



**COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS**  
at  
**BUFFALO SABRES**



Wednesday, September 25, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

31	Veini Vehvilainen	G	35	Linus Ullmark	G
90	Elvis Merzlikins	G	40	Carter Hutton	G
2	Andrew Peeke	D	6	Marco Scandella	D
4	Scott Harrington	D	8	Casey Nelson	D
10	Alexander Wennberg	C	9	Jack Eichel	C
11	Kevin Stenlund	C	10	Henri Jokiharju	D
15	Jakob Lilja	LW	13	Jimmy Vesey	LW
22	Sonny Milano	LW	17	Vladimir Sobotka	C
24	Nathan Gerbe	C	23	Sam Reinhart	RW
29	Zac Dalpe	C	21	Kyle Okposo	RW
46	Dean Kukan	D	26	Rasmus Dahlin	D
52	Emil Bemstrom	RW	28	Zemgus Girgensons	LW
53	Gabriel Carlsson	D	33	Colin Miller	D
56	Marko Dano	LW	37	Casey Mittelstadt	C
57	Paul Bittner	C	53	Jeff Skinner	LW
63	Nikita Korostelev	RW	55	Rasmus Ristolainen	D
65	Markus Nutivaara	D	58	John Gilmour	D
77	Josh Anderson	RW	68	Victor Olofsson	LW
84	Anton Karlsson	D	71	Evan Rodrigues	C
88	Kole Sherwood	RW	72	Tage Thompson	RW
			90	Marcus Johansson	LW

**Referees:** Dean Morton (36), Brandon Schrader (46)

**Linesmen:** Andrew Smith (51), Greg Devorski (54)

**Anthem Singer:** Doug Allen



## BUFFALO SABRES PRESEASON SKATER GAME-BY-GAME

No:	Player:	9/16 vs. PIT	9/17 at CBJ	9/20 at TOR	9/21 vs. TOR	9/25 vs. CBJ	9/28 at PIT
3	BORGEN, William	DND	0-0, E	0-0, -1	DND		
4	BOGOSIAN, Zach	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ
6	SCANDELLA, Marco	0-0, -1	DND	DND	0-0, +1		
8	NELSON, Casey	0-0, +1	DND	DND	0-0, +3		
9	EICHEL, Jack	1-1, +2	DND	DND	0-2, -1		
10	JOKIHARJU, Henri	1-0, -2	DND	0-0, -1	0-0, E		
12	PORTER, Kevin	DND	DND	INJ	INJ	RCH	RCH
13	VESEY, Jimmy	0-1, +2	DND	DND	1-0, +1		
15	DEA, Jean-Sebastien	DND	0-0, -1	0-0, E	DND	RCH	RCH
17	SOBOTKA, Vladimir	DND	0-0, -1	0-0, E	DND		
19	McCABE, Jake	DND	1-0, -1	0-0, -1	DND		
20	WILSON, Scott	DND	0-0, E	DND	DND		
21	OKPOSO, Kyle	DND	0-0, -1	0-0, -1	DND		
22	LARSSON, Johan	0-0, -1	DND	DND	DND		
23	REINHART, Sam	DND	0-0, -1	DND	1-2, E		
24	PILUT, Lawrence	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ
25	RUOTSALAINEN, Arttu	DND	0-0, -1	0-0, -1	0-0, +1	Ilves	Ilves
26	DAHLIN, Rasmus	0-2, -3	DND	DND	0-1, -2		
27	LAZAR, Curtis	0-0, -3	DND	0-0, E	0-0, E		
28	GIRGENSONS, Zemgus	0-0, -1	DND	DND	DND		
33	MILLER, Colin	0-0, +2	DND	DND	0-1, +2		
37	MITTELSTADT, Casey	DND	0-0, -1	0-0, -1	DND		
38	REDMOND, Zach	DND	DND	0-0, E	DND	RCH	RCH
42	COZENS, Dylan	0-0, E	DND	0-0, -1	0-0, E		
43	SHEARY, Conor	1-2, +4	DND	0-0, -1	DND		
44	HICKEY, Brandon	DND	0-0, -1	DND	DND	RCH	RCH
45	FITZGERALD, Casey	DND	0-0, -1	DND	DND	RCH	RCH
46	CORNEL, Eric	DND	DND	DND	DND	RCH	RCH
47	MALONE, Sean	DND	DND	DND	DND	RCH	RCH
48	HUNWICK, Matt	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ
49	SMITH, C.J.	DND	0-0, -1	0-0, -1	1-0, +1	RCH	RCH
52	OGLEVIE, Andrew	0-0, -1	DND	DND	DND	RCH	RCH
53	SKINNER, Jeff	0-1, -3	DND	DND	0-0, -1		
55	RISTOLAINEN, Rasmus	DND	DND	DND	0-0, -1		
58	GILMOUR, John	1-1, +2	DND	0-0, -1	DND		
61	STEPHENS, Devante	DND	DND	DND	DND	RCH	RCH
62	MONTOUR, Brandon	DND	0-0, E	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ
68	OLOFSSON, Victor	DND	0-0, +1	DND	2-0, E		
71	RODRIGUES, Evan	0-0, -1	DND	DND	0-1, +1		
72	THOMPSON, Tage	1-0, E	DND	0-0, E	DND		
73	PEKAR, Matej	DND	0-0, -1	JR	JR	JR	JR
74	ASPLUND, Rasmus	DND	0-1, E	0-0, E	0-0, -1		
78	BRYSON, Jacob	DND	0-0, -1	0-0, E	DND	RCH	RCH
81	ELIE, Remi	0-0, E	DND	0-0, E	DND		
82	OLSON, Kyle	DND	0-0, E	DND	DND	RCH	RCH
90	JOHANSSON, Marcus	DND	DND	DND	0-0, E		

