



**BUFFALO SABRES**  
**vs.**  
**COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS**



Saturday, September 30, 2023, 3 p.m.

35	Aaron Dell	G	1	Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen	G
90	Elvis Merzlikins	G	27	Devon Levi	G
5	Denton Mateychuk	D	3	Joseph Cecconi	D
8	Zach Werenski	D	4	Jeremy Davies	D
9	Ivan Provorov	D	9	Zach Benson	LW
10	Dmitri Voronkov	C	10	Henri Jokiharju	D
11	Adam Fantilli	C	13	Lukas Rousek	RW
17	Justin Danforth	RW	15	Brandon Biro	LW
21	Josh Dunne	C	19	Peyton Krebs	C
25	Stefan Matteau	C	20	Jiri Kulich	C
27	Adam Boqvist	D	21	Kyle Okposo	RW
29	Patrik Laine	RW	24	Dylan Cozens	C
44	Erik Gudbranson	D	33	Ryan Johnson	D
52	Emil Bemstrom	RW	53	Jeff Skinner	LW
55	David Jiricek	D	61	Riley Stillman	D
67	James Malatesta	LW	63	Isak Rosen	RW
69	Jordan Dumais	RW	71	Victor Olofsson	LW
86	Kirill Marchenko	RW	72	Tage Thompson	C
91	Kent Johnson	C	78	Jacob Bryson	D
96	Jack Roslovic	C	89	Alex Tuch	RW

**Referees:** Michael Markovic (31), Pierre Lambert (37)  
**Linespersons:** Michel Cormier (76), Mark Shewchyk (92)  
**Anthem Singers:** Evelyn and Alaina Zangerle



No.	Player	9/24 at WSH	9/26 vs. BOS	9/27 at TOR	9/28 at PIT	9/30 vs. CBJ	10/4 at CBJ	10/6 vs. PIT
3	Cecconi, Joseph	DND	0-0, +3	DND	DND			
4	Davies, Jeremy	0-0, -1	DND	1-0, +2	DND			
5	Prow, Ethan	DND	DND	DND	DND			
6	Johnson, Erik	DND	DND	DND	DND			
8	Richards, Justin	DND	DND	0-0, E	DND			
9	Benson, Zach	1-0, +1	0-1, E	DND	0-0, E			
10	Jokiharju, Henri	DND	DND	1-0, E	DND			
12	Greenway, Jordan	0-1, +1	DND	DND	0-1, E			
13	Rousek, Lukas	0-1, -1	DND	0-1, +1	DND			
15	Biro, Brandon	0-1, +1	1-1, +2	DND	0-0, -1			
17	Jost, Tyson	0-0, +1	DND	0-0, -1	DND			
19	Krebs, Peyton	1-0, E	DND	0-0, -2	DND			
20	Kulich, Jiri	0-0, E	0-0, +1	DND	0-0, -1			
21	Okposo, Kyle	DND	DND	DND	DND			
22	Quinn, Jack	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ			
23	Samuelsson, Mattias	DND	0-0, E	DND	DND			
24	Cozens, Dylan	DND	DND	0-1, E	DND			
25	Power, Owen	DND	DND	0-0, -3	DND			
26	Dahlin, Rasmus	DND	0-0, E	DND	DND			
28	Girgensons, Zemgus	DND	DND	DND	0-0, E			
29	Fiddler-Schultz, Riley	DND	DND	DND	DND			
33	Johnson, Ryan	0-1, +2	DND	0-0, -2	0-0, -1			
37	Mittelstadt, Casey	DND	0-2, +2	DND	0-0, -2			
38	Clague, Kale	0-0, -2	0-0, E	DND	0-0, -1			
42	Warren, Brendan	DND	DND	0-0, +1	DND			
44	Jandric, Chris	DND	DND	DND	DND			
45	Nicolas, Savoie	DND	DND	DND	DND			
48	Kozak, Tyson	0-0, -1	0-1, +1	DND	0-0, -1			
49	Cederqvist, Filip	0-0, -1	1-0, +1	DND	0-0, -1			
52	Kisakov, Aleksandr	DND	DND	0-0, E	DND			
53	Skinner, Jeff	DND	1-0, E	DND	DND			
54	Nadeau, Olivier	DND	0-0, E	DND	DND			
57	Mersch, Michael	DND	DND	0-0, -1	DND			
59	Brown, Christopher	DND	DND	DND	DND			
60	Giroux, Damien	DND	DND	DND	DND			
61	Stillman, Riley	0-0, E	1-0, +2	DND	0-0, E			
63	Rosen, Isak	0-0, E	0-0, -1	DND	0-0, E			
65	Weissbach, Linus	0-0, -1	DND	0-0, -1	DND			
67	Slaggert, Graham	DND	DND	0-0, -1	DND			
68	Fortunato, Brandon	DND	DND	DND	DND			
71	Olofsson, Victor	DND	DND	0-1, -1	DND			
72	Thompson, Tage	DND	0-1, E	DND	1-0, E			
73	Metsa, Zach	DND	DND	DND	0-0, E			
74	Panocha, Norwin	DND	DND	0-0, +1	JR	JR	JR	JR
75	Clifton, Connor	DND	DND	DND	DND			
76	Komarov, Vsevolod	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ			
77	Peterka, JJ	1-0, 1	DND	DND	0-0, -1			

