



COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS
vs.
BUFFALO SABRES



Monday, October 4, 2021, 7 p.m.

40	Daniil Tarasov	G	1	Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen	G
70	Joonas Korpisalo	G	80	Aaron Dell	G
2	Andrew Peeke	D	4	Will Butcher	D
7	Sean Kuraly	C	8	Robert Hagg	D
8	Zach Werenski	D	10	Henri Jokiharju	D
14	Gustav Nyquist	C	21	Kyle Okposo	RW
19	Liam Foudy	C	22	Jack Quinn	C/RW
22	Jake Bean	D	24	Dylan Cozens	C
27	Adam Boqvist	D	26	Rasmus Dahlin	D
28	Oliver Bjorkstrand	RW	28	Zemgus Girgensons	LW
29	Patrik Laine	LW	29	Vinnie Hinostroza	C
34	Cole Sillinger	C	33	Colin Miller	D
38	Boone Jenner	C	37	Casey Mittelstadt	C
44	Vladislav Gavrikov	D	45	Casey Fitzgerald	D
50	Eric Robinson	LW	53	Jeff Skinner	LW
52	Emil Bemstrom	C	65	Linus Weissbach	LW
53	Gabriel Carlsson	D	71	Victor Olofsson	LW
59	Yegor Chinakhov	RW	72	Tage Thompson	RW
93	Jakub Voracek	RW	74	Rasmus Asplund	C
96	Jack Roslovic	C	77	JJ Peterka	RW
			78	Jacob Bryson	D
			91	Drake Caggiula	C

Referees: Dean Morton (36), Conor O'Donnell (41)

Linesmen: Brad Kovachik (71), Devin Berg (87)

Anthem Singer: Anna Heerdt

BUFFALO SABRES PRESEASON SKATER GAME-BY-GAME

No:	Player:	9/28 at CBJ	9/30 at DET	10/1 vs. PIT	10/4 vs. CBJ	10/5 at PIT	10/9 vs. DET
4	BUTCHER, Will	0-1, E	0-0, -3	DND			
6	PROW, Ethan	0-0, -2	DND	DND			
8	HAGG, Robert	DND	0-1, E	0-0, -1			
9	EICHEL, Jack	INJ	INJ	INJ			
10	JOKIHARJU, Henri	DND	DND	0-0, E			
13	PYSYK, Mark	DND	0-0, E	0-0, -1			
15	HAYDEN, John	0-1, +1	0-0, -1	DND			
20	EAKIN, Cody	DND	0-0, E	DND			
21	OKPOSO, Kyle	DND	DND	0-0, E			
22	QUINN, Jack	0-0, E	0-0, -1	DND			
23	SAMUELSSON, Mattias	INJ	INJ	INJ			
24	COZENS, Dylan	0-0, +1	0-2, -1	DND			
25	RUOTSALAINEN, Arttu	1-0, +2	1-0, -3	DND			
26	DAHLIN, Rasmus	DND	DND	0-1, E			
27	MERSCH, Michael	1-0, -1	DND	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
28	GIRGENSONS, Zemgus	0-0, E	DND	0-0, -1			
29	HINOSTROZA, Vinnie	0-1, E	DND	0-0, E			
33	MILLER, Colin	DND	DND	0-0, -1			
36	SCARFO, Ryan	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
37	MITTELSTADT, Casey	DND	DND	0-1, -1			
38	BOKA, Nick	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
42	WARREN, Brendan	DND	0-0, E	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
43	MALONE, Sean	DND	0-0, -1	0-0, E			
44	SCHULDT, Jimmy	DND	DND	0-0, -1			
45	FITZGERALD, Casey	0-1, +3	0-0, -2	DND			
46	BIRO, Brandon	INJ	INJ	INJ			
48	KOZAK, Tyson	INJ	INJ	INJ			
49	MACINNIS, Ryan	0-1, -1	DND	0-0, E			
51	FRANCO, Dominic	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
52	OGLEVIE, Andrew	INJ	INJ	INJ			
53	SKINNER, Jeff	DND	DND	0-0, -1			
56	CAIRNS, Matthew	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
57	MURRAY, Brett	0-0, +2	0-0, -1	DND			
63	JOBST, Mason	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
64	LAAKSONEN, Oskari	0-0, -1	DND	DND			
65	WEISSBACH, Linus	1-2, +1	0-0, -4	DND			
67	TISCHKE, Peter	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
70	ELIOT, Mitch	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
71	OLOFSSON, Victor	DND	DND	0-0, -2			
72	THOMPSON, Tage	DND	0-0, -1	1-0, E			
73	PEKAR, Matej	DND	DND	0-0, E			
74	ASPLUND, Rasmus	DND	1-1, E	DND			
75	TEVES, Josh	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
77	PETERKA, JJ	1-0, +1	0-0, -4	DND			
78	BRYSON, Jacob	0-0, E	0-0, -2	DND			
88	DAVIDSON, Brandon	0-0, +1	0-0, -2	DND			
91	CAGGIULA, Drake	DND	DND	0-0, E			
93	ROUSEK, Lukas	INJ	INJ	INJ			
96	BJORK, Anders	0-0, E	DND	0-0, -1			

