



# COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS POST-GAME NOTES



**MAR. 30, 2024 || NATIONWIDE ARENA || VS. PITTSBURGH PENGUINS**

BOX SCORE	RECORDS	1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>	OT	SO	FINAL
Columbus	Overall: 24-38-12, 60 pts (Home: 14-18-5, 33 pts)	1	0	2	0	2-5	4
Pittsburgh	Overall: 32-30-11, 75 pts (Away: 12-17-7, 31pts)	0	2	1	0	1-5	3

## GAME AT A GLANCE

**THREE STARS 1<sup>st</sup>** – Z. Werenski, CBJ (1-1-2); **2<sup>nd</sup>** – D. Severson, CBJ (0-1-1, game-deciding shootout goal); **3<sup>rd</sup>** – B. Rust, PIT (1-1-2)

### GOAL SCORERS

**Columbus:** SHG – M. Olivier (5), K. Marchenko (19), Z. Werenski (7), SO – D. Severson

**Pittsburgh:** D. O’Connor (13), B. Rust (24), R. Rakell (12)

### GOALTENDERS

**Columbus:** E. Merzlikins (30 saves, SOW)

**Pittsburgh:** A. Nedeljkovic (35 saves, SOL)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

**Columbus PP:** 0-for-4, 7 shots

**Pittsburgh PP:** 0-for-2, 4 shots

## BLUE JACKETS TEAM NOTES

- ★ The Blue Jackets snapped their six-game losing streak with tonight’s shootout victory over the Penguins, improving to 5-8-2 in the last 15 games and 8-12-2 in the past 22 contests since Feb. 17.
- ★ CBJ also snapped Pittsburgh’s three-game win streak in the series dating back to Nov. 14, 2023.
- ★ The winning team in the series has scored four-plus goals in 12 of the last 16 games overall and nine of the past 11 at Nationwide Arena (including shootout).
- ★ The teams in the series have combined for 70 or more shots in eight of the last 11 games.
- ★ CBJ blueliners posted 1-2-3 tonight and have now recorded 18-56-74 in the last 36 games and 31-132-163 in 74 games this season.
- ★ Columbus recorded 38 shots on goal tonight and has posted 757 shots on goal over the past 24 games dating back to Feb. 10 (31.5).
- ★ CBJ have scored the first goal of the game in 32 of the past 55 games, including six-straight, eight of the last nine and 14 of the last 20.
- ★ The Blue Jackets have now had 18 of their games decided in overtime/shootout this season.
- ★ Columbus scored one goal in the first period tonight and has now scored a goal in the first period in five of the past six outings (6 goals total) and 71 total this season.
- ★ Tonight’s attendance was a sellout crowd of 18,873.

## BLUE JACKETS PLAYER NOTES

- ★ D **Zach Werenski** notched his 10<sup>th</sup> multi-point effort of the campaign with 1-1-2 to give him 3-7-10 and three multi-point outings in the last nine contests. With 7-41-48 in 62 games, he has tied his single-season career high in points (2021-22) and tied Seth Jones (2017-18) for the second-most assists by a defenseman in a single season. He now has 3-7-10 in 18

career games against Pittsburgh, including assists in four of his last six contests vs. the club (1-4-5), points in seven of his past ten outings overall (2-6-8) as well as 2-5-7 in his last eight appearances at home against the Penguins.

- ★ **D Damon Severson** tallied an assist in his second-straight contest (0-2-2) and scored the game-deciding shootout goal. He improved to 4-of-11 in the shootout for his career with all four goals game-deciding goals. The blueliner has now posted 1-4-5 in the past eight games and 7-17-24 in 59 appearances this season.
- ★ **RW Mathieu Oliver** scored his first career NHL shorthanded goal to extend his goal streak to two-straight games – tying his career high goal streak (2-0-2, Mar. 23-25, 2021). With 5-5-10 in 46 contests this season, he has also tied his single-season career high in goals.
- ★ **C Cole Sillinger** registered an assist to give him 1-2-3 in the past two games and has notched a new single-season career high in assists with 12-16-28 in 69 appearances. He improved to 1-3-4 in 10 career games vs. Pittsburgh, including 1-2-3 in two-straight contests against the club.
- ★ **LW Johnny Gaudreau** recorded an assist, giving him 0-5-5 in the last six outings (overall, 11-44-55 in 74 GP). He now has 9-7-16 in 21 career appearances vs. the Penguins, including points in eight of his last 12 contests against the club overall (5-4-9) as well as 5-4-9 in 11 career home appearances vs. Pittsburgh.
- ★ **RW Kirill Marchenko** notched a goal to give him 2-1-3 in his past six outings and 19-16-35 in 70 appearances this season.
- ★ **RW Cameron Butler** made his NHL debut in the second period tonight, finishing with one shift of 54 seconds.

## BLUE JACKETS POST-GAME AUDIO INTERVIEWS

[HC Pascal Vincent](#) | [F Cameron Butler](#) | [G Elvis Merzlikins](#) | [D Zach Werenski](#)

## PENGUINS POST-GAME AUDIO INTERVIEWS

[HC Mike Sullivan](#) | [F Sidney Crosby](#) | [G Alex Nedeljkovic](#) | [D Marcus Pettersson](#)

## BLUE JACKETS UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Sunday, Mar. 31	12pm ET Practice – Nationwide Arena
Monday, Apr. 1	7pm ET vs. Colorado Avalanche – Nationwide Arena
Tuesday, Apr. 2	No Practice