78	Bryson, Jacob	0-1, +2	DND	0-0, -1	0-0, E			
79	Neuchev, Viktor	DND	DND	DND	0-0, -1			
81	Murray, Brett	DND	0-1, +1	0-0, -2	DND			
83	Lindgren, Mats	DND	0-1, -1	DND	JR	JR	JR	JR
85	Jobst, Mason	DND	0-0, -1	DND	DND			
86	Mersch, Dominick	DND	DND	DND	DND			
89	Tuch, Alex	DND	DND	DND	DND			
91	Novikov, Nikita	0-0, -1	DND	DND	0-0, -1			
93	Savoie, Matt	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ			
95	Miedema, Ethan	JR	JR	JR	JR	JR	JR	JR

PLAYER STATS = Goals-Assists, +/-      INJ = Missed Game Due to Injury      DND = Did Not Dress  
 JR = Returned to Junior      MIN = Assigned to Rochester (AHL)      FA = Free Agent

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1	Luukkonen, Ukko-Pekka	DND	DND	L, 25/28, 40:00	DND			
27	Levi, Devon	DND	W, 19-19, 40:00	DND	DND			
31	Comrie, Eric	ND, 19-21, 39:55	DND	DND	L, 27-29, 58:45			
32	Houser, Michael	DND	DND	ND, 11/13, 20:00	DNP			
34	Ratzlaff, Scott	JR	JR	JR	JR	JR	JR	JR
40	Tokarski, Dustin	W, 10-11, 25:00	DND	DND	DND			
62	Cooley, Devin	DND	ND, 18-19, 20:00	DND	DND			

GOALTENDER STATS = Decision, Saves-Shots, Minutes  
 DNP = Did not Play      ND = No Decision

INJ = Missed Game Due to Injury  
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DND = Did not Dress  
 RCH = Assigned to Rochester (AHL)

# PRESEASON AT A GLANCE

## 2023-24 PRESEASON RECORD...

	GP	W	L	OTL	GF	GA	PTS
<b>HOME:</b>	1	1	0	0	4	1	2
<b>ROAD:</b>	3	1	2	0	7	11	2
<b>OVERALL:</b>	4	2	2	0	11	12	4

## GOALS BY PERIOD...

	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL
<b>SABRES:</b>	2	4	4	1	11
<b>OPPONENTS:</b>	2	4	6	0	12

## SHOTS BY PERIOD...

	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL
<b>SABRES:</b>	33	38	30	1	102
<b>OPPONENTS:</b>	38	47	53	3	141

## SABRES POWER PLAY...

	PPG	OPP	%
<b>HOME:</b>	1	4	25.0
<b>ROAD:</b>	0	11	0.0
<b>OVERALL:</b>	1	15	6.7

## SABRES PENALTY KILLING...

	PPGA	OPP	%
<b>HOME:</b>	0	3	100.0
<b>ROAD:</b>	1	10	90.0
<b>OVERALL:</b>	1	13	92.3

## SABRES TRAINING CAMP TRANSACTIONS...

Date	Transaction(s)
<b>Sept. 23</b>	Returned forward <b>Ethan Miedema</b> and goaltender <b>Scott Ratzlaff</b> to their respective junior clubs.
<b>Sept. 28</b>	Returned forward <b>Mats Lindgren</b> and goaltender <b>Norwin Panocha</b> to their respective junior clubs.
<b>Sept. 29</b>	Loaned forwards <b>Flip Cederqvist</b> , <b>Aleksandr Kisakov</b> , <b>Tyson Kozak</b> , <b>Olivier Nadeau</b> , <b>Viktor Neuchev</b> and <b>Linus Weissbach</b> , and defenseman <b>Nikita Novikov</b> to Rochester (AHL).  Released forwards <b>Christopher Brown</b> , <b>Riley Fiddler-Schultz</b> , <b>Damien Giroux</b> , <b>Mason Jobst</b> , <b>Dominick Mersch</b> , <b>Michael Mersch</b> , <b>Graham Slaggert</b> and <b>Brendan Warren</b> , defenseman <b>Brandon Fortunato</b> , <b>Chris Jandric</b> , <b>Zach Metsa</b> , <b>Ethan Prow</b> and <b>Nicolas Savoie</b> , and goaltender <b>Michael Houser</b> , from their PTOs.

**NOTE:** The Sabres have 39 players on their training camp roster (21 forwards, 13 defensemen and five goaltenders).



# COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS GAME DAY



## BLUE JACKETS PRESEASON GAME NOTES

**Sept. 30, 2023**

**at Buffalo Sabres, KeyBank Center (3 pm ET)**

**Referees:** Pierre Lambert (37), Michael Markovic (31)

**Preseason Game No. 4 (1-1-1, 3 pts.)**

**Preseason Road Game No. 3 (0-1-1, 1 pt.)**

**Linesmen:** Michel Cormier (76), Mark Shewchuk (92)

**BLUE JACKETS OPEN EIGHT-GAME PRESEASON SCHEDULE:** The Blue Jackets continue their eight-game preseason schedule this afternoon as they travel to face the Buffalo Sabres. The club opened up preseason play by with a doubleheader against the Pittsburgh Penguins (3-2 SOL at PIT, 4-3 OTW vs. PIT) on Sunday before falling 3-2 at St. Louis on Tuesday. Columbus will play a pair of preseason games against the Penguins, St. Louis Blues, Buffalo Sabres and Washington Capitals. The Blue Jackets' eight exhibition contests occur in a span of 14 days and conclude with a contest at Washington on October 7. There are currently 48 players in camp – 26 forwards, 16 defensemen and six goaltenders. For a complete training camp roster and schedule, visit [BlueJackets.com](http://BlueJackets.com).