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

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

DND = Did Not Dress
FA = Free Agent

BUFFALO SABRES PRESEASON GOALTENDER GAME-BY-GAME

No:	Player:	9/28 at CBJ	9/30 at DET	10/1 vs. PIT	10/4 vs. CBJ	10/5 at PIT	10/9 vs. DET
1	LUUKKONEN, Ukko-Pekka	DND	L, 26-31, 59:43	DND			
31	TOKARSKI, Dustin	W, 16-17, 33:56	DND	ND, 6-6, 18:06			
32	HOUSER, Michael	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
40	ROBSON, Mat	DND	DNP	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
41	ANDERSON, Craig	DND	DND	L, 18-20, 40:00			
80	DELL, Aaron	ND, 12-15, 29:56	DND	DND			

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

2021-22 PRESEASON RECORD...

	GP	W	L	OTL	GF	GA	PTS
HOME:	1	0	1	0	1	2	0
ROAD:	2	1	1	0	6	10	2
OVERALL:	2	1	1	0	6	10	2

GOALS BY PERIOD...

	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL
SABRES:	2	2	3	0	7
OPPONENTS:	3	7	2	0	12

SHOTS BY PERIOD...

	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL
SABRES:	21	35	36	1	93
OPPONENTS:	37	28	22	3	90

SABRES POWER PLAY...

	PPG	OPP	%
HOME:	1	2	50.0
ROAD:	1	4	25.0
OVERALL:	2	6	33.3

SABRES PENALTY KILLING...

	PPGA	OPP	%
HOME:	2	2	100.0
ROAD:	7	8	87.5
OVERALL:	9	10	90.0

SABRES TRAINING CAMP TRANSACTIONS...

Date	Transaction(s)
Sept. 27	Returned forwards Josh Bloom , Viljami Marjala and Olivier Nadeau to their respective junior clubs.
Oct. 2	Released forwards Dominic Franco , Mason Jobst , Michael Mersch , Ryan Scarfo and Brendan Warren , defensemen Nick Boka , Matthew Cairns , Mitch Eliot , Josh Teves and Peter Tischke , and goaltenders Michael Houser and Mat Robson from their tryouts.

NOTE: The Sabres have 41 players on their training camp roster (26 forwards, 13 defensemen and four goaltenders).



COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS GAME DAY



BLUE JACKETS PRESEASON GAME NOTES

Oct. 4, 2021

at Detroit Red Wings, Little Caesars Arena

Referees: Dean Morton (36), Conor O'Donnell (41)

Preseason Game No. 5 (2-1-1, 5 pts.)

Preseason Road Game No. 3 (1-1-0, 2 pts.)

Linesmen: Brad Kovachik (71), Devin Berg (87)

BLUE JACKETS CONTINUE EIGHT-GAME PRESEASON SCHEDULE: The Blue Jackets play their fifth of eight preseason games tonight at Buffalo. The club suffered its first regulation loss of the preseason on Saturday, falling 5-1 at Detroit. Columbus plays a pair of preseason games against the Red Wings, Pittsburgh Penguins, Buffalo Sabres, and St. Louis Blues. The Blue Jackets' eight exhibition contests occur in a span of 13 days and wrap up preseason play with three games in four days on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. There are currently 57 players in camp – 33 forwards, 18 defensemen and six goaltenders. For a complete training camp roster and schedule, visit www.BlueJackets.com.

