



VS



COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS GAME DAY PREVIEW

Columbus Blue Jackets vs. Minnesota Wild || Dec. 18, 2025 || Nationwide Arena || 7:00 pm ET || Game 34 (Home 16)

GAME DAY SCHEDULE

10:00am ET: Morning Skate
10:30am ET: Media Availability
7:00pm ET: Game vs. Minnesota
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: 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 4:30)

OhioHEALTH INJURY REPORT

Erik Gudbranson (Upper Body) 25
Mathieu Olivier (Upper Body) 10

TOTAL MAN GAMES LOST: 65

COLUMBUS

14-13-6 (34 pts.)
7-5-3 (17 pts.)
7-8-3 (17 pts.)
8th, Metropolitan
15th, Eastern
2.91 (21st-T) / 3.45 (29th)
18.5 (18th-T) / 72.8 (30th)
30.3 (4th) / 31.2 (30th)
Dec. 16 at CBJ 4, ANA 3 (OT)
Dec. 20 at Anaheim

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

MINNESOTA

20-9-5 (45 pts.)
12-3-4 (28 pts.)
8-6-1 (17 pts.)
3rd, Central
3rd, Western
2.97 (19th-T) / 2.53 (2nd-T)
23.1 (9th) / 79.0 (21st-T)
28.2 (17th) / 29.8 (26th-T)
Dec. 16 at MIN 5, WSH 0
Dec. 20 vs. Edmonton

ALL-TIME SERIES CBJ RECORD

33-28-1-7 (19-11-1-2 at Home)

THIS SEASON (CBJ, 1-0-0)

Oct. 11, 2025 - CBJ 7, at MIN 4
Dec. 18, 2025 - vs Minnesota (7 pm ET)

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

Oct. 10, 2024 - at MIN 3, CBJ 2
Oct. 19, 2024 - MIN 3, at CBJ 1

MATCHUP NOTES

- ★ Columbus snapped a three-game losing streak to Minnesota in the all-time series in the last meeting on Oct. 11.
- ★ The Blue Jackets have collected points in four of the last six games of the overall series (2-2-2).
- ★ The Wild have won the last three consecutive games at Nationwide Arena (CBJ; 0-2-1) since a Columbus 3-2 SO win on Mar. 11, 2022.
- ★ Each of the last two games have been decided by multiple goals. Prior to that, the clubs had played 11 one-goal games over 14 meetings from Mar. 2, 2017-Oct. 10, 2024.
- ★ The winning team has scored three goals or less in six of the last nine contests of the series.
- ★ The teams have combined for four goals or less (not including SO goals) in three of the past four meetings in Columbus.
- ★ CBJ have scored on the power play in four of their last five matchups overall (4-for-16, 25.0 pct.).



JACKET TO WATCH - C Cole Sillinger

Has 3-3-6 with one multi point effort in 8 career GP vs. the Wild.
Has points in four of the last five outings vs. the club (3-3-6), including a hat trick on Jan. 6, 2024.



WILD TO WATCH - RW Kirill Kaprizov

Has 10-3-13 with 3 multi-point efforts and points in 7 of 8 career GP against Columbus. Notched 2-1-3 in last meeting and has points in 3-straight games against the club (3-3-6).



TEAM NOTES

- ★ Columbus, which is in a stretch of 15-of-23 games played at home from Dec. 11-Jan. 28, snapped a five-game overall winless streak (0-4-1) with a 4-3 OT win over Anaheim on Tuesday.
- ★ The team has played in 14 one-goal games (6-2-6) in its past 20 overall, including 11 decided after regulation. CBJ are tied for the NHL lead in one-goal games (21, LAK) and rank second-T in games decided after regulation (13) in 2025-26.
- ★ CBJ lead the NHL in goals scored by defensemen and rank seventh in total points with 25-53-78.
- ★ The Jackets are tied for 10th in the NHL in goals scored during 5v5 play (69).
- ★ The team is in a stretch of five-straight games against the Western Conference from Dec. 13-22.
- ★ Columbus has won three of its last four Thursday games (2-0-0 at home).

PLAYER NOTES

- ★ **C Adam Fantilli** notched the second OT winner of his season and career on Tuesday and has posted 10-6-16 in 20 games since Nov. 8 (.80 points-per-game). He has posted 36 goals in 77 games in 2025, tied for the 13th-most in the NHL as well as the fourth-most by a Blue Jacket in a single calendar year.
- ★ **C Boone Jenner** has tallied two multi-point efforts in three games since returning from an injury (2-2-4) and sits three points shy of becoming the fourth player in franchise history to record 400 career points (204-193-397, 760 GP).
- ★ **F Kent Johnson** has registered assists in three-straight games (0-4-4) after collecting two on Tuesday.
- ★ **G Jet Greaves** has stopped 338-of-371 in his past 13 games played since Nov. 11 (.911 SV%, 2.52 GAA).
- ★ **D Zach Werenski** collected his fourth three-point effort of the season with 2-1-3 on Tuesday and has notched points in 14 of the last 17 games overall to rank fifth-T in the NHL in scoring since Nov. 13 (7-18-25).
- ★ **Werenski** has also collected points in 11-straight games at Nationwide Arena since Oct. 29 (7-13-20), trailing only his 22-game streak posted from Nov. 1, 2024-Feb. 22, 2025 (14-27-41) for the longest home points streak in CBJ history.



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IN-GAME INFORMATION & ACTIVATIONS

PUCK DROP: 7:12 p.m.

ANTHEM: Columbus Rings

CANNONEER: Josh Perry

MILITARY HONOREE, presented by Elk + Elk: David Westin, NEED CREDENTIALS

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

2ND INTERMISSION: Closest to the Dot (On Ice)

50/50 BENEFICIARY, presented by Kemba Financial Credit Union: Urban Lacrosse Academy

SPOTLIGHTS: *HANUKKAH CELEBRATION*

The Blue Jackets will recognize Hanukkah with a special menorah lighting during the first period, first TV timeout.

SANTA STINGER

Santa Stinger will be available for photos for a \$10 donation to the Columbus Blue Jackets Foundation.

The photo station, located by Section 117/116 on the main concourse, will be available when doors open until the game starts.

SANTA

For those wanting to submit their wish list to the real Santa, he will be at Section 117/116 from 7-9 p.m. for photos.

THEME NIGHT ACTIVATIONS: N/A

BLUE LINE ITEM OF THE GAME: Holiday Plush Items and Ornaments

