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# COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS GAME DAY PREVIEW

Columbus Blue Jackets at Carolina Hurricanes || Apr. 2, 2026 || Lenovo Center || 7:00pm ET || Game 76 (Road 38)

## GAME DAY SCHEDULE

### No Morning Skate

**11:30am ET:** Media Availability with players and Head Coach Rick Bowness at Team Hotel (Contact Jack Weller for more information)

**7:00pm ET:** Game at Carolina

**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)  
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## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

**Apr. 3:** 12:00pm ET Practice (NWA)

**Apr. 4:** 7:00pm ET vs. Winnipeg

**Apr. 5:** No Practice Scheduled

**Apr. 6:** 11:00am ET Practice (NWA)

**Apr. 7:** 7:00pm ET at Detroit

## OhioHEALTH INJURY REPORT

Brendan Smith (Lower Body) 37  
Damon Severson (Upper Body) 3  
Dmitri Voronkov (Upper Body) 2  
Mathieu Olivier (Upper Body) 1

**TOTAL MAN GAMES LOST:** 189

## COLUMBUS

38-25-12 (88 pts.)  
20-10-8 (48 pts.)  
18-15-4 (40 pts.)  
4th, Metropolitan  
8th, Eastern  
3.11 (17th) / 3.05 (16th-T)  
19.9 (18th) / 76.4 (26th)  
29.5 (6th) / 29.2 (21st-T)  
Mar. 31 at CBJ 2, CAR 5  
Apr. 4 vs. Winnipeg

## 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

## CAROLINA

47-21-6 (100 pts.)  
26-10-2 (54 pts.)  
21-11-4 (46 pts.)  
1st, Metropolitan  
1st, Eastern  
3.49 (4th) / 2.91 (8th)  
24.6 (4th-T) / 80.5 (12th)  
32.5 (2nd) / 24.1 (1st)  
Mar. 31 at CBJ 2, CAR 5  
Apr. 4 vs. NY Islanders

## ALL-TIME SERIES CBJ RECORD

30-32-0-5 (13-17-0-3 on Road)

## THIS SEASON (CBJ, 1-2-0)

Dec. 9, 2025 - at CAR 4, CBJ 1  
Mar. 17, 2026 - at CBJ 5, CAR 1  
Mar. 31, 2026 - CAR 5, at CBJ 2  
Apr. 2, 2026 - at Carolina (7 pm ET)

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

Nov. 23, 2024 - at CBJ 5, CAR 4 (SO)  
Dec. 15, 2024 - at CAR 4, CBJ 1  
Dec. 31, 2024 - at CBJ 4, CAR 3 (SO)  
Jan. 23, 2025 - at CAR 7, CBJ 4

## MATCHUP NOTES

- ★ Carolina's victory on Tuesday snapped a streak of eight-straight wins for the home team in the series. The home team has now won 12-of-15 meetings dating back to Feb. 25, 2022.
- ★ The Hurricanes have won the last seven meetings at Lenovo Center since a 6-0 CBJ victory on Jan. 13, 2022.
- ★ The winning team has scored four-plus goals in each of the past eight contests (including 50 goals) and 16 of the past 18 since Oct. 23, 2021.
- ★ The winning team has won by three-plus goals in seven of the past nine meetings overall with Columbus earning two shootout victories in the other two.
- ★ Seven of the last eight played at Carolina have been decided by three or more goals.
- ★ The Blue Jackets have registered four shutouts and hat tricks in the all-time series.
- ★ The teams have combined to record less than 60 shots on goal in six of the past 10 meetings (60.0 avg.).



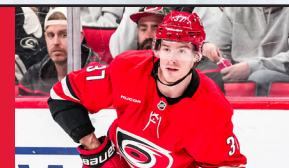
### JACKET TO WATCH - RW Kirill Marchenko

Has 10-4-14 with four multi-point efforts in 13 career GP vs. Carolina. Has tallied seven of his last eight games against the club (6-4-1) after notching 1-1-2 in the contest on Tuesday.



### HURRICANE TO WATCH - RW Andrei Svechnikov

Has 7-14-21 with five multi-point efforts in 32 career GP vs. Columbus. Has collected points in four consecutive contests against the club (2-4-6) after notching 1-1-2 on Tuesday.



## TEAM NOTES

- ★ The Blue Jackets closed out a three-game homestand with a 5-2 loss to the Hurricanes on Tuesday. Thursday's game at Carolina begins a stretch of three-of-four played away from Nationwide Arena through Apr. 11.
- ★ The Jackets are 9-3-1 in their last 13 road contests and rank second in the NHL in goals-against per game (2.15) and penalty kill pct. (87.9), fifth in shots against (24.8) and sixth in power play pct. (29.2) since Jan. 11.
- ★ CBJ have earned points in 25 of the last 31 contests overall (20-6-5, 45 pts) since Jan. 11. The club leads the NHL in goals-against per game (2.55) and ranks third in the NHL in points pct. (.726) and ninth-T in goals-for per game (3.39) since Jan. 11.
- ★ The Jackets also lead the NHL with a franchise-record 55 goals scored by defensemen in 2025-26 (55-133-188, 75 GP).
- ★ CBJ have collected points 10 of last 12 games against Metropolitan Division opponents since Jan. 4 (8-2-2).

## PLAYER NOTES

- ★ C **Adam Fantilli**, who led the club in goals and points (tied) in March with 7-9-16 in 17 games after scoring on Tuesday, has set a single-season career high in assists and points with 21-34-55 in 75 contests.
- ★ G **Jet Greaves** has earned points in 15 of his last 18 starts since Jan. 11 (12-3-3, 2.36 GAA, .913 SV% in 19 GP), ranking fifth among NHL goaltenders in GAA and eighth in SV% (min. 6 GP).
- ★ RW **Kirill Marchenko** notched 1-1-2 on Tuesday for his second-straight multi-point performance (1-3-4). He leads the club in goals and ranks second in points with 26-37-63 in 69 outings in 2025-26.
- ★ LW **Mason Marchment** has posted multiple points in back-to-back games (1-3-4) after collecting two assists on Tuesday. He ranks second on the team in goals since making his CBJ debut on Dec. 20, 2025 (14-13-27 in 33 GP).
- ★ G **Elvis Merzlikins** has recorded points in 10 of his past 13 starts since Jan. 11 (8-3-2, 2.54 GAA in 14 GP).
- ★ D **Zach Werenski**, with 21-57-78 in 68 games in 2025-26, sits two assists shy of tying the franchise's record for assists in a single season set by Artemi Panarin (79 GP in 2018-19) and matched by the defenseman in 2024-25 (81 GP).