PLAYER STATS = Goals-Assists, +/-  
JR = Returned to Junior

INJ = Missed Game Due to Injury  
RCH = Assigned to Rochester (AHL)

DND = Did Not Dress  
FA = Free Agent

## BUFFALO SABRES PRESEASON GOALTENDER GAME-BY-GAME

No:	Player:	9/16 vs. PIT	9/17 at CBJ	9/20 at TOR	9/21 vs. TOR	9/25 vs. CBJ	9/28 at PIT
1	LUUKKONEN, Ukko-Pekka	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ
34	JOHANSSON, Jonas	W, 12-15, 35:30	DND	DND	DNP	RCH	RCH
35	ULLMARK, Linus	DND	ND, 18-19, 29:48	L, 21-23, 40:00	DND		
36	HAMMOND, Andrew	DND	L, 11-13, 29:01	ND, 10-11, 20:00	DND	RCH	RCH
40	HUTTON, Carter	ND, 2-3, 29:22	DND	DND	W, 31-34, 60:00		
50	HOUSER, Michael	DND	DND	DND	DND	RCH	RCH

GOALTENDER STATS = Decision, Saves-Shots, Minutes  
DNP = Did not Play

ND = No Decision

INJ = Missed Game Due to Injury  
JR = Returned to Junior

DND = Did not Dress  
RCH = Assigned to Rochester (AHL)

## PRESEASON AT A GLANCE

### 2019-20 PRESEASON RECORD...

	GP	W	L	OTL	GF	GA	PTS
<b>HOME:</b>	2	2	0	0	10	7	4
<b>ROAD:</b>	2	0	2	0	1	7	0
<b>OVERALL:</b>	4	2	2	0	11	14	4

### GOALS BY PERIOD...

	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL
<b>SABRES:</b>	3	4	3	1	11
<b>OPPONENTS:</b>	4	3	7	0	14

### SHOTS BY PERIOD...

	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL
<b>SABRES:</b>	50	54	33	2	139
<b>OPPONENTS:</b>	36	43	35	5	119

### SABRES POWER PLAY...

	PPG	OPP	PP%
<b>HOME:</b>	2	8	25.0
<b>ROAD:</b>	0	5	0.0
<b>OVERALL:</b>	2	13	15.4

### SABRES PENALTY KILLING...

	PPGA	OPP	PK%
<b>HOME:</b>	0	6	100.0
<b>ROAD:</b>	2	5	60.0
<b>OVERALL:</b>	2	11	81.8

### SABRES TRAINING CAMP TRANSACTIONS...

Date	Transaction(s)
<b>9/18/19</b>	Assigned forward Matej Pekar to Barrie (OHL).
<b>9/22/19</b>	Assigned forward Arttu Ruotsalainen to Ilves (Liiga). Assigned forwards Eric Cornel, Sean Malone, Andrew Oglevie, Kyle Olson, Kevin Porter and C.J. Smith; defensemen Jacob Bryson, Casey Fitzgerald, Brandon Hickey, Zach Redmond and Devante Stephens; goaltenders Andrew Hammond, Michael Houser and Jonas Johansson to Rochester (AHL).
<b>9/23/19</b>	Assigned forward Jean-Sebastien Dea to Rochester (AHL).

**NOTE:** The Sabres have 35 players on their training camp roster (19 forwards, 13 defensemen and three goaltenders).



## **BLUE JACKETS PRESEASON GAME NOTES**

**Sept. 25, 2019**

**at Buffalo Sabres (2-2-0, 4 pts.), KeyBank Center**

**Referees:** Brandon Schrader (46), Dean Morton (36)

**Preseason Game No. 5 (2-2-0, 4 pts.)**

**Preseason Road Game No. 3 (0-2-0, 0 pts.)**

**Linesmen:** Andrew Smith (51), Greg Devorski (54)

**JACKETS CONTINUE SEVEN-GAME PRESEASON SCHEDULE:** Columbus continues its preseason slate on Wednesday, traveling to Buffalo to take on the Sabres in their final tune-up road game. The Blue Jackets hosted Buffalo on Tuesday, Sept. 17 to open their preseason and emerged with a 4-1 win. Columbus has gone 1-2-0 since, topping the Penguins 3-1 on Saturday. The Jackets' remaining three exhibition contests occur in a span of five days, concluding preseason play with a pair of home games, Friday, Sept. 27 vs. New Jersey and Sunday, Sept. 29 vs. St. Louis. There are currently 36 players in camp – 21 forwards, 11 defensemen and four goaltenders. For a complete training camp roster and schedule, visit [www.BlueJackets.com](http://www.BlueJackets.com).

