



VS



COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS GAME DAY PREVIEW

Columbus Blue Jackets vs. San Jose Sharks || Mar. 28, 2026 || Nationwide Arena || 5:00 pm ET || Game 73 (Home 36)

GAME DAY SCHEDULE

No Morning Skate

2:30pm ET: Media with Head Coach Rick Bowness and Select Players

5:00pm ET: Game vs. San Jose

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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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 2:00pm)

OhioHEALTH INJURY REPORT

Brendan Smith (Lower Body) 34
Damon Severson (Upper Body)
TOTAL MAN GAMES LOST: 180

COLUMBUS

38-23-11 (87 pts.)
20-8-7 (47 pts.)
18-15-4 (40 pts.)
3rd, Metropolitan
7th, Eastern
3.14 (13th-T) / 3.03 (13th-T)
20.0 (17th) / 78.2 (21st)
29.8 (5th) / 28.9 (20th-T)
Mar. 26 at MTL 2, CBJ 1
Mar. 29 vs. Boston

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

SAN JOSE

32-31-7 (71 pts.)
17-12-5 (39 pts.)
15-19-2 (32 pts.)
6th, Pacific
12th-T, Eastern
3.00 (18th) / 3.57 (31st)
19.8 (18th) / 79.0 (16th)
25.9 (26th) / 29.9 (29th)
Mar. 26 at STL 2, SJS 1 (OT)
Mar. 30 vs. St. Louis

ALL-TIME SERIES CBJ RECORD

29-35-0-6 (19-13-0-3 at Home)

THIS SEASON (CBJ, 0-1-0)

Jan. 6, 2026 - at SJS 5, CBJ 2
Mar. 28, 2026 - at Columbus (5 pm ET)

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

Nov. 5, 2024 - at SJS 2, CBJ 1 (OT)
Jan. 16, 2025 - SJS 1, at CBJ 4

MATCHUP NOTES

- ★ Columbus had its six-game points streak in the series (5-0-1) in the 5-2 loss in the last meeting at San Jose.
- ★ The Blue Jackets have earned points in 10 of the last 14 games of the series since Mar. 4, 2018 (9-4-1).
- ★ CBJ have won four-straight home games against the Sharks and five of the past six at Nationwide Arena.
- ★ The home team has won four-straight and collected points in nine of the last 10 in the series (8-1-1).
- ★ Six of the last seven games played at Nationwide Arena have been decided by multiple goals.
- ★ The winning team has scored four-plus goals in 7 of the last nine matchups in the overall series.
- ★ The teams have each recorded six shutouts and three hat tricks in the series with CBJ recording the most recent in each category (Bobrovsky, 26 saves in 4-0 shutout win at CBJ on Feb. 23, 2019; Carter, three goals in 6-3 W at CBJ on Feb. 21, 2012).



JACKET TO WATCH - RW Conor Garland

Has collected 9-19-28 with seven multi-point efforts in 31 GP. Has 0-3-3 in his last three contests against the club. Has totaled 4-12-16 in 17 career home outings.



SHARK TO WATCH - C Macklin Celebrini

Has 1-1-2 in three career GP vs. Columbus. Scored in first meeting of season series on Jan. 6. Ranks fifth in the NHL in assists (tied) and points with 35-61-96 in 70 GP in 2025-26.



TEAM NOTES

- ★ CBJ wrapped up a three-game road trip (1-2-0) with a 2-1 loss at Montreal on Thursday. Each contest was decided by a single goal.
- ★ The Blue Jackets, who begin a three-game homestand on Saturday, have earned points in 12-straight home games (9-0-3), tied for the longest home points streak in club history (12; 9-0-3 from Feb. 11-Mar. 31, 2013). The team has also collected points in 16-of-17 contests at Nationwide Arena in 2026 (12-1-4).
- ★ The club has earned points in 24 of its last 28 contests (20-4-4, 44 pts) to lead the league in wins (tied), points pct. (.786) and goals against per game (2.43) since Jan. 11.
- ★ Columbus has allowed two goals or less in eight of the last nine games since Mar. 10 (1.78 GA/GP, 3rd in NHL).
- ★ CBJ play their 15th of 16 back-to-back sets (18-6-4, .714 pts pct.) vs. San Jose (Saturday) and Boston (Sunday).

PLAYER NOTES

- ★ C **Adam Fantilli** has registered points in seven out of the last nine games (3-6-9) and in 13 of the last 17 contests (8-10-18). He is two points (21-32-53, 72 GP) from setting a single-season career high.
- ★ G **Jet Greaves** has earned points in 14 of his last 16 starts since Jan. 11 (12-2-2, 2.23 GAA, .915 SV% in 16 GP), while G **Elvis Merzlikins** has recorded points in 10 of his past 12 starts over that span (8-2-2, 2.50 GAA in 13 GP).
- ★ C **Boone Jenner** has registered 1-3-4 in the last five games and sits two contests shy of 800 for his NHL career (209-207-416, 798 GP).
- ★ LW **Mason Marchment** has totaled 13-10-23 in 30 contests with the Blue Jackets.
- ★ RW **Mathieu Olivier** has posted 3-1-4 in the past six games and ranks eighth-T in the NHL in goals since Jan. 28 (11 in 21 GP).
- ★ D **Zach Werenski** has recorded multiple points in three of the last five games (1-7-8). He has notched 21-56-77 and 25 multi-point efforts in 65 games in 2025-26 to lead NHL blueliners in points-per-game (1.18), multi-point efforts and shots on goal (226) and sit second in points and third in goals. He's also tied Artemi Panarin's single-season club record for multi-point games (2018-19).



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IN-GAME INFORMATION & ACTIVATIONS

ANTHEM: Leo Welsh

CANNONEER: Ken Werenski, Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Director & Father of Zach Werenski

KID STARTER, presented by OhioCat: Ryan Schlaegel, Age 9, CCYHA

MILITARY HONOREE, presented by Elk + Elk: Senior Chief Petty Officer, United States Navy (Retired) Charlie Mills & K9 Coyle (Retired)

COLOR GUARD: Delaware County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard

1ST INTERMISSION: OhioHealth Future Jackets, Blue Jackets Hockey League (Scrimmage)

2ND INTERMISSION: First Responders Recognition

50/50 BENEFICIARY, presented by Kemba Financial Credit Union: Fraternal Order of Police Capital City Lodge 9

THEME NIGHT ACTIVATIONS: *FIRST RESPONDERS NIGHT* presented by Jet's Pizza

- The evening will honor the brave first responders who serve the community each day. The first fans through the doors will receive an exclusive CBJ First Responders floppy hat, while supplies last.
- A special ticket package is available including a discounted game ticket and an exclusive CBJ First Responders jersey, with a portion of each package benefiting the Fraternal Order of Police Capital City Lodge #9 Foundation.
- Fans can interact with representatives from the Columbus Police Motorcycle and Mounted Units, Franklin County SWAT, Columbus Police and Franklin County Therapy Dogs, Delaware County EMS, and more.

BLUE LINE ITEM OF THE GAME: Celebrating the front line heroes with exclusive a First Responders pin and puck. Available online and at most locations in the arena, while supplies last.

