



VS



COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS GAME DAY PREVIEW

Columbus Blue Jackets vs. Carolina Hurricanes || Mar. 17, 2026 || Nationwide Arena || 7:00pm ET || Game 67 (Home 33)

GAME DAY SCHEDULE

10:30am ET: Morning Skate followed by Media with Players and Head Coach Rick Bowness

7:00pm ET: Game vs. 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)

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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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) 28

Erik Gudbranson (Upper Body) 3

TOTAL MAN GAMES LOST: 174

COLUMBUS

34-21-11 (79 pts.)

17-8-7 (41 pts.)

17-13-4 (38 pts.)

4th, Metropolitan

9th, Eastern

3.12 (15th) / 3.14 (22nd)

20.1 (17th) / 77.6 (23rd-T)

29.9 (4th) / 29.5 (25th-T)

Mar. 14 at PHI 1, CBJ 2 (SO)

Mar. 19 vs. NY Rangers

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

42-18-6 (90 pts)

24-9-2 (50 pts)

18-9-4 (40 pts)

1st, Metropolitan

1st, Eastern

3.47 (5th) / 2.86 (7th)

22.0 (12th) / 79.9 (13th)

32.3 (2nd) / 24.1 (1st)

Mar. 14 at TBL 2, CAR 4

Mar. 18 vs. Pittsburgh

ALL-TIME SERIES CBJ RECORD

29-31-0-5 (16-14-0-2 at home)

THIS SEASON (CBJ, 0-1-0)

Dec. 9, 2025 - at CAR 4, CBJ 1

Mar. 17, 2026 - at Columbus (7 pm ET)

Mar. 31, 2026 - at Columbus (7:30 pm ET)

Apr. 2, 2026 - at Carolina (7 pm ET)

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

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

- ★ The home team has won seven-straight meetings and 11 of the last 13 games dating back to Feb. 25, 2022.
- ★ Columbus has won three consecutive games at Nationwide Arena and four of the past six in Ohio since Jan. 7, 2023.
- ★ The winning team has scored four-plus goals in each of the past six contests (including 50 goals) and 14 of the past 16 since Oct. 23, 2021.
- ★ The winning team has also scored four or more goals in each of the last nine at Nationwide Arena (including 50 goals).
- ★ The winning team has won by three goals in five of the past seven meetings with Columbus earning two shootout victories in the other two.
- ★ CBJ have scored a power play goal in six of the past nine meetings at Nationwide Arena (9-of-30; 30.0 pct.).
- ★ The Blue Jackets own four shutouts and hat tricks in the all-time series.



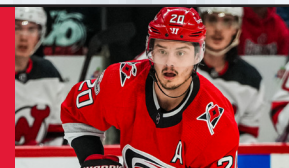
JACKET TO WATCH - RW Kirill Marchenko

Has notched 9-3-12 with three multi-point efforts in 11 career GP vs. Carolina. Has tallied points in six-straight games against the club (5-3-8), including multiple goals in last two at NWA (4-0-4).



HURRICANE TO WATCH - C Sebastian Aho

Has 16-18-34 with 10 multi-point performances in 38 career GP vs. Columbus. Had points in his last 10-straight (5-10-15) prior to meeting on Dec. 9. Has points in last six at NWA (2-7-9).



TEAM NOTES

- ★ Columbus stretched its season-high points streak to nine games (5-0-4) with a 2-1 SO win at Philadelphia on Saturday. The club has also earned points in 20 of its last 22 contests since Jan. 11 (16-2-4).
- ★ The Blue Jackets, who open a three-game homestand on Tuesday vs. Carolina, have earned points in nine-straight home games (6-0-3) for the second-longest home points streak in club history (12; 9-0-3 from Feb. 11-Mar. 31, 2013). The team has also picked up points in 13-of-14 contests at Nationwide Arena in 2026 (9-1-4).
- ★ Since Dec. 22, CBJ are tied for the least regulation losses with a 20-6-5 record (45 pts., 726 points pct.), and rank second in the NHL in points and points pct., fourth-T in goals-against/game (2.71) as well as 11th in goals for/game (3.39).
- ★ The Jackets play three-straight and five of six games against Metropolitan Division opponents from Mar. 14-24.

PLAYER NOTES

- ★ C **Charlie Coyle** has posted 30-plus assists and 50 or more points for the third time in his 14-year career (16-35-51 in 66 GP).
- ★ C **Adam Fantilli** has registered points in three consecutive games (1-2-3), has notched points in nine of the last 11 games (6-6-12), and has posted 7-10-17 in the past 16 contests since Jan. 24.
- ★ G **Jet Greaves** has earned points in each of his last 11 starts since Jan. 11 (9-0-2, 2.40 GAA in 12 GP), while G **Elvis Merzlikins** has recorded points in nine of his past 11 starts over that span (7-2-2, 2.54 GAA in 12 GP).
- ★ RW **Kirill Marchenko**, who became the second fastest Blue Jacket (276 GP) to record 100 career goals on Saturday, has posted points in 12 of his past 14 contests since Jan. 24 (7-9-16).
- ★ D **Damon Severson** recorded an assist at Philadelphia and has registered 1-5-6 in the past eight contests since Mar. 2.
- ★ D **Zach Werenski** has collected points in 24 of his past 29 games played since Dec. 11 (11-27-38, 12 multi-point efforts) and sits two points shy of his second-straight 70-point campaign (20-48-68, 58 GP).



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IN-GAME INFORMATION & ACTIVATIONS

PUCK DROP: 7:08 p.m.

ANTHEM: Leo Welsh

CANNONEERS: Jordan Faeth and Spies, Love Is Blind

KID STARTER: Brennan Burke, Age 10, Cincinnati Jr. Cyclones

MILITARY HONOREE, presented by Elk + Elk: Timothy O'Linn, CMSgt U.S. Air Force

1ST INTERMISSION: OhioHealth Future Jackets, Blue Jackets Hockey League 10u (Shootout)

2ND INTERMISSION: Fanatics On-Ice Shot

50/50 BENEFICIARY, presented by Kemba Financial Credit Union: CCYHA Special Hockey

SPOTLIGHTS: N/A

THEME NIGHT ACTIVATIONS: N/A

BLUE LINE ITEM OF THE GAME: St. Patrick's Day t-shirt, knit hat and exclusive Green Lacer Hood available online and in the main team store, while supplies last