## 2023 COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS PRESEASON SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Time (ET)/Result
Sept. 24	Sunday	at Pittsburgh Penguins	PPG Paints Arena	2-3, OTL
Sept. 24	Sunday	PITTSBURGH PENGUINS	NATIONWIDE ARENA	4-3, OTW
Sept. 26	Tuesday	at St. Louis Blues	Enterprise Center	2-3, L
Sept. 30	Saturday	at Buffalo Sabres	KeyBank Center	3 p.m.
Oct. 2	Monday	ST. LOUIS BLUES	NATIONWIDE ARENA	7 p.m.
Oct. 4	Wednesday	BUFFALO SABRES	NATIONWIDE ARENA	7 p.m.
Oct. 5	Thursday	WASHINGTON CAPITALS	NATIONWIDE ARENA	7 p.m.
Oct. 7	Saturday	at Washington Capitals	Capital One Arena	7 p.m.

## 2023 COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS PRESEASON GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS

Gm	Date	Opponent	Result	Record	Score	Goal Scorers	GWG	PP	PK	SF-SA	W-L Goalie	Attn.
1.	Sept. 24	at PIT	SOL	0-0-1	2-3	96p, 76	11	1-4	3-3	35-28	Blomqvist/Dell	13,341
2.	Sept. 24	PIT	OTW	1-0-1	4-3	42, 72, 72s, 69	69	0-4	3-3	36-29	Cajan/Gauthier	13,255
3.	Sept. 26	at STL	L	1-1-1	2-3	52, 52p	70	1-4	3-4	32-13	Binnington/Dell	15,417
4.	Sept. 30	at BUF										
5.	Oct. 2	STL										
6.	Oct. 4	BUF										
7.	Oct. 5	WSH										
8.	Oct. 7	at WSH										

## COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS ALL-TIME PRESEASON RESULTS

	Overall	Home	Road	Neutral	Top Scorer	Top Goaltender
<b>2000:</b>	3-5-1	1-1-1	0-1-0	2-3-0	Maltais – 7 GP, 3-4-7	Denis – 1-1-0, 2.49, .899
<b>2001:</b>	2-3-2	2-0-1	0-1-1	0-2-0	Sanderson – 5 GP, 3-2-5	Denis – 0-2-2, 1.99, .930
<b>2002:</b>	6-3-0	2-2-0	3-1-0	1-0-0	Sanderson – 7 GP, 2-5-7	Labbe – 2-0-0, 1.51, .949
<b>2003:</b>	2-4-2	2-1-1	0-3-1	0-0-0	Spacek – 6 GP, 3-2-5	Denis – 2-2-0, 1.87, .930
<b>2005:</b>	3-6-0	3-2-0	0-4-0	0-0-0	Brule – 6 GP, 2-3-5	Leclaire – 2-1-0, 2.86, .905
<b>2006:</b>	4-3-0	3-1-0	1-1-0	0-1-0	Platt – 4 GP, 4-3-7	Leclaire – 3-0-0, 1.20, .957
<b>2007:</b>	3-3-2	0-3-1	3-0-1	0-0-0	Chimera – 6 GP, 2-4-6	Mason – 1-2-0, 1.78, .913
<b>2008:</b>	4-4-0	3-1-0	1-3-0	0-0-0	Nash – 4 GP, 3-5-8	Leclaire – 2-0-0, 2.64, .881
<b>2009:</b>	4-3-1	3-1-0	1-2-1	0-0-0	Voracek – 6 GP, 3-4-7	Garon – 2-0-0, 2.35, .913
<b>2010:</b>	5-4-0	2-2-0	3-2-0	0-0-0	Huselius – 4 GP, 1-6-7	Mason – 2-1-0, 3.65, .899
<b>2011:</b>	5-2-1	4-0-0	1-2-1	0-0-0	Tyutin – 4 GP, 2-5-7	Mason – 4-0-0, 1.98, .934
<b>2012:</b>	n/a					

## COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS ALL-TIME PRESEASON RESULTS (continued)

	<b>Overall</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Road</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Top Scorer</b>	<b>Top Goaltender</b>
<b>2013:</b>	4-3-1	1-2-1	3-1-0	0-0-0	Gaborik – 4 GP, 2-5-7	Bobrovsky – 1-2-1, 2.13, .925
<b>2014:</b>	7-1-0	4-0-0	3-1-0	0-0-0	Foligno – 5 GP, 3-4-7	Bobrovsky – 3-1-0, 1.92, .948
<b>2015:</b>	5-2-1	2-1-1	3-1-0	0-0-0	Johansen – 4 GP, 4-8-12	Bobrovsky – 4-0-0, 1.36, .959
<b>2016:</b>	4-4-0	1-3-0	3-1-0	0-0-0	Gagner – 5 GP, 1-4-5	Bobrovsky – 1-2-0, 2.39, .900
<b>2017:</b>	4-3-1	1-3-0	3-0-1	0-0-0	Panarin – 6 GP, 3-2-5	Bobrovsky – 2-1-0, 3.38, .906
<b>2018:</b>	3-5-0	2-2-0	0-3-0	1-0-0	Atkinson – 4 GP, 3-4-7	Berube – 1-0-0, 2.28, .875
<b>2019:</b>	2-3-1	2-1-0	0-2-1	0-0-0	Lilja – 4 GP, 2-1-3	Korpisalo – 1-1-0, 1.23, .953
<b>2020:</b>	n/a					
<b>2021:</b>	4-2-2	2-0-2	2-2-0	0-0-0	Voracek – 3 GP, 2-5-7	Berube – 1-0-0, 1.16, .969
<b>2022:</b>	4-2-2	4-0-0	0-2-2	0-0-0	Chinakhov – 6 GP, 6-1-7	Merzlikins – 2-0-1, 1.87, .943
<b>2023:</b>	1-1-1	1-0-0	0-1-1	0-0-0	Bemstrom – 2 GP, 2-1-3	Cajan – 1-0-0, 0.00, 1.000

