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# COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS GAME DAY PREVIEW

Columbus Blue Jackets at San Jose Sharks || Jan. 6, 2026 || SAP Center at San Jose || 10:00pm ET || Game 42 (Road 22)

## GAME DAY SCHEDULE

**11:00am PT:** Morning Skate

**11:30am PT:** Media Availability

**10:00pm ET:** Game at San Jose

**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/host)

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

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

**Jan. 7:** No Practice Scheduled

**Jan. 8:** 10:00pm ET at Vegas

**Jan. 9:** 12:30pm MT Practice (Denver U)

**Jan. 10:** 4:00pm ET at Colorado

## OhioHEALTH INJURY REPORT

Erik Gudbranson (Upper Body) 33

Isac Lundestrom (Lower Body) 5

Sean Monahan (Maintenance) 4

Brendan Smith (Lower Body) 3

Miles Wood (Lower Body) 2

**TOTAL MAN GAMES LOST:** 95

## COLUMBUS

18-16-7 (43 pts.)

9-7-4 (22 pts.)

9-9-3 (21 pts.)

8th, Metropolitan

16th, Eastern

3.00 (19th-T) / 3.33 (25th-T) GF / GA (NHL rank)

18.4 (20th) / 75.9 (28th) PP / PK (NHL rank)

30.2 (4th) / 31.0 (30th) SF / SA (NHL rank)

Jan. 4 at CBJ 4, PIT 5 (OT)

Jan. 8 at Vegas

## 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

## SAN JOSE

20-18-3 (43 pts.)

11-8-3 (25 pts.)

9-10-0 (18 pts.)

6th, Pacific

9th, Western

3.05 (16th-T) / 3.54 (31st)

18.8 (19th) / 77.1 (25th)

25.0 (31st) / 31.2 (31st)

Jan. 3 at SJS 3, TBL 7

Jan. 7 at Los Angeles

## ALL-TIME SERIES CBJ RECORD

29-34-0-6 (10-21-0-3 on Road)

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

Jan. 6, 2026 - at San Jose (10pm ET)

Mar. 28, 2026 - at Columbus (5pm ET)

## 2024-25 RECORD (CBJ 1-0-1)

Nov. 5, 2024 - at SJS 2, CBJ 1 (OT)

Jan. 16, 2025 - at CBJ 4, SJS 1

## MATCHUP NOTES

- ★ Columbus has earned points in six-straight meetings (5-0-1) and 10 of the last 13 since Mar. 4, 2018 (9-3-1).
- ★ CBJ have collected points in three consecutive games at San Jose (2-0-1) and seven of the past 10 at SAP Center dating back to Oct. 23, 2014 (6-3-1).
- ★ Four of the past seven matchups overall have been decided by a single goal, while each of the last four games at San Jose have been decided by a single goal, including two in overtime.
- ★ The winning team has scored four or more goals in five of the last six games of the all-time series.
- ★ CBJ have killed off all 10 Sharks power play chances over the past three contests of the series.
- ★ The Blue Jackets have averaged 38.6 shots on goal in the last five games, recording more than 40 shots in three of the outings.
- ★ The teams have averaged 6.88 goals-per-game over the past eight meetings since Dec. 5, 2021.



## JACKET TO WATCH - C BOONE JENNER

Has posted 10-5-15 with 2 multi-point efforts in 18 career GP vs. San Jose. Has tallied goals in each of his past 4 contests against the club (5-1-6), including his last 2 at the Sharks (3-0-3).



## SHARK TO WATCH - C MACKLIN CELEBRINI

Has 0-1-1 in 2 career GP vs. Columbus. 2024 1st Overall Pick has points in 10-straight contests (7-13-20) and ranks 2nd-T in the NHL in assists and 3rd in points with 22-41-63 in 41 GP in 2025-26.



## TEAM NOTES

- ★ Columbus has earned points in five of the last six games (4-1-1), outscoring their opponents 22-13 since Dec. 22.
- ★ CBJ rank in the top-10 in the NHL in several categories since Dec. 22: goals-against/game (2nd-T; 2.17), penalty kill pct. (3rd; 90.0), points percentage (7th-T; .750), goals-for/game (8th; 3.67) and shots/game (9th-T; 30.3).
- ★ The Jackets have scored the first goal in eight of the last 10 contests and 11 of the past 15.
- ★ CBJ lead the NHL in penalty kill pct. since Dec. 16, denying opponents on 25-of-28 chances in the past nine games (89.3).
- ★ Columbus blueliners combined for 2-9-11 in the back-to-back set from Jan. 3-4 and lead the NHL in goals by defensemen and rank second-T in points with 33-74-107 in 41 contests.
- ★ The team opens a four-game road trip at San Jose on Tuesday and also visit Vegas (Jan. 8), Colorado (Jan. 10) and Utah (Jan. 11). The club has two games outside the Eastern Time Zone the rest of 2025-26 following the trip (Jan. 30-31).

## PLAYER NOTES

- ★ G **Jet Greaves** (2.40 GAA in 12 GP) ranks sixth-T in the NHL in SV% (.922) since Dec. 1 (min. 5 GP).
- ★ C **Boone Jenner**, who has points in four-straight games (1-3-4) and five of the past six (1-5-6) is tied with RW Cam Atkinson (402) for the third-most career points in Blue Jackets history (205-197-402, 768 GP).
- ★ RW **Kirill Marchenko** notched his fifth multi-point effort of the campaign on Sunday (1-1-2) and has points in five of the last six outings (5-2-7).
- ★ LW **Mason Marchment** has collected points in six of seven games since joining the Blue Jackets on Dec. 19 (5-2-7).
- ★ D **Denton Mateychuk** collected multiple points in both games of the back-to-back set (1-3-4). He ranks fourth-T among NHL blueliners in assists and points since Dec. 20 with points in six of the past seven games (2-7-9, 25:14 TOI).
- ★ D **Zach Werenski**, who leads league blueliners in multi-point efforts this season (16), has collected multiple points in each of his last five games (6-5-11) and six times over the last seven contests (6-8-14). He also has points in 18 of his past 21 contests overall (11-22-33).