### **2019 COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS PRESEASON SCHEDULE:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time (ET)/Result</b>
Sept. 17	Tuesday	BUFFALO SABRES	NATIONWIDE ARENA	W, 4-1
Sept. 19	Thursday	at Pittsburgh Penguins	PPG Paints Arena	L, 1-4
Sept. 21	Saturday	PITTSBURGH PENGUINS	NATIONWIDE ARENA	W, 3-1
Sept. 22	Sunday	at St. Louis Blues	Enterprise Center	L, 5-3
Sept. 25	Wednesday	at Buffalo Sabres	KeyBank Center	7 p.m.
Sept. 27	Friday	NEW JERSEY DEVILS	NATIONWIDE ARENA	7 p.m.
Sept. 29	Sunday	ST. LOUIS BLUES	NATIONWIDE ARENA	5 p.m.

### **2019 COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS PRESEASON GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS:**

<b>Gm</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Goal Scorers</b>	<b>GWG</b>	<b>PP</b>	<b>PK</b>	<b>SF-SA</b>	<b>W-L Goalie</b>	<b>Attn.</b>
1	Sept. 17	BUFFALO	W	1-0-0	4-1	52p, 88, 22, 29	Sherwood	1-3	3-3	33-29	Kivlenieks/Hammond	11,251
2	Sept. 19	at Pittsburgh	L	1-1-0	1-4	22	Guentzel	0-5	1-2	28-35	Murray/Vehvilainen	15,649
3	Sept. 21	PITTSBURGH	W	2-1-0	3-1	13p, 50, 77	Robinson	1-3	2-2	22-25	Korpisalo/DeSmith	13,637
4	Sept. 22	at St. Louis	L	2-2-0	3-5	15, 15, 20	Kostin	0-2	1-2	25-34	Binnington/Merzlikins	16,672
5	Sept. 25	at Buffalo										
6	Sept. 27	NEW JERSEY										
7	Sept. 29	ST. LOUIS										

### **COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS ALL-TIME PRESEASON RESULTS**

	<b>Overall</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Road</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Top Scorer</b>	<b>Top Goaltender</b>
<b>2000:</b>	3-5-1	1-1-1	0-1-0	2-3-0	Maltais – 7 GP, 3-4-7	Denis – 1-1-0, 2.49, .899
<b>2001:</b>	2-3-2	2-0-1	0-1-1	0-2-0	Sanderson – 5 GP, 3-2-5	Denis – 0-2-2, 1.99, .930
<b>2002:</b>	6-3-0	2-2-0	3-1-0	1-0-0	Sanderson – 7 GP, 2-5-7	Labbe – 2-0-0, 1.51, .949
<b>2003:</b>	2-4-2	2-1-1	0-3-1	0-0-0	Spacek – 6 GP, 3-2-5	Denis – 2-2-0, 1.87, .930
<b>2005:</b>	3-6-0	3-2-0	0-4-0	0-0-0	Brule – 6 GP, 2-3-5	Leclaire – 2-1-0, 2.86, .905
<b>2006:</b>	4-3-0	3-1-0	1-1-0	0-1-0	Platt – 4 GP, 4-3-7	Leclaire – 3-0-0, 1.20, .957
<b>2007:</b>	3-3-2	0-3-1	3-0-1	0-0-0	Chimera – 6 GP, 2-4-6	Mason – 1-2-0, 1.78, .913
<b>2008:</b>	4-4-0	3-1-0	1-3-0	0-0-0	Nash – 4 GP, 3-5-8	Leclaire – 2-0-0, 2.64, .881
<b>2009:</b>	4-3-1	3-1-0	1-2-1	0-0-0	Voracek – 6 GP, 3-4-7	Garon – 2-0-0, 2.35, .913
<b>2010:</b>	5-4-0	2-2-0	3-2-0	0-0-0	Huselius – 4 GP, 1-6-7	Mason – 2-1-0, 3.65, .899
<b>2011:</b>	5-2-1	4-0-0	1-2-1	0-0-0	Tyutin – 4 GP, 2-5-7	Mason – 4-0-0, 1.98, .934
<b>2012:</b>	n/a					
<b>2013:</b>	4-3-1	1-2-1	3-1-0	0-0-0	Gaborik – 4 GP, 2-5-7	Bobrovsky – 1-2-1, 2.13, .925
<b>2014:</b>	7-1-0	4-0-0	3-1-0	0-0-0	Foligno – 5 GP, 3-4-7	Bobrovsky – 3-1-0, 1.92, .948
<b>2015:</b>	5-2-1	2-1-1	3-1-0	0-0-0	Johansen – 4 GP, 4-8-12	Bobrovsky – 4-0-0, 1.36, .959
<b>2016:</b>	4-4-0	1-3-0	3-1-0	0-0-0	Gagner – 5 GP, 1-4-5	Bobrovsky – 1-2-0, 2.39, .900
<b>2017:</b>	4-3-1	1-3-0	3-0-1	0-0-0	Panarin – 6 GP, 3-2-5	Bobrovsky – 2-1-0, 3.38, .906
<b>2018:</b>	3-5-0	2-2-0	0-3-0	1-0-0	Atkinson – 4 GP, 3-4-7	Berube – 1-0-0, 2.28, .875
<b>2019:</b>	2-2-0	2-0-0	0-2-0	0-0-0	Dubinsky – 3GP, 0-3-3	Korpisalo – 1-0-0, 0.67, 0.973