## RECENT TRANSACTIONS

- Sept. 29 Loaned F Tyler Angle, D Ole-Julian Bjorgvik-Holm, F Cameron Butler, F Luca Del Bel Belluz, D Samuel Knazko and F Mikael Pyyhtia to Cleveland (AHL); Returned F Roman Ahcan, D Cole Clayton, F Jake Gaudet and F Owen Sillinger to Cleveland (AHL), in addition G Eric Dop (released from PTO) and F Martin Rysavy are expected to join Cleveland for the start of their training camp; Released D Nicolas Meloche and D Thomas Schemitsch from tryout contracts.
- Sept. 29 Claimed G Spencer Martin off waivers from the Vancouver Canucks
- Sept. 27 Returned G Nolan Lalonde to Erie (OHL) and released D Ben Roger from tryout contract.
- Sept. 23 Assigned C Luca Pinelli to Ottawa (OHL) and F Tyler Peddle to Drummondville (QMJHL). Released D Nicholas DeAngelis, C Kocho Delic, D Gunner Kinniburgh, D Joe Leahy, C Sean McGurn, C Nate Schnarr, RW Jakin Smallwood, F Aidan Spellacy and C Oasiz Wiesblatt from tryout contracts.

## RECENT OFF-SEASON TRANSACTIONS

- June 5 Signed D Jake Christiansen to a one-year, two-way NHL/AHL contract extension.
- June 6 Acquired D Ivan Provorov as part of a three-team trade involving the Philadelphia Flyers and Los Angeles Kings in exchange for a first-round pick in the 2023 NHL Draft and a conditional second-round selection in either the 2024 or 2025 NHL Draft.
- June 9 Acquired D Damon Severson from the New Jersey Devils in exchange for a third-round pick in the 2023 NHL Draft.
- June 15 Signed C Josh Dunne to a one-year, two-way NHL/AHL contract extension.
- June 21 Signed RW Mathieu Olivier to a two-year contract extension through the 2024-25 season.
- June 23 Signed RW Carson Meyer to a one-year, two-way NHL/AHL contract extension.
- June 27 Sign RW Trey Fix-Wolansky to a two-year, two-way NHL/AHL contract extension through the 2024-25 season.
- June 30 Signed D Marcus Bjork to a one-year, two-way NHL/AHL contract extension.
- July 1 Signed C Adam Fantilli to a three-year entry level contract.

## OFF-SEASON BLUE JACKETS HEADLINES

**CHANGE BEHIND THE BENCH:** The club will have a new leader behind the bench this season as Pascal Vincent was promoted to head coach on Sept. 17, 2023 after Mike Babcock resigned from the position. Vincent, who turned 52 on September 22, had joined the Blue Jackets as an associate coach in 2021. He spent the previous 10 seasons as a member of the Winnipeg Jets organization, including five as head coach of the American Hockey League's Manitoba Moose from 2016-21. The native of Laval, Quebec compiled a 155-139-31 record in 325 AHL games and was awarded the Louis A.R. Pieri Memorial Award (Coach of the Year) in 2017-18. Vincent also posted a 429-313-87 record in 829 games as head coach in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League with the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles from 2000-08 and Montreal Juniors from 2008-11.

**ADDING ON THE BLUELINE** The club acquired a pair of veterans over a four-day span this off-season to boost the defensive core. CBJ acquired blueliner **Ivan Provorov** in a three-team trade with Philadelphia and Los Angeles on June 6<sup>th</sup>. The seventh overall pick in the 2015 NHL Draft – and one pick before All-Star defenseman Zach Werenski was selected by the Blue Jackets – notched 65-152-217 and 196 PIM, while averaging 24:05 TOI in 532 career games with the Flyers. The team then acquired defenseman **Damon Severson** in a trade from New Jersey after he signed an eight-year contract extension that runs through 2030-31 on June 9<sup>th</sup>. He joins the club after registering 58-205-263 and 388 PIM in 647 career games with the Devils since making his NHL debut in 2014-15.

**HOBEBY BAKER ADDITION:** The Blue Jackets selected University of Michigan freshman Adam Fantilli third overall at the 2023 NHL Draft on June 28<sup>th</sup> and then signed him to a three-year entry-level contract on July 1. Fantilli racked up 30-35-65, 145 shots on goal and was +31 in 36 games at Michigan in 2022-23. He became the third freshman in NCAA history to win the Hobey Baker Award as the NCAA's top collegiate player, joining Paul Kairya (1993) and Jack Eichel (2015) after leading all college players in goals and points.

He was also named the NCAA Top Collegiate Rookie and Big Ten Freshman of the Year, NCAA First All-American Team and First-Team All-Big Ten.

**AT THE DRAFT:** The Blue Jackets selected eight players in the 2023 NHL Draft held at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville from June 28-29. The team drafted **Fantilli** in the first round third overall from the University of Michigan. Overall, the club selected six forwards, one defenseman and one goalie.

