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# COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS GAME DAY PREVIEW

Columbus Blue Jackets at Tampa Bay Lightning || Mar. 9, 2026 || Benchmark International Arena || 7:00 pm ET || Game 64 (Away 32)

## GAME DAY SCHEDULE

**No Morning Skate**

**4:30pm ET:** Media Availability with Head Coach Rick Bowness and Select Players at Benchmark International Arena

**7:00pm ET:** Game at Tampa Bay

**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)

Jean-Luc Grand-Pierre (analyst)

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Bob McElligott (play-by-play)

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## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

**Mar. 11:** No Practice Scheduled

**Mar. 12:** 7:00pm ET at Florida

**Mar. 13:** 1:00pm ET Practice

**Mar. 14:** 7:00pm ET at Philadelphia

**Mar. 15:** No Practice Scheduled

## OhioHEALTH INJURY REPORT

Brendan Smith (Lower Body) 25

**TOTAL MAN GAMES LOST:** 168

## COLUMBUS

32-21-10 (74 pts.)

17-8-7 (41 pts.)

15-13-3 (33 pts.)

4th, Metropolitan

9th, Eastern

3.16 (16th) / 3.21 (23rd)

19.7 (18th-T) / 77.6 (23rd)

29.9 (4th) / 30.0 (27th-T)

Mar. 9 at CBJ 4, LAK 5 (OT)

Mar. 12 at Florida

## 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

## TAMPA BAY

39-19-4 (82 pts)

19-10-0 (38 pts)

20-9-4 (44 pts)

2nd, Atlantic

3rd, Eastern

3.53 (4th) / 2.74 (3rd)

22.2 (13th) / 82.0 (6th-T)

28.4 (14th-T) / 27.0 (9th-T)

Mar. 8 at BUF 8, TBL 7

Mar. 12 vs. Detroit

## ALL-TIME SERIES CBJ RECORD

18-29-1-6 (5-17-0-4 on the road)

## THIS SEASON (CBJ, 2-0-0)

Oct. 18, 2025 - at CBJ 3, TBL 2

Jan. 24, 2026 - at CBJ 8, TBL 5

Mar. 10, 2026 - at Tampa Bay (7 pm ET)

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

Nov. 21, 2024 - at CBJ 7, TBL 6 (OT)

Dec. 17, 2024 - at TBL 5, CBJ 3

Mar. 4, 2025 - at TBL 6, CBJ 2

## MATCHUP NOTES

- ★ Columbus has won two-straight in the series and four of the past eight since Nov. 2, 2023.
- ★ CBJ have already captured the season series. It's the third time in franchise history that the club has won the multi-game season series over the Lightning (2-1-0 in 2013-14; 3-0-0 in 2016-17).
- ★ Tampa Bay has won nine consecutive home meetings in the regular season (CBJ; 0-8-1) since a 3-1 CBJ win on Mar. 30, 2021.
- ★ The Blue Jackets have scored a power play goal in five of the last seven meetings (5-of-17; 29.4 pct.).
- ★ The winning team has scored four goals or more in 14 of the last 15 matchups in the series overall since Apr. 25, 2021.
- ★ The teams have combined for six-plus tallies in 12 of the last 15 meetings of the series, including 10 instances of seven or more goals.
- ★ The winning team has won by multiple goals in 12 of the last 14 meetings, including nine by three or more goals.



### JACKET TO WATCH - LW Mason Marchment

Has collected 7-5-12 with two multi-point efforts in 15 career GP. Has notched goals in last two contests (4-1-5), including his second career hat trick in the last meeting on Jan. 24 (3-1-4).



### LIGHTNING TO WATCH - RW Nikita Kucherov

Has 15-36-51 with 16 multi-point efforts in 31 career GP vs. Columbus. Has collected assists in his last 6 games (2-14-16, 5 multi-point efforts) and his past 9 at home (7-17-24, 8 multi-point GP).



