



COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS WEEKLY REPORT

Dec. 16-22, 2024

CBJ Record 12-14-5, 29 pts. ♦ Metropolitan/Eastern 8th/13th

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON DEC 16
No Practice Scheduled

TUE DEC 17
at TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING
Amalie Arena
7 pm ET

WED DEC 18
PRACTICE
Nationwide Arena
11 am ET

THU DEC 19
vs. NEW JERSEY DEVILS
Nationwide Arena
7 pm ET

FRI DEC 20
PRACTICE
Nationwide Arena
11 am ET

SAT DEC 21
at PHILADELPHIA FLYERS
Wells Fargo Center
7 pm ET

SUN DEC 22
PRACTICE
Nationwide Arena
11 am ET

LOOKING AHEAD

MON DEC 23
vs. MONTREAL CANADIENS
Nationwide Arena, 7 pm ET

TUE DEC 24 - THU DEC 26
No Practice Scheduled
Holiday Break

FRI DEC 27
vs. BOSTON BRUINS
Nationwide Arena, 7 pm ET

CBJ NEWS & NOTES

♦ Columbus kicked off a stretch of three-of-four games away from Nationwide Arena at Carolina on Sunday...The Blue Jackets are also in a middle of a stretch of 11-of-12 contests played against Eastern Conference opponents from Dec. 10-Jan. 2... CBJ have scored a power play goal in four of the last five contests and rank 11th-T in the NHL in power play percentage since Dec. 8 (4-of-16; 25.0 pct.)...The club, which averaged a franchise-best 3.15 goals-for/game during the 2021-22 season, is averaging 3.23 goals-for/game and tied with Edmonton for the 10th-highest average in the league in 2024-25.

LEADING THE WAY

♦ D **Zach Werenski** (10-21-31, 31 GP), who has points in 14 of the last 18 games (7-15-22), became the first defenseman to reach double-digit goals in the NHL this season with his 100th career goal on Dec. 12 vs. Washington. He is the first blueliner in franchise history and the seventh-fastest U.S.-born defenseman in league history to record 100 career goals (515 GP). The 27-year-old has recorded 100-233-333 in 517 career contests and sits one point shy of tying Nick Foligno (334 in 599 GP) for fourth-most on the franchise's all-time points list.

PLAYER NOTES

♦ Werenski has posted points in nine-straight home games (7-9-16), which is tied with Ryan Johansen (9 GP in 2014-15) for the fourth-longest streak in CBJ history and is one shy of the franchise record shared by Andrew Cassels (2002-03), Cam Atkinson (2016-17) and Oliver Bjorkstrand (2021-22)... F **Kent Johnson** has recorded three separate points streaks of four or more games in 2024-25, including four consecutive from Dec. 8-14 (3-3-6). He has collected points in all nine of his home games this season (4-8-12), becoming the second CBJ player to record points in each of his first nine home contests of a campaign (Atkinson, 2015-16 and 2016-17)... RW **Kirill Marchenko** has registered points in five of the last six outings (1-4-5) and leads the club in goals and ranks second in assists with 11-18-29 in 31 contests. He's already one assist shy of tying his single-season career-high (19, 2023-24).



THIS WEEK'S OPPONENTS

TAMPA BAY



Tuesday - 7 pm ET AM SKATE - 11:30 am ET
TV: FanDuel Sports Network RADIO: 93.3 The Bus
16-10-2, 34 pts. Atlantic/East, 4th/7th
2024-25: 2nd of 3 meetings... 7-6 OTW at CBJ on Nov. 21
ALL-TIME: 16-27-7 (5-15-4, A)

KUCHEROV



NEW JERSEY



Thursday - 7 pm ET AM SKATE - 10 am ET
TV: FanDuel Sports Network RADIO: 97.1 The Fan
20-10-3, 43 pts. Metropolitan/East, 2nd/2nd
2024-25: 1st of 3 meetings... Next: Mar. 11 at NJD
ALL-TIME: 28-19-4 (16-10-0, H)

HUGHES



PHILADELPHIA



Saturday - 7 pm ET MEDIA AVAILABILITY - TBD
TV: FanDuel Sports Network RADIO: 93.3 The Bus
14-13-4, 32 pts. Metropolitan/East, 4th/9th
2024-25: 2nd of 4 meetings... 5-3 L at CBJ on Dec. 10
ALL-TIME: 27-19-6 (11-13-2, A)

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