2021 COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS PRESEASON SCHEDULE:

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Time (ET)/Result
Sept. 27	Monday	at Pittsburgh Penguins	PPG Paints Arena	3-0, W
Sept. 28	Tuesday	BUFFALO SABRES	NATIONWIDE ARENA	4-5, SOL
Sept. 29	Wednesday	ST. LOUIS BLUES	NATIONWIDE ARENA	5-2, W
Oct. 2	Saturday	at Detroit Red Wings	Little Caesars Arena	1-5, L
Oct. 4	Monday	at Buffalo Sabres	KeyBank Center	7 p.m.
Oct. 6	Wednesday	DETROIT RED WINGS	NATIONWIDE ARENA	7 p.m.
Oct. 8	Friday	at St. Louis Blues	Enterprise Center	8 p.m.
Oct. 9	Saturday	PITTSBURGH PENGUINS	NATIONWIDE ARENA	7 p.m.

2021 COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS PRESEASON GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS:

Gm	Date	Opponent	Result	Record	Score	Goal Scorers	GWG	PP	PK	SF-SA	W-L Goalie	Attn.
1	Sept. 27	at Pittsburgh	W	1-0-0	3-0	59,27,52	Chinakhov	0-3	5-5	23-28	Berube/Jarry	12,979
2	Sept. 28	BUFFALO	SOL	1-0-1	4-5	28,28p,44,22	Quinn	1-4	2-2	32-29	Tokarski/Greaves	9,623
3	Sept. 29	ST. LOUIS	W	2-0-1	5-2	38,46,19,38p,15	Foudy	1-3	1-2	34-38	Tarasov/Hofer	9,220
4	Oct. 2	at Detroit	L	2-1-1	1-5	55	Pearson	0-3	2-5	20-23	Greiss/Merzlikins	14,827
5	Oct. 4	at Buffalo										
6	Oct. 6	DETROIT										
7	Oct. 8	at St. Louis										
8	Oct. 9	PITTSBURGH										

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS ALL-TIME PRESEASON RESULTS

	Overall	Home	Road	Neutral	Top Scorer	Top Goaltender
2000:	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
2001:	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
2002:	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
2003:	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
2005:	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
2006:	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
2007:	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
2008:	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
2009:	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
2010:	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
2011:	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
2012:	n/a					
2013:	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
2014:	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
2015:	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
2016:	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

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS ALL-TIME PRESEASON RESULTS (continued)

	Overall	Home	Road	Neutral	Top Scorer	Top Goaltender
2017:	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
2018:	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
2019:	2-3-1	2-1-0	0-2-1	0-0-0	Lilja – 4 GP, 2-1-3	Korpisalo – 1-1-0, 1.23, .953
2020:	n/a					
2021:	2-0-1	1-0-1	1-0-0	0-0-0	Jenner – 1 GP, 2-1-3	Berube – 1-0-0, 1.16, .969

OFF-SEASON TRANSACTIONS

- July 16 Re-signed G Cam Johnson to a one-year, two-way NHL/AHL contract.
- July 23 Acquired D Adam Boqvist, 2021 first and second round picks along with 2022 first round pick from Chicago in exchange for D Seth Jones, 2021 first round pick and 2022 sixth round pick.
- July 23 Acquired D Jake Bean from Carolina for a 2021 second round pick.
- July 24 Acquired RW Jakub Voracek from Philadelphia for RW Cam Atkinson.
- July 28 Signed F Boone Jenner to a four-year contract extension through 2025-26 and LW Eric Robinson to a two-year contract extension through 2023-24.
- July 28 Signed LW Patrik Laine to a one-year contract extension.
- July 28 Signed D Gavin Bayreuther to a two-year contract through 2022-23.
- July 28 Signed F Tyler Sikura to a one-year, two-way NHL/AHL contract.
- July 28 Signed C Sean Kuraly to a four-year contract.
- July 28 Signed C Alexandre Texier to a two-year contract through 2022-23.
- July 29 Signed D Jake Bean to a three-year contract through 2023-24.
- July 29 Signed D Zach Werenski to a six-year contract extension through 2027-28.
- July 30 Signed F Brendan Gaunce to a one-year, two-way NHL/AHL contract and D Mikko Lehtonen to a one-year contract for 2021-22.
- Aug. 9 Signed D Andrew Peeke to a two-year contract.
- Aug. 13 Signed F Zac Rinaldo to a one-year, two-way NHL/AHL contract and D Stanislav Svozil to a three-year entry level contract.
- Aug. 16 Signed D Ole Julian Bjorgvik-Holm to a three-year entry level contract.
- Aug. 18 Signed C Cole Sillinger to three-year, entry level contract.
- Sept. 21 Signed G Elvis Merzlikins to a five-year contract extension through 2026-27.

