



COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS WEEKLY REPORT

OCTOBER 18-24, 2021

BLUE JACKET TO WATCH

Record 2-0-0, 4 pts. || Metropolitan Division 2nd-T

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

MON 18	TUE 19	WED 20	THU 21	FRI 22	SAT 23	SUN 24
11 am PRACTICE Nationwide Arena	 A 7:30	12 pm PRACTICE Nationwide Arena	 H 7:00	12 pm PRACTICE Nationwide Arena	 H 7:00	No Practice Scheduled

MON, Oct. 25 - 7 pm vs. DALLAS STARS TUE, Oct. 26 - 12 pm Practice (OhioHealth Ice Haus)

DETROIT RED WINGS || 1-0-1, 3 pts. || Atlantic Division 6th

Little Caesars Arena, 7:30 pm ET || AM Skate, TBD || TV: Bally Sports Ohio || Radio: 97.1 The Fan

Notes: First of three meetings this season (Nov. 15 at CBJ; Apr. 9 at DET)... Columbus is 43-46-14 all-time vs. Detroit, including 18-26-6 on the road... Columbus is 11-3-2 in its last 16 at Detroit... The Jackets went 4-3-1 vs. the Wings in 2020-21... **Player to Watch: Tyler Bertuzzi, LW** Two-time 20-goal scorer (2018-19, 2019-20) had four goals vs Tampa Bay in season-opener on Oct. 14.

NEW YORK ISLANDERS || 0-2-0, 0 pts. || Metropolitan Division 8th

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

Notes: First of four meetings this season (Jan. 18 at NYI; Mar. 29 at CBJ; Mar. 31 at NYI)... Columbus is 22-13-7 all-time vs. New York, including 14-3-5 at home... The Jackets are 7-5-1 in the past 13 vs. the Isles... **Player to Watch: Mathew Barzal, C** Two-time All-Star led the Islanders in scoring in each of his first four seasons, including 2020-21 when he collected 17-28-45 in 55 games.

CAROLINA HURRICANES || 2-0-0, 4 pts. || Metropolitan Division 2nd-T

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

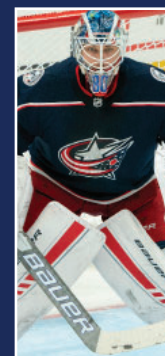
Notes: First of four meetings this season (Jan. 1 at CBJ; Jan. 13 at CAR; Feb. 25 at CAR)... Columbus is 24-20-5 all-time vs. Carolina, including 12-10-2 at home... The Jackets went 3-3-2 vs. the Canes in 2020-21 after winning the previous four meetings in the series... **Player to Watch: Sebastian Aho, C** The 2015 second-round pick has racked up 145-177-322 in his first 368 career NHL games.

BLUE JACKETS NOTES: The Blue Jackets are off to a 2-0-0 start for the third time in club history (2014-15, 2009-10)... The club has never opened a season 3-0-0... Columbus plays its first road game Tuesday at Detroit having gone 10-9-1 in its 20 previous road openers... The Jackets have played their first road game in Detroit once before (3-2 OT win, Oct. 4, 2018)... The Blue Jackets had a season-opener to remember on Oct. 14, beating the Arizona Coyotes, 8-2, setting club records for most goals and largest margin of victory in a season-opening game (5-0 win vs. NY Islanders on Oct. 6, 2017)... **C Alexandre Texier** scored the second-fastest goal to open a season in CBJ history :40 into the game vs. Arizona (:31 - Geoff Sanderson vs. St. Louis, 3-3 tie on Oct. 4, 2001)... **RW Oliver Bjorkstrand** tallied a career-high 2-2-4 vs. Arizona... **C Max Domi** (1-3-4), **LW Patrik Laine** (1-2-3) and **D Zach Werenski** (1-2-3) each picked up points in both games last week... **Brad Larsen** became the fourth coach in CBJ history to win his first game with the club, joining Doug MacLean (2-1 at Minnesota on Jan. 8, 2003) and Gerard Gallant (2-0 at Tampa Bay on Jan. 2, 2004) and interim coach Claude Noel (2-1 vs. Dallas on Feb. 4, 2010).

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The Columbus netminder went 2-0-0 with a 1.47 GAA, .948 SV% in two games to open the season. He made 36 saves to beat Arizona 8-2 on Oct. 14 and stopped 19-of-20 shots in a 2-1 OT win vs. Seattle on Oct. 16.



SILLINGER MAKES HISTORY

On Oct. 14, C Cole Sillinger (18 yrs., 151 days) became the fourth-youngest player in CBJ history to make his NHL debut and third-youngest to record a point when he assisted on Max Domi's third period goal.

Youngest Players in CBJ History

1. Dan Fritsche (18 yrs., 88 days) - 2003
2. Rick Nash (18 yrs., 117 days) - 2002
3. Nikita Filatov (18 yrs., 145 days) - 2008

Cole's father, Mike, played for the Blue Jackets from 2001-03 making the Sillingers the first father-son duo in franchise history.



OFF THE ICE

LEARN TO PLAY

Columbus Blue Jackets Learn to Play, presented by Performance Columbus Family of Dealerships in collaboration with the OhioHealth Chiller Ice Rinks and Moo Moo Express Car Wash, is a free program for kids 4-10. The comprehensive three-step program to prepare kids to join an organized hockey league. For more information, visit BlueJackets.com/LearnToPlay.

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THE INSIDE EDGE

Join Jody Shelley & Bob McElligott Wednesdays from 7-8 pm on 97.1 The Fan.