 after 7-0-1 run.

One to Watch: **Nick Suzuki, C**



### Ottawa SENATORS

25-33-4, 54 pts. || Atlantic, 8th

2023-24: Third of three meetings (1-1-0)

All-Time: CBJ are 18-18-4 (11-7-2, H)

Of Note: CBJ, 8-2-1 last 11 games at NWA

One to Watch: **Brady Tkachuk, LW**



### San Jose SHARKS

16-40-7, 39 pts. || Pacific, 8th

2023-24: Second of two meetings (1-0-0)

All-Time: CBJ are 27-34-5 (17-13-3, H)

Of Note: CBJ, 7-3-0 with 3-straight wins

One to Watch: **Mikael Granlund, C**



### Winnipeg JETS

40-18-5, 85 pts. || Central, 2nd

2023-24: Second of two meetings (0-1-0)

All-Time: CBJ are 17-15-1 (9-7-0, H)

Of Note: CBJ, 4-1-1 in past 6 meetings

One to Watch: **Connor Hellebuyck, G**

## CBJ AT A GLANCE



### Columbus BLUE JACKETS

22-32-10, 54 pts. || Metropolitan, 8th

Leader, Points: Johnny Gaudreau (45)

Leader, Goals: Boone Jenner (19)

Goalie: Elvis Merzlikins (12-13-7, 3.21, .904)

## CBJ NEWS & NOTES

**TEAM NOTES:** The Blue Jackets went 2-2-0 in four games last week, including wins over two of the top three teams in the Pacific Division; Vegas (6-3) on Mar. 4 and Edmonton (4-2) on Mar. 7...The club is 6-6-0 in its past 12 outings dating back to Feb. 17... CBJ play six of their next nine games away from Nationwide Arena, including a five-game road trip beginning Mar. 19 at Detroit... Columbus goaltenders have combined to stop 292-of-315 shots faced (.927 SV%) over the past nine games... CBJ rank sixth-T in the NHL in goals-per-game during the month of March, averaging 3.80 goals over the past five contests.



**TARRY IN NET:** G **Daniil Tarasov** stopped 47-of-49 shots faced in a 2-1 loss to Nashville on Mar. 9, tying his single-game career high for saves in the process (47-of-50 on Nov. 20, 2022 vs. Florida). He has turned aside 203-of-217 shots faced (.935 SV%), while allowing three goals or less in each of his last six starts to rank fourth in the NHL in save percentage and 10th in goals-against average (2.42) since Feb. 21 (min. 5 GP).



**TEX(AS) SCORE'EM:** F **Alexandre Texier** scored the Blue Jackets' lone goal vs. Nashville on Mar. 9 to stretch his points streak to a career-high five consecutive games (2-4-6). He has 10-14-24 in 60 games and has set single-season career highs in assists, points and games played. The 24-year-old also sits one goal shy of tying his career high set in 2021-22.

**PLAYER NOTES:** LW **Alexander Nylander** has recorded 5-2-7 in his last six games, including his first career - and the franchise's 50th - hat trick with 3-0-3 vs. Vegas on Mar. 4. He became the

second player (Antoine Vermette) to record five goals in his first seven games with the club with a goal vs. Edmonton on Mar 7... Defensemen **Ivan Provorov** (70-175-245, 596 GP) and **Damon Severson** (64-218-282, 696 GP) are four games shy of 600 and 700 career games played in their careers, respectively... C **Cole Sillinger** has posted points in five of the last seven games (3-2-5) and is one assist (14 in 59 GP) from tying his career high (15 in 79 GP) set in 2021-22.

## OHIOHEALTH INJURY REPORT

RW **Patrik Laine** (clavicle fracture; NHL Player Assistance Program-Jan. 28)... C **Adam Fantilli** (calf laceration)... F **Kent Johnson** (shoulder)... F **Justin Danforth** (concussion)... **MAN GAMES LOST: 204**