



COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS

WEEKLY REPORT

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NOVEMBER 27-DECEMBER 4, 2023

MONDAY / NOVEMBER 27 [Bally Sports, Bally Sports + / 97.1 The Fan]

10:30 am ET - Optional Skate/Workout & Media Availability

7 pm ET - vs. BOSTON BRUINS, Nationwide Arena**TUESDAY / NOVEMBER 28**

No Practice Scheduled

WEDNESDAY / NOVEMBER 29 [Bally Sports, Bally Sports + / 105.7 FM]

10 am ET - Morning Skate & Media Availability, Nationwide Arena

7 pm ET - vs. MONTREAL CANADIENS, Nationwide Arena**THURSDAY / NOVEMBER 30**

12 pm ET - Practice, Nationwide Arena

FRIDAY / DECEMBER 1 [Bally Sports, Bally Sports + / 97.1 The Fan]

10 am ET - Media Availability, Nationwide Arena

7 pm ET - vs. OTTAWA SENATORS, Nationwide Arena**SATURDAY / DECEMBER 2**

12 pm ET - Practice, OhioHealth Ice Haus

SUNDAY / DECEMBER 3 [Bally Sports, Bally Sports + / 105.7 FM]

TBD - Media Availability

7 pm ET - at BOSTON BRUINS, TD Garden**MONDAY / DECEMBER 4**

No Practice Scheduled

THIS WEEK'S OPPONENTS

**Boston BRUINS****14-3-3, 31 pts. || Atlantic, 1st****2023-24:** First and second of three meetings**All-Time:** CBJ are 14-14-10 (8-7-5, H; 6-7-5, A)**Of Note:** CBJ, 6-5-4 since Dec. 27, 2016**One to Watch:** **David Pastrnak, RW****Montreal CANADIENS****9-10-2, 20 pts. || Atlantic, 7th****2023-24:** Second of three meetings (0-0-1)**All-Time:** CBJ are 20-14-5 (10-6-1, H)**Of Note:** CBJ, 8-2-0 in last 10 home games**One to Watch:** **Nick Suzuki, C****Ottawa SENATORS****8-8-0, 16 pts. || Atlantic, 8th****2023-24:** First of three meetings**All-Time:** CBJ are 17-17-4 (10-7-2, H)**Of Note:** CBJ, 7-2-1 last 10 games at NWA**One to Watch:** **Brady Tkachuk, LW**

OHIOHEALTH INJURY REPORT

G **Daniil Tarasov** (knee)... C **Jack Roslovic** (fractured ankle)...D **Damon Severson** (oblique)...**MAN GAMES LOST: 53**

CBJ AT A GLANCE

**Columbus BLUE JACKETS****6-12-4, 16 pts. || Metropolitan, 8th****Leader, Points:** Zach Werenski (15)**Leader, Goals:** Boone Jenner (11)**Goalie:** Elvis Merzlikins (5-7-3, 3.11, .907)

CBJ NEWS & NOTES

TEAM NOTES: Columbus went 2-1-0 last week, defeating Chicago 7-3 on Wednesday and New Jersey 2-1 on Friday before falling at Carolina 3-2 on Sunday... Eight of the club's past 12 games have been decided by a single goal... Sunday's game at Carolina kicked off a stretch of nine games - including six at home - in 15 days through Dec. 10.

TOP PENALTY KILL: The club has killed off all eight opponent power play chances over the last three contests. Columbus has allowed PP goals in just two of the past 15 games (Nov. 16 vs. ARI) and (Nov. 19 vs. PHI), killing off 36-of-38 opponent power play chances (94.7 pct.). CBJ rank second in the NHL in penalty killing this season at 88.9 pct. (56-of-63) and lead the League since Oct. 20 (92.3 pct.).



Z HITS THE CBJ RECORD BOOKS: D **Zach Werenski** collected four assists with a +5 plus/minus rating vs. Chicago on Nov. 22, setting a club single-game record for assists by a defenseman and tying the mark for most points (4th time, 2nd by Werenski) and highest plus/minus rating (5th time) by a blueliner. His 10 assists in 13 November games is tied for the franchise mark for most assists by a defenseman in a single month with Seth Jones (Feb. 2021), James Wisniewski (Jan. 2014), Ryan Murray (Jan. 2014) and Ron Hainsey (Dec. 2006).



ELVIS SHINES: G **Elvis Merzlikins** stopped a season-high 40 shots in Sunday's game at Carolina. The netminder, who has recorded six efforts of 30 or more saves this season, is 2-1-0 with a 2.35 goals-against average and .940 save percentage (110 saves-117 shots) in his last three games.

PLAYER NOTES: LW **Johnny Gaudreau** tallied 1-1-2 at Carolina on Sunday and has registered assists in three-straight contests and points in four of his last five (2-3-5). He enters the week six points shy of 700 in his NHL career (234-460-694, 704 GP)... D **Erik Gudbranson**, who ranks fifth in the NHL with 59 blocked shots, has collected 1-1-2 in the last three contests and 2-7-9 in the past 13 outings... C **Boone Jenner** leads the club and ranks 15th-T in the NHL in goals (11)... RW **Kirill Marchenko** has recorded goals in two of the past three games (2-1-3) and has totaled 6-3-9 in his past 13 appearances.