

# COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS POST-GAME NOTES



## DEC. 23, 2024 || NATIONWIDE ARENA || VS. MONTREAL CANADIENS

| BOX SCORE | RECORDS                                         | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>ND</sup> | 3 <sup>RD</sup> | OT | FINAL |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----|-------|
| Columbus  | Overall: 14-15-6, 34 pts (Home: 10-4-3, 23 pts) | 2               | 1               | 2               |    | 5     |
| Montreal  | Overall: 14-17-3, 31 pts (Away: 4-10-1, 9 pts)  | 0               | 3               | 1               |    | 4     |

## **GAME AT A GLANCE**

#### **THREE STARS**

1<sup>st</sup> – K. Marchenko (1-2-3, GWG); 2<sup>nd</sup> – D. Voronkov, CBJ (2-0-2); 3<sup>rd</sup> – S. Monahan, CBJ (0-3-3)

#### **GOAL SCORERS**

**Columbus:** D. Voronkov (9), K. Johnson (10), J. Harris (1), PPG – D. Voronkov (10), K. Marchenko (13) **Montreal:** D. Savard (1), L. Hutson (2), J. Evans (8), J. Armia (6)

#### GOALTENDERS

**Columbus:** J. Greaves (27 saves, W) **Montreal:** S. Montembeault (27 saves, L)

#### **SPECIAL TEAMS**

**Columbus PP:** 1-for-3, 3 shots **Montreal PP:** 0-for-2, 0 shots

## **BLUE JACKETS TEAM NOTES**

- ★ Columbus has recorded points in three-straight games (2-0-1) following tonight's victory over Montreal.
- ★ The Blue Jackets have collected points in nine of their last 10 home contests (6-1-3) as well as 12 of their last 14 games at Nationwide Arena (9-2-3).
- ★ CBJ have scored the first two goals tonight and have now recorded the first goal in 20 (11-5-4) of the 35 games this season.
- ★ The club has recorded 116 goals (not including SO goals) in the first 35 games this season. It's the second-most goals scored through the opening 34 contests of a campaign in franchise history, trailing the 2016-17 season's 121.
- ★ Columbus has scored goals in 72-of-the-105 periods played in regulation this year after scoring in all three periods tonight for the third consecutive game. It's the 14<sup>th</sup> time this season the club has scored in all three periods in regulation and the 10<sup>th</sup> time at home.
- ★ CBJ have registered 33 multi-goal periods this season after scoring two goals in the first and third periods.
- ★ CBJ scored a third period power play goal and have now recorded PPG in seven of the last nine games (7-of-27; 25.9 pct.)
- ★ Columbus denied Montreal on both of its power play attempts tonight and has now killed off 12-of-13 penalties in the last seven games played since Dec. 12 (92.3 pct.).
- ★ Tonight's attendance was 17,875.

### **BLUE JACKETS PLAYER NOTES**

- ★ G Jet Greaves (1-1-2, 3.50 GAA and .889 SV%) secured his first win of the season tonight after stopping 27 shots on goal.
- ★ D Jordan Harris (1-1-2, 23 GP) scored his first goal as a Blue Jacket and of the season tonight against his former team.

- ★ LW Kent Johnson (10-10-20, 21 GP) became the fourth player on the team to score 10 goals tonight and has points in back-to-back games (1-1-2). He now has 1-3-4 in six career games vs. Montreal, including points in all three games of the 2024-25 season series (1-2-3).
- ★ D Denton Mateychuk made his NHL debut tonight, finishing with 18:36 time on ice and 1:06 powerplay TOI.
- ★ RW Kirill Marchenko (13-24-37, 35 GP) tallied his third three-point game of the season with a goal and two assists tonight and set a new career high with points in six-straight games (3-7-10). His three points mark his team-leading seventh multi-assist and 11<sup>th</sup> multi-point effort of the campaign.
- ★ C Sean Monahan (11-20-31, 35) picked up three assists tonight for his fourth three-point effort of the season. It also marks his fifth multi-assist and ninth multi-point contest of the year. He has now registered 10-12-22 with 7 multi-point outings in 28 career contests against the Canadiens, including 3-5-8 and three multi-point efforts in his last seven home contests vs. the club.
- ★ RW Mathieu Olivier (9-6-15, 35 GP) collected an assist and has now points in three-straight (1-2-3) and 1-3-4 in his past six games. He also has recorded points in all four career home games against Montreal (3-1-4).
- ★ LW Dmitri Voronkov (10-9-19, 26 GP) scored his ninth and 10<sup>th</sup> goals of the season tonight for his first multi-goal and fifth multi-point game of the season, becoming the fifth Jacket to reach double digits for the campaign in the third period. He has now picked up points in five-straight games (3-4-7), one shy of his career long (4-4-8, Nov. 18-Dec. 1, 2024). He has registered 2-3-5 in six career outings against Montreal, with points in all three career home games (2-2-4).
- ★ D Zach Werenski (11-24-35, 35 GP) extended his home points streak to 11-straight games (8-12-20), setting a new franchise record, with his fifth multi-assist effort and second three-point game (0-3-3) tonight. With 35 points in 35 games this season, he became the first blueliner in club history with 35 points or more through his first 35 games of a campaign. The three helpers mark the 35<sup>th</sup> game of his CBJ career with multiple assists, passing David Vyborny (34) for the second-most in club history. His first assist was the 335<sup>th</sup> point of his NHL/CBJ career (101-237-338 in 521 GP), passing Nick Foligno (142-192-334 in 599 GP) for fourth on the all-time franchise points list. The blueliner has posted points in 16 of the past 22 played this season (8-18-26). He has 3-13-16 in 21 career GP against Montreal, including 1-4-5 in back-to-back games and has 2-11-13 in his last 12 outings overall as well as points in four of his past five at Nationwide Arena (1-6-7).

## **BLUE JACKETS POST-GAME AUDIO INTERVIEWS**

HC Dean Evason | F Kirill Marchenko & F Dmitri Voronkov | D Denton Mateychuk | D Zach Werenski

## **HURRICANES POST-GAME AUDIO INTERVIEWS**

HC Martin St. Louis (French Only) | F Kirby Dach | F Jake Evans

## **BLUE JACKETS UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

Tuesday, Dec. 24No PracticeWednesday, Dec. 25No PracticeThursday, Dec. 26No PracticeFriday, Dec. 277pm vs. Boston (Nationwide Arena)