## TEAM NOTES

- ★ Columbus stretched its points streak to six consecutive games (3-0-3) after earning a point in a 5-4 OT loss to Los Angeles on Monday. The club has earned points in 17 of its last 19 contests since Jan. 11 (14-2-3).
- ★ The Blue Jackets, who are 6-1-0 in their last seven road contests, play six of their next nine games away from home through Mar. 26.
- ★ Since Dec. 22, CBJ have gone 18-6-4 (40 pts., .714 points pct.) and rank third in the NHL in points and points percentage, fourth in penalty kill pct. (.843), fifth-T in save pct. (.902), seventh-T in goals-against/game (2.82) as well as 11th in goals for/game (3.50).
- ★ The Jackets conclude their 13th of 16 back-to-back sets of the season tonight at Tampa Bay. The club is tied for the league lead in wins (Tampa Bay) and ranks second in point pct. in back-to-back sets in 2025-26 (16-5-4, .720).
- ★ CBJ defensemen lead the NHL in goals with 47-115-162 in 63 contests this season.

## PLAYER NOTES

- ★ C **Charlie Coyle** has notched points in six-straight games (1-7-8) and has posted 6-14-20 and six multi-point efforts in the last 13 contests since Jan. 24. He has registered his third career 50-point campaign (16-34-50, 63 GP).
- ★ C **Adam Fantilli** has 6-8-14 in the past 13 GP and LW **Mason Marchment** has 11-8-19 in 21 GP with the Blue Jackets.
- ★ RW **Conor Garland** tallied his first multi-goal game of the season with his first two goals as a Blue Jacket on Monday.
- ★ RW **Kirill Marchenko** has collected points in five consecutive games (3-5-8) and has points in 10 of his past 11 contests since Jan. 24 (5-9-14).
- ★ RW **Mathieu Olivier** has posted 8-3-11 and 32 hits in the last 12 contests to rank fourth-T in the NHL in goals since Jan. 28.
- ★ D **Damon Severson** has picked up assists in three of the past five games (1-4-5).
- ★ D **Zach Werenski** registered an assist on Monday and has collected points in 23 of his past 26 games played since Dec. 11 (11-25-36, 11 multi-point efforts).



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# COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS GAME DAY PREVIEW

Columbus Blue Jackets vs. Tampa Bay Lightning || Jan. 24, 2026 || Nationwide Arena || 7:00 pm ET || Game 51 (Home 25)

## IN-GAME INFORMATION & ACTIVATIONS

**ANTHEM:** Leo Welsh

**CANNONEER:** Jody Shelley

**MILITARY HONOREE,** presented by Elk + Elk: TBD

**1ST INTERMISSION:** OhioHealth Future Jackets, CCYHA 2016 Development Team (Shootout)

**2ND INTERMISSION:** Rumpke Tic-Tac-Toe

**50/50 BENEFICIARY,** presented by Kemba Financial Credit Union: Columbus Blue Jackets Foundation

**SPOTLIGHTS:** OhioCat Kid Starter - Max Murphy, Age 9, CCYHA 2016  
Color Guard - Grove City NJROTC

**THEME NIGHT ACTIVATIONS:** *25TH ANNIVERSARY GAME #4*, presented by OhioHealth

- The Columbus Blue Jackets will hold their fourth of five 25th Anniversary Celebration game featuring appearances by former players: goaltender Pascal Leclaire and forwards Cam Atkinson, R.J. Umberger, and Derek Dorsett.
- The featured alumni will participate in an autograph session beginning at 6 p.m. on the Nationwide Arena concourse.
- Ceremonial Puck Drop featuring Blue Jackets alumni Cam Atkinson, RJ Umberger, Derek Dorsett, and Pascal Leclaire.

**BLUE LINE ITEM OF THE GAME:** Celebrating the First Home Playoff win with Anniversary Capsule items including a commemorative poster, ticket and puck.

