



VS



COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS GAME DAY PREVIEW

Columbus Blue Jackets vs. Carolina Hurricanes || Mar. 31, 2026 || Nationwide Arena || 7:30pm ET || Game 75 (Home 37)

GAME DAY SCHEDULE

10:30am ET: Morning Skate followed by Media with Players and Head Coach Rick Bowness

7:30pm ET: Game vs. Carolina

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: ESPN+, HULU

John Buccigross (play-by-play)
A.J. Mieczko (analyst)

RADIO: 97.1 THE FAN

Bob McElligott (play-by-play)
Dylan Tyrer (host)

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For More Information

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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 5:00pm)

OhioHEALTH INJURY REPORT

Brendan Smith (Lower Body) 36
Damon Severson (Upper Body) 2
Dmitri Voronkov (Upper Body) 1

TOTAL MAN GAMES LOST: 185

COLUMBUS

38-24-12 (88 pts.)
20-9-8 (48 pts.)
18-15-4 (40 pts.)
4th, Metropolitan
8th, Eastern
3.12 (14th-T) / 3.03 (13th-T)
20.2 (17th) / 77.3 (24th-T)
29.6 (6th) / 29.2 (21st)
Mar. 29 at CBJ 2, BOS 3 (SO)
Apr. 2 at Carolina

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

CAROLINA

46-21-6 (98 pts)
26-10-2 (54 pts)
20-11-4 (44 pts)
1st, Metropolitan
2nd, Eastern
3.47 (5th) / 2.92 (8th)
23.7 (9th) / 80.2 (13th)
32.5 (2nd) / 24.0 (1st)
Mar. 29 at MTL 3, CAR 1
Apr. 2 vs. Columbus

ALL-TIME SERIES CBJ RECORD

30-31-0-5 (17-14-0-2 at home)

THIS SEASON (CBJ, 1-1-0)

Dec. 9, 2025 - at CAR 4, CBJ 1
Mar. 17, 2026 - at CBJ 5, CAR 1
Mar. 31, 2026 - at Columbus (7:30 pm ET)
Apr. 2, 2026 - at Carolina (7 pm ET)

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

Nov. 23, 2024 - at CBJ 5, CAR 4 (SO)
Dec. 15, 2024 - at CAR 4, CBJ 1
Dec. 31, 2024 - at CBJ 4, CAR 3 (SO)
Jan. 23, 2025 - at CAR 7, CBJ 4

MATCHUP NOTES

- ★ The home team has won eight-straight meetings and 12 of the last 14 games dating back to Feb. 25, 2022.
- ★ Columbus has won four consecutive games at Nationwide Arena and five of the past seven in Ohio since Jan. 7, 2023.
- ★ The winning team has scored four-plus goals in each of the past seven contests (including 50 goals) and 15 of the past 17 since Oct. 23, 2021.
- ★ The winning team has also scored four or more goals in each of the last ten at Nationwide Arena (including 50 goals).
- ★ The winning team has won by three-plus goals in six of the past eight meetings overall with Columbus earning two shootout victories in the other two.
- ★ CBJ have scored a power play goal in three-straight home games vs. the Canes (4-of-13; 30.8 pct.) and seven of the past ten meetings at Nationwide Arena (9-of-35; 25.7 pct.).
- ★ The Blue Jackets have registered four shutouts and hat tricks in the all-time series.



JACKET TO WATCH - D Zach Werenski

Has notched 6-11-17 in 33 career GP, including assists in five of last seven contests (2-6-8). Has posted points in his last six home games (3-6-9) and has 5-7-12 in 17 career GP at NWA vs. the club.



HURRICANE TO WATCH - LW Nikolaj Ehlers

Has 6-4-10 with two multi-point efforts in 17 career GP vs. Columbus. Has assists in four of his last five games (4-4-8). Also has recorded points in his last three contests at NWA (4-3-7).



TEAM NOTES

- ★ The Blue Jackets have earned points in 13 of their last 14 home games (9-1-4) as well as in 17-of-19 contests played at Nationwide Arena in 2026 (12-2-5, .763 points pct.). The club ranks in the top-10 at home in the calendar year in goals-for per game (2nd, 4.00), wins (3rd-T), points pct. (4th) and goals-against per game (7th, 2.74).
- ★ The club has earned points in 25 of its last 30 contests (20-5-5, 45 pts) to lead the league points pct. (.750), rank second in wins (tied), points and goals against per game (2.47) and eighth in goals-for per game (3.43) since Jan. 11.
- ★ Columbus has allowed two goals or less in eight of the last 11 games since Mar. 10 (2.00 GA/GP, 3rd in NHL).
- ★ The Jackets lead the NHL with a franchise-record 55 goals scored by defensemen in 2025-26 (55-132-187, 74 GP).
- ★ CBJ have collected points 10 of last 11 games against Metropolitan Division opponents since Jan. 4 (8-1-2).

PLAYER NOTES

- ★ **C Adam Fantilli**, who leads the club in scoring in March with 6-9-15 in 16 games, has set a single-season career high in assists and points (tied) with 21-33-54 in 74 contests.
- ★ **G Jet Greaves** has earned points in 15 of his last 17 starts since Jan. 11 (12-2-3, 2.26 GAA, .915 SV% in 18 GP), ranking fourth among NHL goaltenders in GAA and SV% (min. 6 GP).
- ★ **G Elvis Merzlikins** has recorded points in 10 of his past 13 starts since Jan. 11 (8-3-2, 2.54 GAA in 14 GP).
- ★ **C Boone Jenner** has registered 2-3-5 in the last seven games, including scoring a goal in his 800th career contest on Sunday vs. the Bruins (210-207-417, 800 GP).
- ★ **LW Mason Marchment** notched his sixth multi-point game as a Blue Jacket on Sunday (1-1-2). He ranks second on the team in goals since making his CBJ debut on Dec. 20, 2025 (14-11-25 in 32 GP).
- ★ **D Zach Werenski** has notched 21-56-77 and 25 multi-point efforts in 66 games in 2025-26 to lead NHL blueliners in multi-point efforts and shots on goal (229) and sit second in points and points-per-game (1.15) and third in goals.



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IN-GAME INFORMATION & ACTIVATIONS

PUCK DROP: 7:38 p.m.

ANTHEM: Leo Welsh

CANNONEERS: Zachary Vanier, McCann Racing

KID STARTER: Nate Rodgers, Age 11, CBJYHL

MILITARY HONOREE, presented by Elk + Elk: TBA

1ST INTERMISSION: Performance Columbus Learn to Play, Blue Jackets Hockey League (Scrimmage)

2ND INTERMISSION: OhioHealth Future Jackets

50/50 BENEFICIARY, presented by Kemba Financial Credit Union: USO Ohio

SPOTLIGHTS: Science of Hockey presented by COSI

THEME NIGHT ACTIVATIONS: N/A

BLUE LINE ITEM OF THE GAME: 25th Anniversary Drop #7

Our last anniversary drop celebrates the first playoff series win with a commemorative puck, poster and ticket. These items will be available online and in the main team store.

