



COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS WEEKLY REPORT

OCT. 7-13, 2024

CBJ Record 0-0-0, 0 pts. ♦ Metropolitan/Eastern 2nd-T/2nd-T

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON **OCT 7**
PRACTICE
OhioHealth Ice Haus
10:30 am ET

TUE **OCT 8**
PRACTICE
OhioHealth Ice Haus
10:30 am ET

WED **OCT 9**
PRACTICE
OhioHealth Ice Haus
10:30 am ET

THU **OCT 10**
at MINNESOTA WILD
Xcel Energy Center
8 pm ET

FRI **OCT 11**
PRACTICE
Joy Burns Arena (U. of Denver)
11 am MT

SAT **OCT 12**
at COLORADO AVALANCHE
Ball Arena
9 pm ET

SUN **OCT 13**
No Practice Scheduled

LOOKING AHEAD

MON **OCT 14**
PRACTICE - 10:30 am ET
Nationwide Arena

TUE **OCT 15**
FLORIDA PANTHERS - 7 pm ET
Nationwide Arena

WED **OCT 16**
PRACTICE - 11 am ET
Nationwide Arena

CBJ NEWS & NOTES

♦ This season marks just the ninth time in 24 campaigns the Blue Jackets will open play on the road (excluding two games in Sweden in 2010)... Columbus has gone 4-4-0 record in the previous eight with wins at Detroit-2018, Buffalo-2014, Nashville-2012 and Dallas-2008, as well as losses at Carolina-2022, Nashville-2020, Washington-2005 and Atlanta-2003... After the season-opening two-game road trip, the Jackets will play seven of their next eight at Nationwide Arena from Oct. 15-Nov. 1, including a four-game homestand from Oct. 15-22 (Florida, Buffalo, Minnesota, Toronto).

EVASON MAKES CBJ DEBUT

♦ **Dean Evason** will make his CBJ head coaching debut on Thursday at Minnesota, where he compiled a 147-77-27 record in 251 games from Feb. 14, 2020 through Nov. 27, 2023. He will try to become the fourth head coach in club history to win his debut, joining Doug MacLean (2-1 at Minnesota on Jan. 8, 2003), Gerard Gallant (2-0 at Tampa Bay on Jan. 2, 2004) and Brad Larsen (8-2 vs. Arizona on Oct. 14, 2021).

PREASON RECAP

♦ The Blue Jackets finished the preseason with a 4-4-0 record... Offensively, the club was led by C **Adam Fantilli** (4-2-6, +4, 6 GP), F **Kent Johnson** (2-4-6, +2, 5 GP), RW **Mathieu Olivier** (4-0-4, 6 GP) and RW **Kirill Marchenko** (1-3-4, +2, 4 GP)... G **Elvis Merzlikins** finished 2-1-0 with a 1.91 GAA and .932 SV% in three games.

WERENSKI CHASING RECORDS

♦ D **Zach Werenski** is the CBJ all-time leader in goals, assists and points by a defenseman with 90-212-302 in 486 games. He enters 2024-25 46 assists shy of Rick Nash's franchise record (258) and 15 points shy of tying David Vyborny (317) for fifth on the all-time points list.

PLAYER NOTES

♦ C **Sean Monahan** has notched double-digit goals in nine of his 11 campaigns and eight with 20 or more goals, including 26-33-59 in 83 games split between Montreal and Winnipeg in 2023-24... With 20 goals in 2024-25, RW **Kirill Marchenko** can become the first player in CBJ history to hit the 20-goal mark in each of his first three NHL seasons.

HONORING JOHNNY & MATTHEW GAUDREAU

♦ The Blue Jackets will honor the memory of LW Johnny Gaudreau and his brother, Matthew, during the 2024-25 season with a special "13 & 21" helmet sticker and "13" patch on their jerseys.



THIS WEEK'S OPPONENTS

MINNESOTA

Thursday - 8 pm ET AM SKATE - 11:30 am CT
TV: Bally Sports Ohio RADIO: 97.1 The Fan
0-0-0, 0 pts. Central/West, 1st-T/1st-T
2024-25: 1st of two meetings... Oct. 19 at CBJ
ALL-TIME: 32-26-8 (13-16-5, A)

KAPRIZOV

COLORADO

Saturday - 9 pm ET AM SKATE - 11:30 am MT
TV: Bally Sports Ohio RADIO: 93.3 The Bus
0-0-0, 0 pts. Central/West, 1st-T/1st-T
2024-25: 1st of two meetings... Apr. 3 at CBJ
ALL-TIME: 23-38-6 (11-21-2, A)

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