## **OFF-SEASON TRANSACTIONS**

- May 4 Signed G Daniil Tarasov to three-year, entry level contract.
- May 14 Signed F Emil Bemstrom to three-year, entry level contract.
- May 15 Signed G Elvis Merzlikins to a one-year contract.
- June 4 Signed G Veini Vehvilainen to two-year, entry level contract
- June 17 Signed F Markus Hannikainen to a one-year contract.
- June 25 Signed D Adam Clendening to a two-year, two-way NHL/AHL contract.
- June 29 Signed D Doyle Somerby to a one-year, two-way NHL/AHL contract.
- July 1 Signed F Gustav Nyquist to a four-year contract.
- July 1 Signed G Joonas Korpisalo to a one-year contract.
- July 1 Signed D Ryan Murray to a two-year contract.
- July 5 Signed D Scott Harrington to a three-year contract.
- July 10 Signed F Justin Scott to a one-year, two-way NHL/AHL contract.
- July 15 Signed F Sonny Milano to a one-year contract.
- July 16 Signed F Ryan MacInnis to a one-year, two-way NHL/AHL contract.
- Aug. 8 Signed F Marko Dano to a one-year, two-way NHL/AHL contract.
- Sept. 9 Signed D Zach Werenski to a three-year contract.

## **TRAINING CAMP TRANSACTIONS**

- Sept. 18 Assigned F Tyler Angle to Windsor (OHL) and D Eric Hjorth to Sarnia (OHL).
- Sept. 20 Released F Egor Sokolov from pro tryout contract.
- Sept. 21 Assigned D Gabriel Carlsson, D Ryan Collins, RW Trey Fix-Wolansky, RW Maxime Fortier, D Michael Prapavassis, LW Eric Robinson, RW Kole Sherwood, C Kevin Stenlund and C Calvin Thurkauf to Cleveland (AHL). Placed C Paul Bittner, LW Nathan Gerbe and C Justin Scott on waivers for purpose of assignment to Cleveland. Released RW Derek Barach, LW Brett Gallant, D Anton Karlsson, RW Nikita Korostelev, LW Stefan Matteau, C Bryan Moore and C Sam Vigneault from pro tryout contracts.
- Sept. 22 Assigned G Matiss Kivlenieks to Cleveland (AHL) and placed D Dillon Simpson on waivers for purpose of assignment to Cleveland. Released G Brad Thiessen from pro tryout contract.
- Sept. 23 Assigned D Doyle Somerby and G Veini Vehvilainen to Cleveland (AHL). Placed D Adam Clendening, C Zac Dalpe, LW Markus Hannikainen and C Ryan MacInnis on waivers for purpose of assignment to Cleveland.
- Sept. 25 Recalled C Paul Bittner, D Gabriel Carlsson, C Zac Dalpe, D Anton Karlsson, RW Nikita Korostelev, RW Kole Sherwood, C Kevin Stenlund and G Veini Vehvilainen from Cleveland (AHL).

## **OFF-SEASON BLUE JACKETS HEADLINES**

**TORTORELLA'S TIME CONTINUES:** Blue Jackets head coach John Tortorella begins his fourth full season and fifth with the club. He is the franchise's all-time wins leader since being named head coach on October 21, 2015 with a 176-118-27 record in 321 games. He has led Columbus to the Stanley Cup playoffs in each of his first three full seasons, amassing at least 45 wins in each. It marks the first time Columbus has claimed three-consecutive postseason berths in club history. The Boston native is the NHL's all-time winningest coach among American-born coaches and has compiled a 622-493-37 record in 1,257 games with the Blue Jackets, Vancouver Canucks, New York Rangers, and Tampa Bay Lightning. He also has won two Jack Adams trophies as the NHL's Coach of the Year, most recently picking up the award in 2016-17.

**Z RE-UPS FOR THREE:** The Blue Jackets signed restricted free agent defenseman Zach Werenski to a three-year contract extension on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The 2015 eighth overall selection is a former Calder Memorial Trophy finalist, NHL All-Rookie Team selection and 2018 NHL All-Star who has registered 38 goals and 90 assists for 128 points with 48 penalty minutes and a +13 plus/minus rating in 237 career games over the course of his first three NHL seasons. His 38 goals rank ninth and his 128 points are tied for 21st among all NHL defensemen since 2016. He also has added 3-7-10, 11 penalty minutes and is +1 in 19 career games in the Stanley Cup Playoffs.

**TRAVERSE CITY RECAP:** Columbus claimed third place in this year's Traverse City Prospects' tournament after finishing the tournament 3-1-0, including a 5-4 overtime win over Toronto in the third-place game. Forward Alexandre Texier, a 2017 second-round pick who appeared in two regular season contests and eight playoff games last spring with Columbus, led the team in scoring with four goals and two assists in four games in Michigan.