**TRAVERSE CITY RECAP:** Columbus captured the Prospect Tournament title at Traverse City, Michigan after winning two of its three games from September 14-17. The Blue Jackets started the tournament with a 7-3 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs and 10-7 win over the Detroit Red Wings. The club concluded the tournament with a 6-3 loss to the Dallas Stars. RW **Jordan Dumais** led the tournament in goals and points with 4-4-8 in two games. C **Adam Fantilli** ranked second-T in goals, assists and points with 3-4-7 in two games, while D **Denton Mateychuk**, who served as captain for the Blue Jackets, led the way in assists with 0-7-7 in two contests.

#### **2022-23 SEASON RECAP**

**COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS COMPLETE 22ND NHL SEASON:** The Columbus Blue Jackets completed their 22nd NHL season with a 25-48-9 record (59 pts./360 pts. pct.)... The club finished eighth in the Metropolitan Division, 16th in the Eastern Conference and 31st in the NHL... Since the start of the 2012-13 season, the Blue Jackets have gone 398-343-89 (.533) with seven winning seasons and five Stanley Cup Playoffs berths during that span.

**BLUE JACKETS AT HOME:** The Blue Jackets went 16-23-2 (47 pts./415) at home this past season, scoring 113 goals (2.76 per game) and allowing 159 goals (3.88) in 41 games, including a 5-1 loss to Colorado in Tampere, Finland as part of the 2022 NHL Global Series... In 22 seasons, Columbus is 427-338-102 (.551) in 867 home games.

**COLUMBUS ON THE ROAD:** Columbus went 9-25-7 (25 pts./305) on the road this season, scoring 100 goals (2.44 per game) and allowing 170 goals (4.15) in 41 games, including a 6-3 loss vs. Colorado in Tampere, Finland as part of the 2022 NHL Global Series... In 22 NHL seasons, Columbus is 313-446-106 (.423) in 865 road games.

**GOALS FOR/GOALS AGAINST: Goals For:** The Blue Jackets scored 213 goals in 82 games (not including SO goals), which was an average of 2.60 goals per game (30th, NHL)... Columbus scored four or more goals (incl. SO goals) 24 times (21-2-1) and five or more on 13 occasions (13-0-0)... **Goals Against:** The Blue Jackets allowed 329 goals in 82 games, averaging 4.01 goals-against per game (31st, NHL), which was the most in club history (previous record: 297/3.62, 2021-22)... The team surrendered two goals or fewer in 15 games (9-5-1) and one goal or fewer in seven contests (6-1-0).

**MISCELLANEOUS NEWS & NOTES:** The Blue Jackets had the second-youngest roster in the NHL during the 2022-23 season with 19 players making their team debut and a franchise-record 11 players making their NHL debuts during the campaign... Columbus played 17 back-to-back sets during the 2022-23 season and posted an overall record of 9-22-2 with a 5-12-0 mark in first games and 4-10-2 in second contests... The Blue Jackets had four players score at least 20 goals this season, which was tied for the second-most in a single season in club history (five; 2018-19)... The club set a new team record with 563 man-games lost to injury (previous high was 508 in 2014-15)... A franchise-record 47 different players played in a game this season, including six goaltenders, surpassing the previous highs of 43 players (2003-04) and five goaltenders (2006-07 and 2008-09)... The Blue Jackets averaged 29.3 shots on goal per game (26th, NHL) and allowed 35.4 shots-against (31st, NHL)... The club averaged 16.22 blocked shots per game (4th, NHL; 1,343 total); 22.71 hits (15th, NHL; 1,880 total); 6.35 giveaways (4th-fewest, NHL; 526 total); 6.46 takeaways (23rd, NHL; 535 total); and won 48.6 percent of its faceoffs taken (23rd, NHL).

#### **2022-23 PLAYER RECAP**

**GAUDREAU LEADS THE WAY:** LW Johnny Gaudreau led the Blue Jackets in assists, points, shots, power play points, overtime goals, game-winning goals and games played (tied) and finished third-T in goals with 21-53-74, 220 shots, 24 PPP, three OTG and four GWG in 80 games in his first season with the team... Also led the club in multi-assist (14) and multi-point outings (20)... Registered the second-most OTG in a single-season in club history, trailing only Artemi Panarin (4 in 2018-19)... Reached the 70-point plateau for the fifth time in his career and became the sixth different player to accomplish the feat in a single season in club history... His 53 assists were the fourth-most in a single season in club history, while his 74 points were fifth-most... Set a new franchise record for the most multi-point outings by a player in their first year with the team, surpassing Artemi Panarin (19; 2017-18)... Tied the franchise record with a five-point game (2-3-5) on Mar. 14 at San Jose (sixth time)... Recorded a hat trick (3-0-3) while skating in his seventh career NHL All-Star Game - and first representing the Blue Jackets - on Feb. 4 at FLA Live Arena in Sunrise, Florida.

**CAPTAIN BOONE JENNER:** C Boone Jenner led the team in goals and ranked second-T in power play goals and third in points with 26-19-45 and seven power play goals in 68 contests... Longest-tenured Blue Jacket following his 10th season with the club, including his second as the team's captain, recorded 25-plus goals for the second time in his career... Posted the second-most goals and points in



a season in his career (30-19-49 in 2015-16)... Ranks second on the club's all-time list in games played, third in goals and fourth in points with 170-159-329 in 657 career games... Became the third player to play in 600 career games with the franchise on Nov. 4 vs. Colorado... Notched his 150th career Blue Jackets goal on Nov. 15 vs. Philadelphia, joining Rick Nash (289) and Cam Atkinson (213) to reach the milestone... Nominated by the Columbus chapter of the Professional Hockey Writers Association for the Bill Masterton Memorial Trophy - the award is given annually to the player who best exemplifies the qualities of perseverance, sportsmanship and dedication to hockey.