OFF-SEASON BLUE JACKETS HEADLINES

JD RETURNS TO COLUMBUS: John Davidson was named as president of hockey operations for the Blue Jackets for a second time on May 20, 2021. He originally joined the club as president of hockey operations on October 24, 2012 and spent the next seven years overseeing all hockey operations activities for the organization. Davidson returns to Columbus where under his guidance the Blue Jackets posted a 285-209-46 record (.570 pct.) from 2012-19. He spent the past two seasons as president of hockey operations for the New York Rangers where the team went 64-51-11 over that span and posted back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since 2015-17.

CHANGES BEHIND THE BENCH: For the first time since 2015, the Blue Jackets won't have John Tortorella running the bench. The club and all-time winningest US-born coach mutually parted ways at the end of last season. Brad Larsen was named the eighth head coach in club history on June 10 after previously serving as an assistant coach with the franchise for seven seasons from 2014-21. He is joined by new assistants, associate coach Pascal Vincent and assistant coach Steve McCarthy. Vincent spent the previous 10 years in the Winnipeg organization (last five as AHL head coach with Manitoba) while McCarthy served as an assistant coach with the Blue Jackets' AHL affiliate Cleveland Monsters since 2016.

AND ON THE ROSTER: The club made numerous changes on the roster over the off-season. The club brought in blueliners Adam Boqvist and Jake Bean in separate trades from Chicago and Carolina respectively on the first day of the 2021 Draft while adding veteran winger Jakub Voracek from Philadelphia on the second day of the draft. The team traded away long-time Jackets Seth Jones and Cam Atkinson in the process. On the first day of free agency on July 28, the Blue Jackets signed Dublin, Ohio native Sean Kuraly to a four-year contract.

TRIO REUP FOR THE LONG HAUL: The Blue Jackets signed three players to long-term extensions over the summer. The club signed veteran forward and alternate captain Boone Jenner to a four-year contract through the 2025-26 season on the first day of free agency on July 28. The following day, CBJ announced they had signed blueliner Zach Werenski to a six-year contract extension through 2027-28. Just prior to the start of training camp, the Blue Jackets announced they had signed goaltender Elvis Merzlikins to a five-year extension through 2026-27.

TRAVERSE CITY RECAP: Columbus won all four of its games at Traverse City, Michigan from September 16-20. The Blue Jackets earned two overtime victories over the Toronto Maple Leafs (4-3 and 7-6) while also dropping the Dallas Stars (5-3) and host Detroit Red Wings (7-3). Josh Dunne, who served as captain for the Blue Jackets at the tournament, led the tournament in points and finished third-T in assists with 3-4-7 in four games. RW Yegor Chinakhov (6-0-6 in three games) led the tournament in goals and finished second-T in points, while C Tyler Angle had 2-4-6 in four games and C Cole Sillinger added 3-2-5 and D Jacob Christiansen added finished tied for the tournament lead in assists with 0-5-5 in four contests.

2020-21 SEASON RECAP

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS COMPLETE 20TH NHL SEASON: The Blue Jackets completed their 20th season in the National Hockey League in 2020-21... Columbus posted a 18-26-12 record (48 pts.), finishing eighth in the Central Division and 28th overall in the NHL... Columbus posted three regulation unbeaten streaks of five games or more with the team earning a season-best seven-game point streak from Jan. 18-29 (4-0-3).

UNFAMILIAR FINISH: Finishing eighth in the Central Division, the Blue Jackets failed to qualify for the postseason for the first time since the 2015-16 season. The club was one of only six teams to make the postseason four-straight seasons from 2017-20, joining Boston, Nashville, Pittsburgh, Toronto and Washington.

BLUE JACKETS AT HOME: Columbus posted a 11-9-8 record (30 pts.) at Nationwide Arena, scoring 83 goals (2.96 per game) and allowing 90 (3.21 per game) in 28 games... The club posted points in its first four home games (2-0-2) and picked up points in five of its last six home games of the campaign (3-1-2).

