



COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS

## WEEKLY REPORT

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## DECEMBER 11-18, 2023

## MONDAY / DECEMBER 11

No Practice Scheduled

## TUESDAY / DECEMBER 12

11 am ET - Practice, Nationwide Arena

## WEDNESDAY / DECEMBER 13

11 am ET - Practice, OhioHealth Ice Haus

## THURSDAY / DECEMBER 14 [Bally Sports, Bally Sports + / 97.1 The Fan]

TBD - Media Availability

7 pm ET - at Toronto Maple Leafs, Scotiabank Arena

## FRIDAY / DECEMBER 15

12 pm ET - Practice, Nationwide Arena

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

TBD - Media Availability

7 pm ET - vs. NEW JERSEY DEVILS, Nationwide Arena

## SUNDAY / DECEMBER 17

No Practice Scheduled

## MONDAY / DECEMBER 18

12 pm ET - Practice, Nationwide Arena

## THIS WEEK'S OPPONENTS



## Toronto MAPLE LEAFS

14-6-4, 32 pts. || Atlantic, 3rd

2023-24: First of three meetings

All-Time: CBJ are 17-18-1 (10-8-1, A)

Of Note: CBJ, 6-4-0 in past 10 at Toronto

One to Watch: Auston Matthews C



## New Jersey DEVILS

14-11-1, 29 pts. || Metropolitan, 5th

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

All-Time: CBJ are 28-17-3 (16-8-0, H)

Of Note: CBJ are 21-7-1 since Mar. 31, 2015

One to Watch: Jack Hughes, C

## OHIOHEALTH INJURY REPORT

D Adam Boqvist (shoulder strain; Injured Reserve)... C Jack Roslovic (fractured ankle; Injured Reserve)... D Damon Severson (oblique; Injured Reserve)... C Boone Jenner (fractured jaw; Injured Reserve)... G Elvis Merzlikins (illness; Injured Reserve).

MAN GAMES LOST: 94

## CBJ AT A GLANCE



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9-16-5, 23 pts. || Metropolitan, 8th

Leader, Points: Zach Werenski (21)

Leader, Goals: Boone Jenner (13)

Goalie: Elvis Merzlikins (6-8-4, 3.10, .910)

## CBJ NEWS &amp; NOTES

**TEAM NOTES:** Columbus went 1-2-1 last week and is 5-5-1 in its past 11 contests dating back to Nov. 22...The club is 4-2-1 in its last seven home games...The Blue Jackets rank sixth in the NHL on the penalty kill at 85.9 percent...The Jackets have converted 6-of-24 (25 percent) on the power play in the 11 past games, ranking 7th-T in the NHL since Nov. 22...The club continues to lead the NHL in blocked shots (558) and is third in blocks/60 minutes (18.43).

**FRENETIC SCHEDULE EASES AS HOLIDAYS APPROACH:** After playing a league-high 30 games in 60 nights to start the season, the Blue Jackets will play just eight during the final 21 days of December... Columbus will play four home games (Dec. 16-New Jersey, Dec. 21-Washington, Dec. 23 and 29-Toronto) and four on the road (Dec. 14-Toronto, Dec. 19-Buffalo, Dec. 27-New Jersey, Dec. 30-Buffalo) to close 2023.

**GAUDREAU CLOSING IN ON 700:** LW Johnny

Gaudreau is closing in on 700 career points as he enters the week having tallied 235-463-698 in 712 NHL games. He has collected 3-6-9 in his past 13 outings with three multi-point efforts in his past nine games (1-1-2 at Carolina on Nov. 26; 0-2-2 vs. Ottawa on Dec. 1; 1-1-2 vs. Los Angeles on Dec. 5).

**FANTILLI CLIMBING ROOKIE POINTS LIST:** C

Adam Fantilli continues to climb the NHL rookie scoring list and currently sits in a tie for second with 8-8-16 in 30 games behind Chicago's Connor Bedard (11-12-23, 27 GP). The third pick in the 2023 NHL Draft has collected 4-2-6 and is +3 over the past six outings.

**PLAYER NOTES:** F Dmitri Voronkov ranks fifth among NHL rookies in scoring with 6-9-15, while adding 23 PIM and a +4 plus/minus rating in 24 games and picked up his first career multi-point game with 0-2-2 vs. St. Louis on Dec. 8... G Jet

Greaves made the most of his recent emergency recall from Cleveland (AHL) as he went 1-1-0 with a 2.52 GAA, .935 SV% in two outings and recorded his first career NHL win with 41 saves in a 5-2 victory over St. Louis on Dec. 8. In his first three NHL games, he has stopped 118-of-126 shots (.937 SV%)... D Zach Werenski continues to rank among NHL leaders in assists (5th-T) and points (10th-T) by defensemen... RW Patrik Laine has collected 3-2-5 in his past eight games.