**LAINE LIGHTS UP:** LW Patrik Laine led the club in power play goals and points per game, ranked second in goals and points and finished third in assists despite missing 27 games as he finished with 22-30-52 and eight power play goals in 55 outings (.95 points per game)... Reached the 20-goal and 50-point plateaus for the sixth time in his career... Notched his 10th career hat trick - and second with the Blue Jackets - on Jan. 14 at Detroit, also recording his 11th multi-goal effort with the Blue Jackets, which is tied for the eighth-most in franchise history (Scott Hartnell and David Vyborny)... Registered points in nine of his last 10 games (5-9-14), including a six-game points streak from Feb. 28-Mar. 14 (4-4-8), prior to missing the final 12 contests of the campaign due to a triceps injury... Has averaged .97 points per game (48-60-108, 111 GP) over the past two seasons compared to .77 (150-121-271, 351 GP) in his first five campaigns.

**MARCHENK-GOAL!** RW Kirill Marchenko set franchise records for most goals and power play goals (tied) by a rookie with 21-4-25, seven power play goals and three multi-goal games in 59 appearances... Tied for the NHL lead among rookies in power play goals (Anaheim's Mason McTavish) and ranked third in goals, trailing only Seattle's Matty Beniers (24) and Dallas' Wyatt Johnston (24)... Made his NHL debut on Dec. 6 at Pittsburgh after racking up 8-11-19 in 16 games with Cleveland (AHL)... Notched his first career NHL goal on Dec. 11 vs. Los Angeles... Became the sixth rookie in franchise history to register a hat trick with 3-0-3 on eight shots on Jan. 7 vs. Carolina... Recorded his 21st goal of the season with his first career overtime winner on Apr. 2 vs. Ottawa to surpass Pierre-Luc Dubois (20 in 2017-18) for most goals by a CBJ rookie in a campaign... Is the second rookie in club history to record at least three multi-goal games in a single season, joining Serge Aubin in 2000-01.

**KJ'S ROOKIE CAMPAIGN:** C Kent Johnson led Blue Jackets' rookies in assists, points, power play points, game-winning goals and multi-point efforts with 16-24-40, 12 PPP, three GWG and seven multi-point games in 79 appearances... Recorded the third-most points and fourth-most goals (tied), assists and game winners (tied) by a rookie in a single season in club history... Ranked third-T among NHL rookies in game-winning goals and fifth in points... Surpassed Rick Nash (39 pts. in 74 GP in 2002-03) for the third-most points by a rookie in a single-season in franchise history with an assist on Apr. 4 at Toronto... Registered a season-high four-game points streak from Oct. 20-Oct. 25 (3-1-4)... Notched his first career NHL goal on Oct. 22 vs. Pittsburgh.

**BOQVIST LEADS CBJ DEFENSEMEN IN SCORING:** D Adam Boqvist, who missed 30 games due to injury, set single-season career highs in assists and points with 5-19-24 in 46 games... Led the team's blueliners in assists, points and power play points (nine) and ranked second in goals... Set a new single-season career high with points in four consecutive games from Feb. 14-19 (2-3-5)... Has collected 15-30-45 in his last 89 games compared to 7-23-30 in his first 85 NHL games.

**MISCELLANEOUS PLAYER NEWS & NOTES:** C **Jack Roslovic** set a single-season career high in assists and posted the second-highest point total of his career (45 in 2021-22) with 11-33-44 in 77 contests... Ranked second on the team in assists and fourth in points ... D **Andrew Peeke** set a single-season career high in goals with 6-7-13 and 22 PIM in 80 games... Led the club and ranked third in the NHL with 197 blocked shots, setting a single-season franchise record (since 2005-06) in the process (Ryan Murray; 171, 2015-16)... Registered a blocked shot in 74 of his 80 contests... D **Erik Gudbranson** set single-season career highs in assists and average ice time after finishing with 1-12-13, 57 penalty minutes, 119 hits, 137 blocked shots, while averaging 21:18 TOI in 70 outings in 2022-23... Finished second on the club in blocked shots and third in penalty minutes... RW **Mathieu Olivier** set single-season career highs with 5-10-15 and added 81 penalty minutes and 178 hits in 66 games in his first season with the franchise... Led the Blue Jackets in penalty minutes and ranked third in hits...RW **Emil Bemstrom** set single-season career highs in assists and points with 7-15-22 in 55 outings... The club saw 19 players make their team debuts in 2022-23, including a franchise-record 11 make their NHL debuts: Tyler Angle (NHL), Tim Berni (NHL), Marcus Bjork (NHL), Johnny Gaudreau, Jon Gillies, Jet Greaves (NHL), Erik Gudbranson, Michael Hutchinson, David Jiricek (NHL), Samuel Knazko (NHL), Joona Luoto, Kirill Marchenko (NHL), Hunter McKown (NHL), Mathieu Olivier, Lane Pederson, Mikael Pyyhtia (NHL), Justin Richards, Stanislav Svozil (NHL), Billy Sweezey (NHL)... The team set a franchise record for most players to make their NHL debuts in a single season (10; 2021-22 and 2000-01)... CBJ led the NHL in goals scored by team rookies and ranked second in points with 55-65-120 in 82 games in 2022-23, setting franchise records for the most goals (37, 2017-18), assists (56, 2016-17) and points (83, 2016-17; 82, 2017-18) recorded by team rookies in a season.

**COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS 2022-23 FINAL STATISTICS**

No.	Player	Pos	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM	PP	SH	GW	OT	S	%	TOI/G	FO%	
13	Johnny Gaudreau	L	80	21	53	74	-33	22	3	0	4	3	220	9.5	19:25	--	
29	Patrik Laine	L	55	22	30	52	-12	16	8	0	1	0	184	12	19:07	35	
38	Boone Jenner	C	68	26	19	45	-32	51	7	0	3	1	214	12.1	20:12	54.7	
96	Jack Roslovic	C	77	11	33	44	-14	10	2	2	2	1	123	8.9	16:27	45	
13	Kent Johnson *	C	79	16	24	40	-19	14	5	0	3	1	126	12.7	14:31	29.5	
86	Kirill Marchenko *	R	59	21	4	25	-23	16	7	0	1	1	131	16	16:11	56.3	
50	Eric Robinson	L	72	12	12	24	-21	6	0	0	1	0	98	12.2	13:57	20	
27	Adam Boqvist	D	46	5	19	24	-12	8	0	0	1	0	68	7.4	18:38	--	
14	Gustav Nyquist +	C	48	10	12	22	-11	16	0	2	2	0	97	10.3	17:48	43.8	
52	Emil Bemstrom	R	55	7	15	22	-11	6	3	0	0	0	95	7.4	12:07	41.2	
7	Sean Kuraly	C	71	11	9	20	-28	68	1	1	0	0	100	11	15:04	49.7	
24	Mathieu Olivier	R	66	5	10	15	-20	81	0	0	1	0	75	6.7	11:38	13.3	
19	Liam Foudy *	C	62	7	7	14	-26	8	0	0	0	0	67	10.4	12:08	33.3	
77	Nick Blankenburg *	D	36	4	10	14	-16	16	0	0	1	0	50	8	19:10	--	
15	Gavin Bayreuther	D	51	2	12	14	-18	23	0	0	0	0	61	3.3	15:57	--	
2	Andrew Peeke	D	80	6	7	13	-41	22	0	0	1	0	90	6.7	21:15	--	
59	Yegor Chinakhov	R	30	4	9	13	-6	10	1	0	0	0	44	9.1	13:15	33.3	
44	Erik Gudbranson	D	70	1	12	13	-24	57	0	0	1	0	102	1	21:18	--	
47	Marcus Bjork *	D	33	3	8	11	-9	42	1	0	0	0	34	8.8	18:09	--	
34	Cole Sillinger	C	64	3	8	11	-23	22	2	0	0	0	93	3.2	13:19	44.3	
4	Vladislav Gavrikov +	D	52	3	7	10	-8	30	0	0	2	2	61	4.9	22:20	--	
8	Zach Werenski	D	13	3	5	8	-6	0	0	0	0	0	41	7.3	23:36	--	
93	Jakub Voracek +	R	11	1	5	6	-7	0	1	0	0	0	17	5.9	15:58	33.3	
22	Jake Bean	D	14	1	5	6	-2	6	0	0	0	0	16	6.3	15:42	--	
23	Jake Christiansen *	D	24	0	4	4	-7	4	0	0	0	0	25	0	15:13	--	
17	Justin Danforth	R	6	2	1	3	-3	4	0	0	0	0	10	20	13:23	30.8	
18	Lane Pederson	C	16	2	1	3	-4	11	0	0	0	0	12	16.7	11:18	57	
75	Tim Berni *	D	59	1	2	3	-26	34	0	0	0	0	58	1.7	16:58	--	
41	Hunter McKown *	C	12	0	2	2	-4	8	0	0	0	0	13	0	12:14	55.2	
39	Tyler Angle *	C	2	1	0	1	-2	0	0	0	0	0	5	20	11:29	44.4	
46	Joona Luoto *	L	7	1	0	1	-7	0	0	0	0	0	7	14.3	12:28	100	
64	Trey Fix-Wolansky *	R	9	1	0	0	1	-5	0	0	0	0	0	19	5.3	12:57	--
81	Stanislav Svozil *	D	2	0	1	1	-3	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	20:07	--	
82	Mikael Pyhtia *	L	2	0	1	1	-2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	13:32	--	
36	Justin Richards *	C	2	0	1	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	10:48	38.5	
16	Brendan Gaunce	C	5	0	1	1	-1	2	0	0	0	0	9	0	10:28	58.9	
6	Billy Sweezey	D	9	0	1	1	-3	9	0	0	0	0	3	0	17:07	--	
72	Carson Meyer *	R	14	0	1	1	-2	6	0	0	0	0	17	0	9:43	--	
62	Samuel Knazko *	D	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	15:39	--	
55	David Jiricek *	D	4	0	0	0	-4	2	0	0	0	0	5	0	18:04	--	
21	Josh Dunne *	C	8	0	0	0	-6	6	0	0	0	0	4	0	9:58	51	

  

No.	Goaltender	GP	MIN	W	L	OT	SO	SA	SV	SV%	GA	GAA	G	A	PIM
70	Joonas Korpisalo +	28	1,550:57	11	11	3	0	926	845	. 913	82	3.17	0:00	0	0
90	Elvis Merzlikins	30	1,560:12	7	18	2	0	889	779	0.876	110	4.23	0	1	4
40	Daniil Tarasov *	17	874:08:00	4	11	1	0	528	471	. 892	57	3.91	0:00	1	0
31	Michael Hutchinson	16	755:27:00	2	6	3	0	432	379	0.877	54	4.29	0:00	1	0
32	Jon Gillies	3	118:09:00	1	1	0	0	66	57	0.864	9	4.57	0:00	0	0
73	Jet Greaves*	1	58:57:00	0	1	0	0	49	46	0.939	3	3.05	0:00	0	0