BLUE JACKETS ON THE ROAD: The Blue Jackets went 7-17-4 (18 pts.) on the road, scoring 51 goals (1.82 per game) and allowing 94 (3.36 per game) in 28 games... Columbus earned a point in five of six road games from Jan. 18-Feb. 13 (3-1-2) and were 7-7-2 in 16 outings away from Nationwide Arena from Jan. 18-Mar. 30.

GOALS FOR/GOALS AGAINST: The Blue Jackets scored 134 goals in 56 games (not including SO goals) to average 2.39 goals per game (28th-T in NHL)... The Jackets scored a season-high six goals on Feb. 11 at Chicago (6-5 win) and notched five goals on four other occasions... Columbus went 14-5-7 when scoring at least three goals... The Blue Jackets allowed 184 goals in 56 games, averaging 3.29 goals-against per game (29th-T in NHL)... The club surrendered two goals or fewer in 18 games (14-2-2), allowed two goals 12 times, one goal four times and posted two shutouts.

JACKETS AFTER REGULATION: Columbus went 3-9 in games decided in overtime (6-9-3 including shootouts)... The club was 2-5 at home (4-5-3 including the shootout) and 1-4 on the road (2-4-0 including shootouts).

ODDS AND ENDS: The Blue Jackets played in 28 one-goal games in 2020-21 (12-4-12), finishing fourth in the NHL in one-goal contests and trailing only St. Louis (31), Anaheim (29) and Dallas (29) in that category... Columbus scored the first goal of the game 32 times (13-11-8), which was the seventh-most in the NHL... The club averaged 13.82 blocked shots per game (8th, NHL; 788 total); 21.49 hits (19th, NHL; 1,225 total); 8.10 giveaways (17th-fewest, NHL; 462 total).

2020-21 PLAYER RECAP

BJORKSTRAND LEADS THE WAY: A season after missing the final 21 games due to injury, RW Oliver Bjorkstrand skated in all 56 games for the Blue Jackets and led the club in goals, assists, points and multi-point efforts with 18-26-44, 23 PIM and 10 multi-point outings... Set a career high in points, surpassing the 40 points recorded in 2017-18... Ranked second on the club in shots (143) and fourth-T in power play goals (6, tied)... Led the club in goals for the second consecutive season to become the second player in CBJ history to accomplish the feat (Rick Nash, eight-straight from 2003-12)... Had 22 points both at home (11-11-22) and on the road (7-15-22)... Racked up 4-8-12 in his final 11 games of the season, including a five-game point streak from Apr. 15-25 (1-5-6)... Notched three three-point efforts with 2-1-3 on Mar. 11 vs. Florida and May 5 vs. Nashville and tying a career high with three assists on Mar. 18 at Carolina... Has scored 32 goals in his past 73 games dating to the 2019-20 season.

ROSLOVIC RETURNS HOME: Columbus native C Jack Roslovic was acquired via trade from Winnipeg on Jan. 21 and proceeded to set career highs in goals (tied), assists, points and shooting percentage with 12-22-34, 14 PIM and 14.1 shooting pct. in 48 appearances with the Blue Jackets... Led the team in power play goals (four, tied) and power play points (10) and ranked

second in points (tied) and multi-point efforts (eight) and third in assists... Collected 4-11-15 and three multi-point outings over 17 games from Mar. 11-Apr. 15... Skated in his 200th career NHL game on Mar. 9 vs. Florida and tallied his 100th career NHL point with a goal on May 5 vs. Nashville... Set a career best with a six-game point streak from Jan. 31-Feb. 11 (4-5-9), which included a four-game assist streak from Jan. 31-Feb. 7 (1-5-6)... Notched his first goal and multi-point effort in a CBJ uniform on Feb. 4 vs. Dallas (Anton Khudobin)... Former AAA Blue Jacket made his CBJ debut on Jan. 28 vs. Florida and collected his first point with the club two games later on Jan. 31 at Chicago.

LAINÉ JOINS THE BLUE JACKETS: Acquired along with C Jack Roslovic in a trade from the Jets, LW/RW Patrik Laine finished with 12-12-24 and 25 penalty minutes in 46 combined games between the two clubs... Recorded three of his four multi-goal games while in Union Blue and led the team in power play goals (four, tied) and shooting pct (14.6)... Registered four two-goal games, including three with Columbus (Feb. 7 vs. Carolina, Feb. 23 vs. Chicago and Apr. 12 vs. Chicago)... Collected 0-3-3 in final two games of the season, including season-high 0-2-2 in season finale on May 8 vs. Detroit... Tallied 6-4-10 and two multi-point efforts in his first 10 games with the Blue Jackets... Made his club debut on Feb. 2 vs. Dallas and tallied his first goal two days later against the Stars (Anton Khudobin)... Since making his NHL debut in 2016-17, ranks fifth in the NHL in power play goals (56), 11th in goals (150) and 12th-T in goals-per-game (.43).