## **2018-19 SEASON RECAP**

**COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS COMPLETE 18TH NHL SEASON:** The Columbus Blue Jackets completed their 18th season in the National Hockey League with a 47-31-4 record (98 pts.), finishing fifth in the Metropolitan Division, eighth in the Eastern Conference and 13th overall in the NHL... The 2018-19 season marked the second-best regular season in club history after 2016-17's 50-24-8 (108 pts.) campaign... The Blue Jackets hit the 42-win mark for the fifth time in the past six seasons. The previous high was 41 wins in 2008-09 when the club qualified for the Stanley Cup Playoffs for the first time with a 41-31-10 record (92 pts.)... Columbus went 7-1-0 (14 pts.) over the final eight games of the season to qualify for the playoffs in the second wildcard spot.

**JACKETS CLAIM FRANCHISE'S FIRST PLAYOFF SERIES VICTORY:** Columbus qualified for the Stanley Cup Playoffs in three-consecutive seasons for the first time in club history... The Blue Jackets clinched a spot in the 2019 postseason in a 3-2 shootout win over the New York Rangers on the road on Apr. 5. It was the fifth time in club history and fourth in the past six seasons that the franchise competed for the Stanley Cup in the postseason... The Blue Jackets advanced past the first round of the playoffs for the first time in franchise history after sweeping the Presidents' Trophy-winning Tampa Bay Lightning, 4-0, in the Eastern Conference Quarterfinals... It marked the fourth time in NHL history, and the first time in the first round, that a team swept the best team of the regular season in a best-of-seven playoff series... Columbus was defeated by Boston, 4-2, in the Eastern Conference Semifinals.

**BLUE JACKETS AT HOME:** The Blue Jackets went 22-17-2 (46 pts.) at Nationwide Arena in 2018-19, scoring 133 goals (3.24 per game) and allowing 124 goals (3.02) in 41 games... Columbus won a season-high five-straight at home from Mar.9-Mar. 28, playing a large role in securing a playoff berth... Columbus suffered a pair of three-game losing streaks at home (Dec. 4-11, Jan. 18-Feb. 2)... In 18 seasons, Columbus is 359-279-83 in 721 home games... In the playoffs, Columbus went 2-0 at home vs. Tampa Bay and 2-1 at home against Boston.

**COLUMBUS ON THE ROAD:** Columbus went 25-14-2 (52 pts.) on the road last season, scoring 123 goals (3.00 per game) and allowing 107 goals (2.61) in 41 games... Columbus' 25-win, 52-point effort outside of Nationwide Arena was a franchise-best, surpassing the 2014-15 season when the Blue Jackets went 23-15-3 (49 pts.) on the road... The Blue Jackets won a season-best five consecutive road games from Mar. 24-Apr. 6 to close out the season... Columbus also had a pair of four-game winning streaks away from Nationwide Arena (Dec. 6-27, Feb. 5-16)... In 18 NHL seasons, Columbus is 268-371-82 in 721 road games...In the playoffs, Columbus went 2-0 on the road against Tampa Bay and 1-1-1 away versus Boston.

**GOALS FOR/GOALS AGAINST:** The Blue Jackets scored 256 goals in 82 games (not including SO goals) to average 3.12 goals per game (12th in NHL)... The club's 256 goals marked the highest offensive output in club history, surpassing the Blue Jackets 247-goal effort in 2016-17... The Jackets scored five or more goals 17 times (16-1-0), including a season-high seven goals five times... The Blue Jackets allowed 231 goals in 82 games, averaging 2.82 goals-against per game (11th in NHL)... The club surrendered two goals or fewer in 34 games (30-2-2), allowed two goals 14 times, one goal 11 times and posted nine shutouts.

**ON THE POWER PLAY:** Columbus converted 34-of-221 power play opportunities (15.4 percent), which ranked 28th in the NHL... The club was 17-of-113 at home (15.0 pct./26th-T in NHL) and 17-of-108 on the road (15.7 pct./26th-T in NHL)... Columbus scored a power play goal in 29-of-82 games and was 20-8-1 in those contests... Columbus scored two or more power play goals in a game five times... The club's season high for attempts was six, achieved three times... From Jan. 18 to Feb. 9, a span of seven games, the Blue Jackets scored a power play goal in six contests, converting on 6-of-16 opportunities (37.5 pct.)... LW Artemi Panarin led the club in power play scoring with 6-12-18, followed by Zach Werenski (2-13-15), RW Cam Atkinson (8-6-14), D Seth Jones (0-10-10).

**PENALTY KILLING:** The Blue Jackets killed off 170-of-200 opponent power plays (85.0 pct.), which ranked 1st-T in the NHL... The club stopped 79-of-93 attempts at home (84.9 pct./5th in NHL) and 91-of-107 attempts on the road (85.0 pct./3rd in NHL)... The club posted a 35-21-3 record when not allowing a PP goal and 12-10-1 when scored on... The Jackets killed off all five power plays against in a 2-1 OT loss at Anaheim on Nov. 4 and allowed a season-high four PP goals on seven attempts in a 8-2 loss at Tampa Bay on Oct. 13.

