





# COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS WEEKLY REPORT

OCTOBER 11-17, 2021

Record 0-0-0, 0 pts. || Metropolitan Division 1st-T

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

MON 11	TUE 12	WED 13	THU 14	FRI 15	SAT 16	SUN 17
11 am PRACTICE	11 am PRACTICE	11 am PRACTICE	 H 7:00	12 pm PRACTICE	 H 7:00	No Practice Scheduled
OhioHeath Ice Haus	OhioHeath Ice Haus	OhioHeath Ice Haus		Nationwide Arena		

MON, Oct. 18 - 11 am ET, Practice (NWA) TUE, Oct. 19 - 7:30 pm at Detroit Red Wings

### ARIZONA COYOTES || 0-0-0, 0 pts. || Central Division 1st-T

Nationwide Arena, 7 pm ET || AM Skate, TBD || TV: Bally Sports Ohio || Radio: 97.1 The Fan

**NOTES:** First of two meetings this season... Nov. 18 at Arizona... Columbus is 27-28-6 all-time vs. Arizona, including 15-13-2 at home... Blue Jackets have gone 8-2-0 in the past 10 meetings... The clubs split two games in 2019-20 (CBJ 3, at ARI 2 on Nov. 7; ARI 4, at CBJ 2 on Dec. 3)... **COYOTE TO WATCH:** **Phil Kessel, RW** Three-time All-Star has registered 391-513-904 in 1,122 career NHL games and led Arizona with 20-23-43 in 56 outings in 2020-21.

### SEATTLE KRAKEN || 0-0-0, 0 pts. || Pacific Division 1st-T

Nationwide Arena, 7 pm ET || AM Skate, TBD || TV: Bally Sports Ohio || Radio: 97.1 The Fan

**NOTES:** First of two meetings this season... Dec. 11 at Seattle... The NHL's 32nd franchise, the expansion Kraken are opening the season with a five-game road trip (Oct. 12 at VGK, Oct. 14 at NSH, Oct. 16 at CBJ, Oct. 18 at PHI, Oct. 19 at NJD)... **KRAKEN TO WATCH:** **Mark Giordano, D** Three-time All-Star tallied 143-366-509 in 949 career games with the Calgary Flames from 2005-21.

**BLUE JACKETS NOTES:** The Blue Jackets open their 21st NHL season on Thursday vs. Arizona... The club is 8-10-2 all-time in season-openers, including a 2-2-0 mark in the past four... Columbus is 7-9-4 all-time in home-openers... Since 2012, the Jackets have gone 336-257-73 (.559) and rank 15th in the NHL in wins during that span... Last season (18-26-12) marked the club's second sub-.500 season in the past nine campaigns and snapped their streak of consecutive appearances in the Stanley Cup Playoffs at four (2017-20)... **D Zach Werenski** enters 2021-22 with 65-124-189 in 335 career games since 2016. His goal total is tied for third among all NHL defensemen, while he also ranks 19th in points... **LW Gus Nyquist** is set to return to the lineup after missing the 2020-21 season due to injury. In 2019-20, he ranked second on the club in points with 17-25-42 in 70 games... **RW Jakub Voracek** returns to Columbus, where he was selected by the Blue Jackets with the seventh overall pick in the 2007 NHL Draft held at Nationwide Arena. He enters the season 32 games shy of 1,000 for his NHL career (216-522-738, 968 GP, including 39-95-134 in 241 contests with CBJ from 2008-11)... Three players on the current roster could make their NHL debuts this week - **F Yegor Chuhakov** (2020 1st Rd. pick, 21st overall), **F Gregory Hofmann** (trade with Carolina) and **F Cole Sillinger** (2021 1st Rd. pick, 12th overall).

### BLUE JACKETS ON THE AIR

Bally Sports Ohio will get fans ready for the 2021-22 CBJ season with special programming on the network this week: **MON:** CBJ Season Preview Show (1:30 pm, 7 pm); Blue Jackets Live Preseason

Ep. 1 (7:30 pm, 10 pm); CBJ Rewind vs. Dallas Stars (8 pm, 12 am)... **TUE:** Blue Jackets Live Preseason Ep. 2 (7:30 pm, 10 pm); CBJ Rewind vs. Tampa Bay Lightning (8 pm, 12 am)... **WED:** Blue Jackets Live Preseason Ep. 3 (7:30 pm, 10 pm); CBJ Rewind vs. Detroit Red Wings (8 pm, 12 am)... **THU:** Blue Jackets Live pre-game show from Front St. Plaza at Nationwide Arena (6 pm)... **THE INSIDE EDGE** with Jody Shelley and Bob McElligott airs Tuesday at 7 pm on 97.1 The Fan.



## BLUE JACKET TO WATCH

### OLIVER BJORKSTRAND

The Blue Jackets winger enters the season having scored 33 goals in his past 76 regular season games and last year became the first player to lead the club in goals in back-to-back seasons since Rick Nash (2003-12).



## OFF THE ICE

### OPENING NIGHT PLAZA PARTY, PRESENTED BY NATIONWIDE

The Plaza Party begins at 3 pm ET on the Front St. Plaza and will feature music, games, prizes, and beverages, as well as virtual Blue Carpet Arrivals by CBJ players. Pepsi products will be available for sampling and guests aged 21 and over can sample Mike's Hard Lemonade products, Athletic Brewing non-alcoholic beer, or stop by the MillerCoors truck to purchase a beverage. Other highlights of the event include live broadcasts starting with Sports Radio 97.1 The Fan's Common Man & T-Bone show from 3-6 pm and Bally Sports Ohio's expanded edition of the Blue Jackets Live starting at 6 pm.

### KIVI TRIBUTE

The Blue Jackets will honor the memory of goaltender Matiss Kivlenieks on Opening Night as members of his family will participate in a ceremonial puck drop prior to the game, while a banner featuring his number "80" will be unveiled and remain in the Nationwide Arena rafters for the duration of the season. His number "80" will also be visible in the ice behind both nets for Thursday's game vs. Arizona and Saturday's contest vs. Seattle. All CBJ players will wear an "80" sticker on their helmets throughout the season. In addition, all CBJ Foundation fundraising efforts that night will benefit the Matiss Kivlenieks Memorial Fund to support youth hockey initiatives in Columbus and his native Latvia.

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