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# COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS GAME DAY PREVIEW

Columbus Blue Jackets vs. Tampa Bay Lightning || Jan. 24, 2026 || Nationwide Arena || 7:00 pm ET || Game 51 (Home 25)

## GAME DAY SCHEDULE

**10:30am ET:** Morning Skate followed by media availability with players and Head Coach Rick Bowness.  
**7:00pm ET:** Game vs. Tampa Bay  
**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)  
Brian Giesenschlag (host)  
Jean-Luc Grand-Pierre (analyst)

**RADIO: 97.1 THE FAN**  
Bob McElligott (play-by-play)  
Dylan Tyrer (host)

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**PR X Account:** @BlueJacketsPR  
**Website:** BlueJackets.com/PressBox  
**Game Notes:** Game Notes available at Media.NHL.com

## MEDIA ENTRANCES

**Morning Skate:** Nationwide Arena Security Entrance  
**Game Night:** Nationwide Arena Box Office (Opens at 4:30pm)

## OhioHEALTH INJURY REPORT

Brendan Smith (Lower Body) 12  
Miles Wood (Lower Body) 11  
Denton Mateychuk (Upper Body) 5  
Dante Fabbro (Lower Body) 2

**TOTAL MAN GAMES LOST:** 141

## COLUMBUS

23-20-7 (53 pts.)  
12-8-4 (28 pts.)  
11-12-3 (25 pts.)  
7th, Metropolitan  
15th, Eastern  
2.90 (21st-T) / 3.26 (23rd)  
19.4 (19th) / 75.7 (28th)  
30.2 (3rd) / 30.7 (31st)  
Jan. 22 at CBJ 1, DAL 0  
Jan. 26 vs. Los Angeles

## 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

## TAMPA BAY\*

31-13-4 (66 pts.)  
13-9-0 (26 pts.)  
18-4-4 (40 pts.)  
2nd, Atlantic  
3rd, Eastern  
3.50 (2nd) / 2.48 (2nd)  
20.7 (14th-T) / 84.2 (3rd)  
27.3 (20th) / 26.1 (6th-T)  
Jan. 20 at TBL 4, SJS 1  
Jan. 26 vs. Utah

\* Tampa Bay visits Chicago at United Center on Friday

## ALL-TIME SERIES CBJ RECORD

17-29-1-6 (12-12-1-2 at home)

## THIS SEASON (CBJ, 1-0-0)

Oct. 18, 2025 - at CBJ 3, TBL 2  
Jan. 24, 2026 - at Columbus (7 pm ET)  
Mar. 10, 2026 - at Tampa Bay (7 pm ET)

## 2024-25 RECORD (CBJ 1-2-0)

Nov. 21, 2024 - at CBJ 7, TBL 6 (OT)  
Dec. 17, 2024 - at TBL 5, CBJ 3  
Mar. 4, 2025 - at TBL 6, CBJ 2

## MATCHUP NOTES

- ★ Columbus has posted back-to-back wins against Tampa Bay at Nationwide Arena and has collected points in eight of the last 12 played on home ice in the series (6-4-2).
- ★ Columbus has scored a power play goal in four of the last six meetings (4-of-15; 26.7 pct.).
- ★ The winning team had scored four goals or more in 13-straight games in the series overall since Apr. 25, 2021 prior to the first meeting of the 2025-26 season on Oct. 18.
- ★ The teams have combined for six-plus tallies in 11 of the last 14 meetings of the series, including nine instances of seven or more goals.
- ★ The winning team has won by multiple goals in 11 of the last 13 meetings, including eight by three or more goals.
- ★ CBJ have scored a shorthanded goal in two of the last four games of the series.



### JACKET TO WATCH - RW Kirill Marchenko

Has collected 6-5-11 with 3 multi-point efforts and points in 8 of 9 career GP vs. Tampa Bay. Has points in all 4 career home contests vs. the club (2-3-5).



