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COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS

POST-GAME NOTES

MARCH 28, 2026 || VS. SAN JOSE SHARKS || NATIONWIDE ARENA (18,874)

	RECORD	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	SO	FINAL
	Overall: 38-24-11 (87 pts.) Home: 20-9-7 (47 pts.)	1	1	0	-	-	2
	Overall: 33-31-7 (73 pts.) Away: 16-19-2 (34 pts.)	1	0	2	-	-	3

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GAME AT A GLANCE

THREE STARS

1st – I. Chernyshov, SJS (2-0-2, GWG); 2nd – E. Merzlikins, CBJ (33 saves); 3rd – M. Celebrini, SJS (1-1-2)

GOAL SCORERS

Columbus: D. Mateychuk (12), C. Sillinger (8)

San Jose: I. Chernyshov (4), PPG – M. Celebrini (36), I. Chernyshov (5)

GOALTENDERS

Columbus: E. Merzlikins (33-of-36 in 59:10, L)

San Jose: A. Nedeljkovic (22-of-24 in 59:35, W)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Columbus PP: 0-for-1, 1 shots

San Jose PP: 1-for-2, 2 shots

POST-GAME AUDIO INTERVIEWS

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS

[HC Rick Bowness](#) | [D Erik Gudbranson](#) | [G Elvis Merzlikins](#) | [F Cole Sillinger](#)

SAN JOSE SHARKS

[HC Ryan Warsofsky](#) | [F Macklin Celebrini](#) | [G Alex Nedeljkovic](#) | [F Will Smith](#)

TEAM NOTES

- ★ The club had its 12-game home point streak snapped tonight (9-0-3). It was the longest home points streak this season (5-0-3 from Oct. 29-Dec. 3) and tied for the longest in franchise history (12 GP, 9-0-3 from Feb. 11-Mar. 31, 2013). The Jackets have now recorded points in 16 of their 18 home games played in 2026 (12-2-4).
- ★ Columbus struck 31 seconds into the opening period for the fastest goal to start a game this season (previous: 38 seconds on Jan. 28 vs. Philadelphia by Charlie Coyle).
- ★ The Blue Jackets scored first for the 44th time this season (30-8-6) and for the 25th time at Nationwide Arena (17-5-2).
- ★ The Jackets skated in front of their 11th sellout crowd and second largest of the season tonight (18,925 on Feb. 28 vs. NYI).

PLAYER NOTES

- ★ **C Adam Fantilli** (21-33-54, 73 GP) notched an assist on Mateychuk's goal to tie his career-high in points set last season (31-23-54). He has picked up points in eight in his past 10 games (3-7-10).
- ★ **D Denton Mateychuk** (12-17-29, 66 GP) opened the scoring to become the fourth defenseman in franchise history to record 12 or more goals in a single season (Berard – 2005-06; Jones – 2016-17, 2017-18; Werenski – 2017-18, 2019-20, 2024-25, 2025-26).

- ★ **D Ivan Provorov** (8-20-28, 73 GP) notched an assist to reach 20 assists for the fifth-straight campaign as well as the eighth time in his NHL career.
- ★ **LW Cole Sillinger** (8-25-33, 72 GP) scored to tie his single-season career high in points after collecting 11-22-33 last season. He has notched 2-2-4 in the last five games and has notched 2-5-7 in his last seven outings.

UPCOMING WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, Mar. 29	5:00pm ET vs. Boston (FanDuel Sports Network / 97.1 The Fan)
Monday, Mar. 30	No practice
Tuesday, Mar. 31	7:30pm ET vs. Carolina (ESPN+, Hulu / 97.1 The Fan)
Wednesday, Apr. 1	12:00pm ET practice
Thursday, Apr. 2	7:00pm ET at Carolina (FanDuel Sports Network / 97.1 The Fan)