



VS



COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS

GAME DAY PREVIEW

Columbus Blue Jackets vs. New Jersey Devils || Dec. 31, 2025 || Nationwide Arena || 7:00pm ET || Game 39 (Home 18)

GAME DAY SCHEDULE

10:00am ET: Morning Skate
 10:30am ET: Media Availability
 7:00pm ET: Game vs. New Jersey
 Post-Game: Locker room will open approximately five minutes after the game's conclusion. Head Coach Dean Evason 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: 93.3 THE BUS

Bob McElligott (play-by-play)
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 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 ET)

OhioHEALTH INJURY REPORT

Erik Gudbranson (Upper Body) 30
 Zach Werenski (Lower Body) 3
 Isac Lundstrom (Lower Body) 2

TOTAL MAN GAMES LOST: 80

COLUMBUS

17-15-6 (40 pts.)
 8-6-3 (19 pts.)
 9-9-3 (21 pts.)
 8th, Metropolitan
 16th, Eastern
 2.95 (20th) / 3.34 (26th-T)
 19.2 (15th) / 75.7 (30th)
 30.1 (4th) / 30.6 (29th)
 Dec. 29 at OTT 1, CBJ 4
 Jan. 3 vs. Pittsburgh

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

NEW JERSEY*

20-16-2 (42 pts.)
 10-7-2 (22 pts.)
 10-9-0 (20 pts.)
 6th, Metropolitan
 11th, Eastern
 2.71 (27th) / 3.00 (15th)
 21.3 (10th) / 76.0 (11th)
 29.5 (14th-T) / 28.6 (27th)
 Dec. 27 at NJD 3, WSH 4
 Jan. 3 vs. Utah

ALL-TIME SERIES CBJ RECORD

30-22-1-3 (17-12-0-0 at Home)

THIS SEASON (CBJ, 1-1-0)

Oct. 13, 2025 - NJD 3, at CBJ 2

Dec. 1, 2025 - CBJ 5, at NJD 3

Dec. 31, 2025 - at Columbus (7 pm ET)

Feb. 3, 2026 - at New Jersey (7 pm ET)

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

Dec. 19, 2024 - at CBJ 4, NJD 2

Mar. 11, 2025 - at NJD 5, CBJ 3

Mar. 17, 2025 - NJD 2, at CBJ 1

MATCHUP NOTES

- ★ New Jersey has won nine of the last 12 meetings since Oct. 30, 2022 (CBJ; 3-8-1) after Columbus won 15-of-18 in the series from Mar. 5, 2017-Mar. 1, 2022 (15-2-1).
- ★ The winning team has recorded four or more goals in 10 of the last 14 meetings overall since Jan. 8, 2022.
- ★ New Jersey has won each of the last two meetings at Columbus by a single goal, but the winning team has won by multiple goals in five of the last eight in the overall series.
- ★ The teams have combined for five goals or less in four of the past six games at Nationwide Arena.
- ★ The teams have combined for 65 shots or less in both games of the season series and seven of the last eight overall.
- ★ C Sean Monahan has 14-13-27 in 22 career games vs. New Jersey, including 3 multi-point efforts in the last 5 GP (4-3-7).
- ★ D Ivan Provorov has posted assists in both games in 2025-26 and has 5-18-23 in 40 career contests vs. the Devils.

JACKET TO WATCH - LW Miles Wood



Has 2-3-5, including 2 multi point efforts in 5 GP vs. the Devils. Talled 1-1-2 in the win at New Jersey on Dec. 1. Has registered points in 2-of-3 career home games against his former team (1-2-3).



DEVIL TO WATCH - RW Timo Meier



Has tallied 9-4-13 with 2 multi-point efforts in 18 career GP vs. Columbus. Has posted goals in each of his last 5 games against the club (5-0-5), and has points in 8 of his last 10 contests (8-1-10).



TEAM NOTES

- ★ Columbus swept a back-to-back set and won for a third-straight game with a 4-1 win at Ottawa on Tuesday. The Jackets, who have outscored opponents 11-3 over the streak, are 4-2-0 in the past six since Dec. 16.
- ★ CBJ are in a stretch of five games, including four at home, over eight days from Dec. 28-Jan. 4 (2-0-0).
- ★ The team plays its third of five consecutive games against the Eastern Conference, including three against the Metropolitan Division (NY Islanders, New Jersey and Pittsburgh).
- ★ The Jackets have scored the first goal in six of the last seven contests and nine of the past 12.
- ★ CBJ lead the NHL in penalty kill pct. since Dec. 16 (94.7 pct), stopping opponents on 18-of-19 chances in the last six games.
- ★ Columbus is 12-6-1 in games played on New Year's Eve and has won four-straight and six of the last seven on the day.

PLAYER NOTES

- ★ C Charlie Coyle collected his fourth multi-assist effort of the season on Monday (0-2-2) and has 2-8-10 in the last 14 GP.
- ★ G Jet Greaves has a 2.20 GAA and .923 SV% in 9 GP in December and is 3-0-0 with a 1.33 GAA and .949 SV% since Dec. 22.
- ★ C Boone Jenner notched a goal at Ottawa and sits one point from becoming the fourth Blue Jacket to record 400 career points (205-194-399, 765 GP).
- ★ LW Mason Marchment has registered points in all four games with CBJ (3-2-5), becoming the third Blue Jacket to record a point in each of their first four games with the franchise (Werenski, 4 GP in 2016-17 and Vermette, 4 in 2008-09).
- ★ RW Kirill Marchenko has posted goals in a season-high three-straight games (4-0-4). It's one game shy of his career high registered from Mar. 24-Apr. 1, 2025 (6-2-8).
- ★ D Denton Mateychuk has averaged 26:28 of ice time during a career-high four-game points streak (1-4-5).
- ★ D Damon Severson, who had 1-1-2 at Ottawa, has tied his career best (5x) with assists in four-straight games (1-5-6).
- ★ C Cole Sillinger has points in two-straight (1-2-3) and has tallied 2-7-9 in 13 contests in December.



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IN-GAME INFORMATION & ACTIVATIONS

PUCK DROP: 7:08 p.m.

ANTHEM: Leo Welsh

CANNONEER: Buster Douglas, World Heavyweight Champion

MILITARY HONOREE, presented by Elk + Elk: Jonah Minot, Major, Army National Guard

1ST INTERMISSION: OhioHealth Future Jackets, Blue Jackets Hockey League

2ND INTERMISSION: Toyota Bubble Ball

50/50 BENEFICIARY, presented by Kemba Financial Credit Union: Ohio AAA Blue Jackets

THEME NIGHT ACTIVATIONS: New Year's Eve, presented by New Amsterdam® Vodka

- Champagne will be available for purchase at select bars near the McConnell entrance (21+).
- Player-signed mystery New Year's Eve pucks available for purchase through the Columbus Blue Jackets Foundation. Sales open online at cbjauction.givesmart.com on December 31 at 9 a.m. The pucks are also available at the Foundation's kiosk at section 110 in Nationwide Arena to purchase during the game. Available while supplies last.
- Post-Game Fireworks on Ice

BLUE LINE ITEM OF THE GAME: New Year's Eve Puck



BLUE LINE

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GAME