### LIGHTNING TO WATCH - LW Jake Guentzel

Has 16-19-35 with 9 multi-point efforts in 27 GP vs. Columbus. Has collected points in his last 16 games (9-14-23, 6 multi-point efforts). Has points in last 7 contests at NWA (3-6-9).



## TEAM NOTES

- ★ Columbus won for the fifth time in the last six games overall since Jan. 11 (5-1-0) and collected points in five of its past six home contests since Jan. 3 (4-1-1) with a 1-0 shutout victory over Dallas on Thursday.
- ★ The club continues a season-long five-game homestand on Saturday and is in a stretch of seven-of-eight games played at Nationwide Arena from Jan. 13-28 (3-1-0).
- ★ The Jackets scored the lone goal on Thursday in the opening period. The club has scored the first goal in 14 of the last 19 contests and 17 of the past 24 and ranks sixth-T in the NHL in games scoring first in 2025-26 (29).
- ★ Columbus leads the NHL in goals by defensemen and ranks fourth in points with 38-87-125 in 50 contests.
- ★ The Blue Jackets (9-5-1) rank fifth in the NHL in team save percentage (.912), eighth-T in goals-against per game (2.67) and 11th in points pct. (.633) since Dec. 22.

## PLAYER NOTES

- ★ C **Charlie Coyle**, who is one goal shy from 200 for his NHL career, became the fifth player to play in his 1,000th game while in a Blue Jackets uniform (Sergei Fedorov, Vinny Prospal, Scott Hartnell, Jakub Voracek) on Thursday.
- ★ G **Jet Greaves** turned aside all 28 shots faced on Thursday for his first shutout of the season. He leads the NHL in saves and ranks fourth-T in wins and sixth-T in SV% since Dec. 22 (min. 6 GP) with a 7-3-1 record, 2.32 GAA, .922 SV% and 320 saves in 12 games.
- ★ F **Boone Jenner** sits three assists from tying David Vyborny (204) for third on the club's all-time list in assists.
- ★ RW **Kirill Marchenko** has notched points in 11 of the last 15 contests dating back to Dec. 22 (8-7-15).
- ★ RW **Mathieu Olivier** combined for 26 hits in the last five contests and ranks second in the NHL with 67 hits since returning from injury on Dec. 28.
- ★ D **Zach Werenski** leads NHL blueliners in goals (19) and multi-point efforts (17) and sits one goal from becoming the third American defenseman in NHL history with two-straight 20-goal seasons (Phil Housley-6, Reed Larson-5). He has points in 25 of his past 30 contests overall to lead league defensemen in goals, points and points-per-game since Nov. 13 (15-27-42, 1.40).



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**ANTHEM:** Leo Welsh

**CANNONEER:** Jody Shelley

**MILITARY HONOREE,** presented by Elk + Elk: TBD

**1ST INTERMISSION:** OhioHealth Future Jackets, CCYHA 2016 Development Team (Shootout)

**2ND INTERMISSION:** Rumpke Tic-Tac-Toe

**50/50 BENEFICIARY,** presented by Kemba Financial Credit Union: Columbus Blue Jackets Foundation

**SPOTLIGHTS:** OhioCat Kid Starter - Max Murphy, Age 9, CCYHA 2016  
Color Guard - Grove City NJROTC

**THEME NIGHT ACTIVATIONS:** *25TH ANNIVERSARY GAME #4*, presented by OhioHealth

- The Columbus Blue Jackets will hold their fourth of five 25th Anniversary Celebration game featuring appearances by former players: goaltender Pascal Leclaire and forwards Cam Atkinson, R.J. Umberger, and Derek Dorsett.
- The featured alumni will participate in an autograph session beginning at 6 p.m. on the Nationwide Arena concourse.
- Ceremonial Puck Drop featuring Blue Jackets alumni Cam Atkinson, RJ Umberger, Derek Dorsett, and Pascal Leclaire.

**BLUE LINE ITEM OF THE GAME:** Celebrating the First Home Playoff win with Anniversary Capsule items including a commemorative poster, ticket and puck.

