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COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS GAME DAY PREVIEW

Columbus Blue Jackets at Buffalo Sabres || Oct. 28, 2025 || KeyBank Center || 6:45 pm ET || Game 9 (Road 5)

GAME DAY SCHEDULE

10:45 am ET: Meeting followed by Media Avail at Arena
11:30 am ET: Optional Morning Skate
6:45 pm ET: Game at Buffalo
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)
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UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Oct. 26: No Practice
Oct. 27: 10:30am ET practice (NWA)
Oct. 28: 6:45 pm ET at Buffalo
Oct. 29: 7:30 pm ET vs. Toronto
Oct. 30: No practice

OhioHEALTH INJURY REPORT
Miles Wood (Upper Body) 5

TOTAL MAN GAMES LOST: 9

COLUMBUS

4-4-0 (8 pts)
1-3-0 (2 pts)
3-1-0 (6 pts)
7th, Metropolitan
13th Eastern
3.00 (16th-T) / 3.13 (20th-T)
15.0 (27th) / 60.7 (32nd)
32.9 (5th) / 31.9 (30th)
Oct. 25 at PIT 4, CBJ 5 (SO)
Oct. 29 vs. Toronto

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

BUFFALO

4-4-1 (9 pts.)
4-2-0 (8 pts.)
0-2-1 (8 pts.)
4th-T, Atlantic
10th-T, Eastern
3.00 (16th-T) / 3.00 (14th-T)
23.3 (11th-T) / 93.9 (1st)
29.3 (27th) / 32.0 (22nd)
Oct. 25 at TOR 4, BUF 3 (OT)
Oct. 30 at Boston

ALL-TIME SERIES CBJ RECORD

27-16-1-3 (14-8-0-3 on the road)

THIS SEASON (CBJ, 0-0-0)

Oct. 28, 2025 - at Buffalo (6:45 pm ET)
Jan. 3, 2026 - at Columbus (3 pm ET)
Apr. 9, 2026 - at Buffalo (7 pm ET)

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

Oct. 17, 2024 - at CBJ 6, BUF 4
Feb. 4, 2025 - at BUF 3, CBJ 2
Apr. 10, 2025 - at CBJ 3, BUF 2

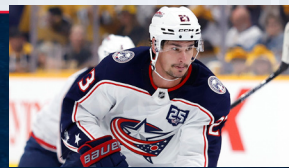
MATCHUP NOTES

- ★ Columbus has earned points in 12 of the last 16 meetings in the series dating back to Mar. 31, 2019 (9-4-3).
- ★ CBJ had their eight-game road points streak (5-0-3) snapped in the most recent meeting at KeyBank Center on Feb. 4, 2025 (2-3 L).
- ★ Four of the past five overall meetings have been decided by a single goal. Five of the last eight at Buffalo have been decided by a single goal with four decided in overtime.
- ★ The Blue Jackets have converted on 5-of-13 power play opportunities in the last eight overall meetings (38.5 pct.).
- ★ The club has killed off all nine Buffalo power play chances over the last five matchups.
- ★ RW **Kirill Marchenko** has 4-3-7 in eight career outings, including assists in his past three games (1-3-4).
- ★ D **Zach Werenski** has 1-14-15 in 19 career GP against the Sabres and has points in six of last seven contests (1-8-9).



JACKET TO WATCH - C SEAN MONAHAN

Has posted 9-14-23 with 5 multi-point efforts in 24 career GP. Has collected points in last 3 contests at Buffalo (1-2-3) as well as 7 of last 8 at KeyBank Center (2-7-9).



SABRE TO WATCH - D RASMUS DAHLIN

Has 4-14-18 with points in 11 of 16 career GP against the Blue Jackets. Collected assists in all three contests of the 2024-25 series (1-2-3). Has points in 6-of-8 home contests (2-7-9).



TEAM NOTES

- ★ Columbus won its third-straight road contest with a 5-4 SO win at Pittsburgh on Saturday. The club has started a campaign 3-1-0 on the road for the fourth time in franchise history (also 2010-11, 2017-18 and 2018-19).
- ★ CBJ have outscored opponents 17-11 away from Nationwide Arena with the 4.25 GF/GP the third-highest in the NHL.
- ★ The Blue Jackets split their first of three consecutive back-to-back sets with a 5-1 loss to Washington on Oct. 24 and 5-4 SO win at Pittsburgh on Oct. 25. CBJ play the second of 15 back-to-back sets of the season Tuesday at Buffalo and Wednesday vs. Toronto. The club finishes off the stretch on Nov. 1 vs. St. Louis and Nov. 2 at the NY Islanders.
- ★ CBJ have outshot opponents in six of the eight contests this season and rank fourth in the NHL in shots/game (32.9).
- ★ The Jackets have outscored opponents 18-11 during 5-on-5 play with the 11 goals allowed the fewest in the NHL in 2025-26.

PLAYER NOTES

- ★ C **Charlie Coyle** has recorded points in two of the last three contests (1-2-3) after notching his first as a Jacket on Oct. 24. He sits one assist shy of 300 for his NHL career (190-299-489, 958 GP).
- ★ RW **Kirill Marchenko** collected an assist on Saturday and has recorded points in six of the eight games this season (5-3-8). He has notched three game-winners (two in regulation, SO GDG on Saturday) in 2025-26.
- ★ G **Elvis Merzlikins** has won his first three road contests, joining Montreal's Jakub Dobes with a 3-0-0 away from home in 2025-26. He earned his 97th career win on Saturday to surpass Steve Mason for second on the club's all-time wins list.
- ★ C **Sean Monahan** collected an assist for the third-straight game on Saturday and sits two points from 600 for his NHL career (263-335-598, 826 GP). He would become the fourth player from the 2013 NHL Draft class to reach the mark, joining C Nathan MacKinnon (1,029 points), C Aleksander Barkov (782 points) and C Elias Lindholm (611 points).
- ★ LW **Dmitri Voronkov** stretched his points streak to four-straight (3-2-5) with two goals at the Penguins and has tallied points in seven of the Blue Jackets' eight games this season (5-4-9).