**ATTENDANCE REPORT:** The Blue Jackets averaged 16,658 fans per game (682,984 total) with 15 sellouts in 41 home games at Nationwide Arena (capacity – 18,144)... The 15 sellouts were the most since the 2003-04 season (16) and included two crowds in excess of 19,000. The Mar. 9 game vs. Pittsburgh drew a crowd of 19,146, which was the largest of the season and sixth-largest for a regular season game at Nationwide Arena in club history.

**CBJ VS. EASTERN/WESTERN CONFERENCE:** The Jackets posted a 31-19-2 record in games played against Eastern Conference opponents... The club was 18-9-1 within the Metropolitan Division and 13-10-1 vs. the Atlantic Division... The Blue Jackets also

posted a 16-12-2 record vs. Western Conference teams, including a 9-5-0 record vs. Central Division clubs and a 7-7-2 mark vs. teams from the Pacific Division.

**MISCELLANEOUS NEWS & NOTES:** Columbus tied Tampa Bay and Arizona for the NHL lead in penalty killing at 85.0 pct. (170-of-200)... The club posted a 32-2-0 mark when taking a lead into the third period... Columbus won 50.2 percent of its faceoffs taken (16th in the NHL) and was the NHL's third-best in the category from Feb 1 through the end of the campaign (52.4 pct.)... The Jackets lineup featured seven players who scored 20 or more goals during the season, which was tied for the most in the NHL (Toronto and Washington).

#### **2018-19 PLAYER RECAP**

**ATKINSON JOINS 40-GOAL CLUB, TIES CBJ RECORD:** RW Cam Atkinson became the second Blue Jacket to score 40 goals in a season as he collected 41-28-69, 20 penalty minutes and was +3 in 80 games, ranking sixth-T in the NHL in goals... Tied Rick Nash's club record for goals in a season (41, 2003-04) and joined the former CBJ captain as the franchise's lone 40-goal scorers (Nash also had 40 in in 2008-09)... This season was his sixth-straight with 20 or more goals, which is the second-longest such streak in CBJ history (Nash, eight-straight from 2003-12)... Tied for the club lead with eight game-winning goals (fifth-T in NHL), which is one shy of his club record of nine in 2016-17... Led the club with four shorthanded goals (fourth-T in NHL) and 295 shots on goal (eighth in NHL) and was second in points.

**JONES EARNS ALL-STAR GAME SELECTION FOR THIRD-STRAIGHT SEASON:** D Seth Jones was selected to play in his third consecutive All-Star Game (missed 2018 game due to illness) and registered 9-37-46, 28 penalty minutes and a +1 plus/minus rating in 75 games... Led the club and ranked fourth in the NHL in time on ice (25:49) and ranked 15th-T among NHL blueliners in points despite missing the first seven games of the season due to injury... Ranked fourth-T among NHL defensemen with four game-winning goals... Scored his seventh career overtime goal as a Jacket on Feb. 28 vs. Philadelphia, surpassing Rick Nash (six) for the franchise record.

**WERENSKI CONTINUES TO SHINE ON BLUELINE:** D Zach Werenski tallied 11-33-44 and 18 penalty minutes in 82 games, ranking 21st-T among NHL defensemen in points and 22nd-T in goals... Has scored at least 11 goals in each of his first three seasons and collected his second 40-plus point campaign... Picked up the first two-goal game of his NHL career on Dec. 31 vs. Ottawa... Tied the franchise mark for assists and points in a game by a defenseman with a career-high 1-3-4 on Mar. 12 vs. Boston... Registered a career-best six-game point streak from Dec. 22-Jan. 4 (4-3-7).

**DUBOIS IS FASTEST PLAYER IN CBJ HISTORY TO 100 POINTS:** C Pierre-Luc Dubois, the third overall pick in the 2016 NHL Draft, followed up his standout rookie season by racking up 27-34-61, a team-leading 64 penalty minutes and a +16 plus/minus rating in 82 games... Is the first player in club history with back-to-back 20-goal seasons in his first two NHL campaigns... Became the fastest Blue Jacket to reach the 100-point mark to start his NHL career, doing so in his 143rd game (42-58-100), besting Nikolai Zherdev (156 games) and Rick Nash (164 games)... Collected 17 multi-point games, including a career-high 2-2-4 on Dec. 31 vs. Ottawa... Recorded his first career three-assist game on Dec. 22 at Philadelphia... Tied his career-best with a five-game point streak (4-5-9) from Nov. 10-19.

**ANDERSON POWERS HIS WAY TO CAREER-BEST SEASON:** RW Josh Anderson raised his goal and points totals for the third time in his three NHL campaigns with 27-20-47, 60 penalty minutes and a +25 plus/minus rating in 82 games, setting career highs in goals, assists and points... Led the club in plus/minus rating, ranking 13th-T among all NHL players and sixth-T among forwards... Scored five game-winning goals, three power play goals and two shorthanded goals... Set single-game career-highs in assists and points with 1-3-4 on Mar. 12 vs. Boston.

