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COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS GAME DAY PREVIEW

Columbus Blue Jackets at Chicago Blackhawks || Jan. 30, 2026 || United Center || 8:30 pm ET || Game 53 (Away 27)

GAME DAY SCHEDULE

10:30am ET: Morning Skate followed by media availability with players and Head Coach Rick Bowness.

8:30pm ET: Game at Chicago

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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UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Jan. 31: 7:00pm ET at St. Louis

Feb. 1: No Practice Scheduled

Feb. 2: 11:00am ET practice (NWA)

OhioHEALTH INJURY REPORT

Brendan Smith (Lower Body) 14

Dante Fabbro (Lower Body) 4

TOTAL MAN GAMES LOST: 147

COLUMBUS

25-20-7 (57 pts.)

14-8-4 (32 pts.)

11-12-3 (25 pts.)

5th, Metropolitan

11th, Eastern

3.04 (19th) / 3.29 (25th)

19.4 (19th) / 76.2 (28th)

30.3 (3rd) / 30.6 (31st)

Jan. 28 at CBJ 5, PHI 3

Jan. 31 at St. Louis

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

CHICAGO*

21-23-9 (51 pts)

11-13-5 (27 pts)

10-10-4 (24 pts)

6th, Central

12th, Western

2.66 (26th) / 3.08 (17th-T)

19.9 (17th) / 85.5 (1st)

25.1 (31st) / 29.5 (25th)

Jan. 27 at MIN 4, CHI 3 (SO)

Feb. 2 vs. San Jose

* Chicago visits Pittsburgh at PPG Paints Arena on Thursday

ALL-TIME SERIES CBJ RECORD

42-46-2-13 (20-25-1-5 on the Road)

THIS SEASON (CBJ, 0-0-0)

Jan. 30, 2026 - at Chicago (8:30 pm ET)

Feb. 4, 2026 - at Columbus (7:00 pm ET)

2024-25 RECORD (CBJ 2-0-0)

Dec. 1, 2024 - CBJ 6, at CHI 3

Feb. 22, 2025 - at CBJ 5, CHI 1

MATCHUP NOTES

- ★ Columbus has won five-straight games overall against Chicago and is 6-1-0 in the last seven contests in the series since Feb. 17, 2022.
- ★ The Jackets have recorded points in eight of the last 10 contests at United Center since Feb. 16, 2019 (6-2-2).
- ★ CBJ have scored five-plus goals in each of the past four victories, while the winning team has scored four or more goals in 10-straight meetings and 12 of the last 14 in the series overall since Feb. 11, 2021.
- ★ The winning team has won by three or more goals in each of the past seven outings overall as well as each of the last four at Chicago.
- ★ The teams have combined for six-plus goals in 11 of the past 14 contests, including nine with seven or more goals.
- ★ The Blue Jackets have recorded a power play goal in five of the past seven meetings (5-of-18; 27.8 pct.).



JACKET TO WATCH - D Zach Werenski

Has collected 3-16-19 with 6 multi-point efforts in 18 career GP vs. Chicago. Has multiple assists in each of his past 5 contests (1-12-13) and each of his last 3 at United Center (0-6-6).



BLACKHAWK TO WATCH - C Connor Bedard

Has 2-2-4 4 career GP vs. Columbus. Has assists in both career home outings vs. club (1-2-3). Has 20-plus goals in all 3 NHL campaigns and leads CHI with 20-29-49 in 40 GP in 2025-26.



TEAM NOTES

- ★ Columbus has won seven of its past eight games overall and outscored opponents 30-21 since Jan. 11 (7-1-0) after its 5-3 victory over Philadelphia on Wednesday.
- ★ CBJ are tied for the NHL lead in points pct. (.875, Anaheim) and rank fourth in shots on goal (30.9), fifth-T in goals for/game (3.75), eighth in power play pct. (30.0), ninth in team save percentage (.908) and 11th in goals-against/game (2.63) over that stretch.
- ★ The club has scored the opening goal in three consecutive games and seven of the past eight. The team has scored the first goal in 31 games, tied for third-most in the NHL in 2025-26.
- ★ Columbus leads the NHL in goals by defensemen and ranks fourth in points with 39-93-132 in 52 contests.
- ★ CBJ play consecutive back-to-back sets prior to the Olympic break (Jan. 30 at CHI/Jan. 31 at STL and Feb. 3 at NJD/Feb. 4 vs. CHI). The team ranks fifth-T in the league in points pct. in back-to-back settings in 2025-26 (.639; 10-5-3).

PLAYER NOTES

- ★ **C Charlie Coyle**, who skated in his 1,000th career game on Jan. 22 vs. Dallas, and notched his 200th career goal on Jan. 24 vs. Tampa Bay, has registered goals, assists and multiple points in consecutive outings (2-3-5).
- ★ **G Jet Greaves** (4-0-0, 2.35 GAA, .915 SV%) and **G Elvis Merzlikins** (3-1-0, 2.64 GAA, .908 SV%) have each won three games for the Blue Jackets since Jan. 11.
- ★ **RW Kirill Marchenko** notched a goal vs. Philadelphia and has points in back-to-back games (1-2-3) as well as 13 of the last 17 contests dating back to Dec. 22 (9-9-18).
- ★ **C Sean Monahan** notched the game-winner on Wednesday and has posted goals in three of the past four contests.
- ★ **D Zach Werenski**, who has notched two assists in consecutive contests, leads NHL blueliners in goals (19), points (57), multi-point efforts (19), points-per-game (1.19) and shots on goal (172) this season. He has points in 27 of his past 32 contests overall to lead league defensemen in goals, points and points-per-game since Nov. 13 (15-31-46, 1.44).