**+ Traded or Claimed Player \* Rookie**

**CLEVELAND MONSTERS 2022-23 FINAL STATISTICS**

No.	Player	Team	Pos	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM	PP	SH	GW	OT	S	%
64	Trey Fix-Wolansky	CLE	RW	61	29	42	71	-5	40	11	0	2	2	224	12.9
16	Justin Richards	CLE	C	61	10	29	39	6	54	1	0	0	0	95	10.5
55	David Jiricek *	CLE	D	55	6	32	38	-11	36	4	0	1	0	101	5.9
21	Josh Dunne	CLE	C	65	20	17	37	-13	71	6	2	4	1	161	12.4
12	Owen Sillinger *	CLE	C	72	11	25	36	-15	60	2	0	0	0	121	9.1
23	Jake Christiansen	CLE	D	50	11	23	34	-1	53	4	0	0	0	157	7
52	Emil Bemstrom	CLE	RW	21	14	17	31	-1	4	8	0	3	1	71	19.7
42	Cole Fonstad	CLE	LW	70	15	15	30	-20	14	6	1	4	0	101	14.9
17	Carson Meyer	CLE	RW	34	9	17	26	6	36	5	0	3	0	86	10.5
71	Joonas Luoto	CLE	LW	45	14	11	25	1	10	1	2	1	0	106	13.2
77	Tyler Angle	CLE	C	66	11	12	23	-13	28	0	1	1	0	109	10.1
20	Samuel Knazko *	CLE	D	50	1	20	21	-15	17	0	0	0	0	43	2.3
29	Robbie Payne	CLE	RW	53	7	13	20	-11	23	2	0	2	0	68	10.3
86	Kirill Marchenko *	CLE	RW	16	8	11	19	-5	8	4	0	0	0	51	15.7
10	Brendan Gaunce	CLE	C	17	7	11	18	-10	18	3	0	0	0	63	11.1
37	Roman Ahcan *	CLE	LW	70	8	9	17	-12	33	0	0	1	0	66	12.1
14	Marcus Bjork	CLE	D	44	7	8	15	-4	18	1	0	1	1	59	11.9
6	Billy Sweezey	CLE	D	56	0	11	11	-14	70	0	0	0	0	49	0
34	Cole Clayton	CLE	D	47	4	6	10	-4	43	0	0	2	1	54	7.4
8	Alex Whelan	HFD	RW	23	2	3	5	2	14	0	0	0	0	41	4.9
		CLE	RW	19	1	4	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	22	4.5
59	Yegor Chinakhov	CLE	RW	7	3	5	8	4	0	3	0	0	0	27	11.1
8	Brandon Davidson	ROC	D	9	0	1	1	1	7	0	0	0	0	4	0
		CLE	D	27	3	3	6	3	14	0	0	0	0	30	10
33	Cole Sillinger	CLE	C	11	2	4	6	-1	12	0	0	1	0	35	5.7
44	Brett Gallant	CLE	LW	32	4	0	4	-3	34	0	0	1	0	18	22.2
22	Erik Bradford	CLE	C	38	2	2	4	-10	8	0	0	0	0	29	6.9
96	Tim Berni	CLE	D	17	1	3	4	-1	12	0	0	0	0	16	6.3
7	Gavin Bayreuther	CLE	D	4	0	4	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	5	0
43	Mikael Pyyhtia	CLE	LW	7	3	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	10	30
25	Jake Gaudet	CLE	C	19	1	2	3	-2	15	0	0	0	0	23	4.3
5	Brenden Miller	IA	D	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
		CLE	D	38	0	3	3	-3	57	0	0	0	0	34	0
19	Luka Burzan	CLE	C	10	1	1	2	-5	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
4	Corson Ceulemans *	CLE	D	13	1	1	2	-3	6	0	0	0	0	13	7.7
18	Dillon Simpson	CLE	D	29	1	1	2	-12	4	0	0	0	0	17	5.9
19	Stanislav Svozil *	CLE	D	1	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
13	Ben Copeland *	CLE	C	11	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	0
88	Ole Julian Bjorgvik-Holm *	CLE	D	25	0	2	2	2	-4	6	0	0	0	0	18.0
11	Tyler Irvine	CLE	RW	8	0	1	1	-2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
59	Chad Yetman	CLE	RW	2	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
36	Cameron Butler *	CLE	RW	3	0	0	0	-3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
43	Patrick Grasso	CLE	C	4	0	0	0	-2	4	0	0	0	0	6	0
82	Justin Pearson *	CLE	LW	5	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	7	0
3	Olivier LeBlanc *	CLE	D	7	0	0	0	-1	14	0	0	0	0	3	0
28	Andrew Nielsen	SD	D	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
		WBS	D	5	0	0	0	-5	5	0	0	0	0	4	0
		CLE	D	4	0	0	0	-3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

No.	Goaltender	Team	GP	MIN	W	L	OT	SO	SA	SV	SV%	GA	GAA
31	Joonas Korpisalo	CLE	1	60:00:00	1	0	0	0	40	38	0.95	2	2
73	Jet Greaves	CLE	43	2,419:09	19	16	5	2	1,228	1,104	0.899	124	3.08
30	Pavel Cajan *	CLE	22	1,226:50	8	10	2	0	572	502	0.878	70	3.42
40	Daniil Tarasov	CLE	11	561:29:00	5	5	0	0	306	270	0.882	36	3.85
31	Darion Hanson *	CLE	1	59:26:00	0	1	0	0	36	31	0.861	5	5.05

+ Inactive \* Rookie