**MISCELLANEOUS PLAYER NEWS & NOTES:** RW Oliver Bjorkstrand collected 23-13-36 in 77 games, more than doubling his previous career high in goals (11-29-40 in 82 games in 2017-18)... C Matt Duchene, acquired from Ottawa on Feb. 22, tallied 31-39-70 in 73 games to set career highs in goals (30 with Colorado in 2015-16) and points (23-47-70 with Colorado in 2013-14), while winning 55.3 percent of faceoffs taken (676-of-1,222)... LW Ryan Dzingel, acquired from Ottawa on Feb. 23, set career highs in goals, assists and points with 26-30-56 in 78 games (22-22-44 with Senators in 2017-18)... Despite missing the final 24 games of the regular season due to injury, D Ryan Murray set new career highs in assists and points with 1-28-29 in 56 games (4-21-25 in 2015-16 and led all club defensemen at +20... C/LW Boone Jenner tallied 16-22-38 in 76 games and led the club and ranked 25th in the NHL in faceoffs won with 626 (54.1 percent)... LW Nick Foligno collected 17-18-35, won 56.6 percent in the faceoff circle and was a finalist for the Bill Masterton Memorial Trophy given to the player that exemplifies the qualities of perseverance, sportsmanship and dedication to hockey... C Brandon Dubinsky ranked sixth-T in the NHL in faceoff percentage at 57.1 percent (427-of-748).



**COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS 2018-19 FINAL STATISTICS**

No.	Player		Pos	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM	PP	SH	GW	S	S%	TOI/G	FO%
9	Artemi Panarin		LW	79	28	59	87	14	23	6	0	8	191	14.7	19:51	25.0
95	Matt Duchene	OTT	C	50	27	31	58	-2	6	5	0	1	126	21.4	19:15	55.1
		CBJ		23	4	8	12	-1	2	1	0	0	46	8.7	17:57	55.9
		TOT		73	31	39	70	-3	8	6	0	1	172	18.0	18:50	55.3
13	Cam Atkinson		RW	80	41	28	69	3	20	8	4	8	295	13.9	19:23	31.6
18	Pierre-Luc Dubois		C	82	27	34	61	16	64	2	0	5	174	15.5	17:43	43.5
19	Ryan Dzingel	OTT	C	57	22	22	44	-13	29	4	0	4	133	16.5	17:45	40.0
		CBJ		21	4	8	12	4	0	1	0	1	26	15.4	14:16	60.0
		TOT		78	26	30	56	-9	29	5	0	5	159	16.4	16:49	41.0
77	Josh Anderson		RW	82	27	20	47	25	60	3	2	5	230	11.7	17:01	31.6
3	Seth Jones		D	75	9	37	46	1	28	0	0	4	184	4.9	25:49	0.0
8	Zach Werenski		D	82	11	33	44	-12	18	2	0	1	168	6.5	22:54	0.0
38	Boone Jenner		C	77	16	22	38	6	42	1	1	3	170	9.4	17:04	54.1
28	Oliver Bjorkstrand		RW	77	23	13	36	8	8	3	0	1	161	14.3	12:20	38.5
71	Nick Foligno		LW	73	17	18	35	12	44	2	0	2	141	12.1	17:42	56.6
27	Ryan Murray		D	56	1	28	29	20	10	0	0	0	71	1.4	21:26	0.0
10	Alexander Wennberg C		75	2	23	25	-1	12	1	1	0	64	3.1	15:05	48.4	
58	David Savard		D	82	8	16	24	19	36	0	0	1	124	6.5	19:45	0.0
65	Markus Nutivaara		D	80	5	16	21	3	6	0	0	1	99	5.1	17:41	0.0
91	Anthony Duclair +		LW	53	11	8	19	-3	12	4	0	2	92	12.0	12:19	13.3
4	Scott Harrington		D	73	2	15	17	6	23	0	0	0	54	3.7	13:03	0.0
17	Brandon Dubinsky		C	61	6	8	14	-16	36	0	0	0	63	9.5	12:21	57.1
20	Riley Nash		C	78	3	9	12	-8	19	0	0	1	79	3.8	10:50	45.0
65	Markus Hannikainen		LW	44	4	3	7	-5	2	0	0	1	52	7.7	9:29	0.0
54	Adam McQuaid	NYR	D	36	2	3	5	3	33	0	0	0	19	10.5	17:28	0.0
		CBJ		14	1	1	2	-1	9	0	0	1	9	11.1	11:25	0.0
		TOT		50	3	4	7	2	42	0	0	1	28	10.7	15:47	0.0
45	Lukas Sedlak		C	47	4	2	6	-5	10	0	0	0	43	9.3	9:00	49.4
14	Dean Kukan		D	25	0	5	5	6	6	0	0	0	16	0.0	13:28	0.0
42	Alexandre Texier *		C	2	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	6	16.7	12:46	0.0
22	Sonny Milano		LW	8	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	20.0	8:19	0.0
29	Zac Dalpe		C	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	9:01	0.0
53	Gabriel Carlsson *		D	1	0	0	0	-1	2	0	0	0	1	0.0	9:21	0.0
55	Mark Letestu		C	2	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	9:20	83.3
88	Kole Sherwood *		RW	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0	9:14	0.0
6	Adam Clendening		D	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0.0	10:39	0.0
11	Kevin Stenlund *		C	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	3	0.0	10:58	50.0
50	Eric Robinson *		LW	13	0	0	0	-4	0	0	0	0	18	0.0	11:50	0.0

