

**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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## For More Information

**PR X Account:** @BlueJacketsPR  
**Website:** BlueJackets.com/PressBox  
**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