No.	Goaltender		GP	MIN	W	L	OT	SO	SA	SV	SV%	GA	GAA	G	A	PIM
72	Sergei Bobrovsky		62	4,557	37	24	1	9	1,756	1,603	.913	153	2.58	0	0	2
70	Joonas Korpisalo		27	1,361	10	7	3	0	651	584	.897	67	2.95	0	0	0
1	Keith Kinkaid	NJD	41	2,302	15	18	6	3	1,188	1,059	.891	129	3.36	0	0	0

+ Traded or Claimed Player \* Rookie

**CLEVELAND MONSTERS 2018-19 FINAL STATISTICS**

No.	Player	Pos	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM	PP	SH	GW	OT	S	S%	
28	Zac Dalpe +	CLE	C	55	33	22	55	17	43	10	2	3	1	203	16.3%
55	Mark Letestu	CLE	C	64	21	29	50	2	16	5	1	7	3	153	13.7%
2	Adam Clendening +	CLE	D	45	4	33	37	18	98	1	0	1	0	114	3.5%
3	Tommy Cross	CLE	D	73	7	27	34	-13	71	3	0	1	0	154	4.5%
90	Nathan Gerbe	CLE	LW	41	10	22	32	-1	40	4	1	1	0	121	8.3%
57	Paul Bittner	CLE	LW	50	9	22	31	9	21	2	0	1	0	115	7.8%
25	Alex Broadhurst	CLE	C	51	8	22	30	-6	12	3	0	1	0	85	9.4%
88	Kole Sherwood *	CLE	RW	56	16	9	25	1	71	3	0	1	1	138	11.6%
82	Kevin Stenlund	CLE	C	59	15	10	25	-17	12	0	0	4	1	134	11.2%
20	Justin Scott	CLE	C	67	13	11	24	4	61	1	1	1	0	179	7.3%
19	Eric Robinson *+	CLE	LW	45	12	12	24	3	15	2	0	2	0	90	13.3%
22	Sonny Milano	CLE	LW	27	11	13	24	-14	22	2	0	0	0	71	15.5%
72	Ryan MacInnis	CLE	C	71	4	20	24	2	39	0	0	0	0	115	3.5%
11	Vitaly Abramov *+	CLE	RW	52	12	10	22	-2	28	2	0	2	0	119	10.1%
26	Doyle Somerby	CLE	D	66	8	12	20	15	37	0	0	1	0	66	12.1%
21	Sam Vigneault	CLE	C	61	4	16	20	-3	32	1	1	1	0	48	8.3%
18	Dillon Simpson	CLE	D	75	3	14	17	-3	16	0	0	0	0	99	3.0%
10	Dan DeSalvo	CLE	C	50	5	11	16	-15	20	3	0	0	0	104	4.8%
38	Nikita Korostelev *	CLE	RW	31	3	10	13	-6	4	1	0	1	0	47	6.4%
53	Gabriel Carlsson	CLE	D	67	2	10	12	1	14	0	0	0	0	68	2.9%
23	Derek Barach *	CLE	C	15	7	4	11	6	6	1	0	1	0	34	20.6%
6	Ryan Collins	CLE	D	60	3	6	9	-3	32	0	0	0	0	80	3.8%
13	Alexandre Texier *+	CLE	C	7	5	2	7	6	4	1	0	2	0	20	25.0%
24	Michael Prapavessis	CLE	D	26	1	5	6	-3	6	0	0	0	0	19	5.3%
41	Maxime Fortier *+	CLE	RW	20	1	4	5	-2	2	0	0	0	0	23	4.3%
40	Garret Cockerill	CLE	D	16	0	5	5	2	6	0	0	0	0	18	0.0%
16	Miles Koules	CLE	RW	19	4	0	4	-6	6	0	0	0	0	23	17.4%
44	Brett Gallant	CLE	LW	38	2	2	4	-3	65	0	0	0	0	25	8.0%
27	Calvin Thurkauf	CLE	C	26	2	0	2	-4	24	0	0	0	0	28	7.1%
13	Dean Kukan *+	CLE	D	5	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	14	7.1%
4	Blake Siebenaler +	CLE	D	17	1	1	2	-11	6	0	0	0	0	22	4.5%
5	Justin Wade *+	CLE	D	8	0	1	1	-4	10	0	0	0	0	4	0.0%
35	Jean-Francois Berube	CLE	G	43	0	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
16	Kayle Doetzel +	STK	D	1	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
		CLE	D	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
		TOT	D	2	0	0	0	1	14	0	0	0	0	1	0.0%
45	Greg Wolfe +	BNG	C	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0%
		CLE	C	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	0.0%
		TOT	C	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	7	0.0%
80	Matiss Kivlenieks	CLE	G	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
39	Brad Thiessen	CLE	G	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

No.	Goaltender	GP	MIN	W	L	OT	SO	SA	SV	SV%	GA	GAA
39	Brad Thiessen	26	1,400:31	12	8	4	2	632	577	.913	55	2.36
35	Jean-Francois Berube	43	2,472:16	21	17	5	0	1,188	1,064	.896	124	3.01
80	Matiss Kivlenieks	14	710:54	4	4	1	1	347	303	.873	44	3.71

+ Inactive \* Rookie