KORPISALO, MERZLIKINS SPLIT THE NET: Goaltenders Joonas Korpisalo and Elvis Merzlikins split goaltending duties for the second consecutive campaign... KORPISALO went 9-13-7 with a 3.30 GAA and a .894 SV% in 33 games... Led the club in games played, wins and minutes played (1,747)... Allowed two goals or fewer in 11 of his starts... Started a season-high eight-straight games from Feb. 23-Mar. 9... Turned aside 160-of-171 shots in his first five contests of the campaign (.936 SV%)... MERZLIKINS finished with an 8-12-5 record with a 2.77 GAA, .916 SV% and two shutouts in 28 games... Led CBJ in GAA, SV% and SO... Allowed two goals or fewer in 10 of his starts... Posted a 2-3-3 record with a 2.19 GAA, .936 SV% and a shutout in his final eight games of the season from Apr. 17-May 5... Tied a career high with 41 saves in a 1-0 SOW on Apr. 27 vs. Detroit... Turned aside all 32 shots for his first shutout of the campaign in a 3-0 win on Feb. 18 vs. Nashville.

MISCELLANEOUS PLAYER NEWS & NOTES: C Boone Jenner, who missed the final 14 games of the season due to a broken finger, led the club with a 55.1 faceoff win percentage and became the ninth player to play in 500 games as a Blue Jacket on Feb. 2 vs. Dallas... D Zach Werenski finished second on the club in time on ice and led CBJ blueliners in goals with 7-13-20 in 35 games despite missing the final 14 contests of the season due to sports hernia surgery... C Max Domi, who had 4-8-12 with three multi-point efforts in his final 17 games, tallied 9-15-24 and 75 penalty minutes in 54 games in his first season as a Blue Jacket and ranked second in the NHL in penalty minutes... LW Eric Robinson led Columbus in plus/minus rating and set career highs with 8-10-18 and was +6 while playing in all 56 games, including 3-4-7 in his final 10 outings... D Michael Del Zotto led the Blue Jackets in hits and ranked second in plus/minus rating with 4-9-13, +5 and 125 hits in 53 appearances... The Blue Jackets had 37 players play in at least one game this season with 34 skaters and four goaltenders all seeing action... Ten players made their CBJ debut in 2020-21: D Gavin Bayreuther, D Michael Del Zotto, C Josh Dunne, C Max Domi, LW Mikhail Grigorenko, C Mikko Koivu, LW/RW Patrik Laine, D Mikko Lehtonen, C Jack Roslovic and G Veini Vehvilainen with Dunne and Vehvilainen each making their NHL debuts.

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS 2020-21 FINAL STATISTICS

No.	Player	Pos	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM	PP	SH	GW	OT	S	%	TOI/G	FO%	
28	Oliver Bjorkstrand	R	56	18	26	44	-15	23	2	0	0	0	143	12.6	17:37	42.9	
13	Cam Atkinson	R	56	15	19	34	-16	4	1	4	2	0	158	9.5	18:56	23.3	
96	Jack Roslovic	C	48	12	22	34	-11	14	4	0	1	0	85	14.1	16:54	39.1	
3	Seth Jones	D	56	5	23	28	-18	26	2	0	1	1	141	3.6	25:14	--	
16	Max Domi	C	54	9	15	24	-18	75	2	0	2	1	99	9.1	15:13	48.5	
29	Patrik Laine	WPG	L	1	2	1	3	1	4	0	0	1	1	3	66.7	16:20	50.0
		CBJ	L	45	10	11	21	-29	21	4	0	0	0	79	12.7	17:28	21.7
		TOT	L	46	12	12	24	-28	25	4	0	1	1	82	14.6	17:27	24.0
8	Zach Werenski	D	35	7	13	20	-9	13	0	0	1	1	79	8.9	24:22	--	
50	Eric Robinson	L	56	8	10	18	6	4	0	1	2	0	75	10.7	12:24	50	
38	Boone Jenner	C	41	8	9	17	-9	6	1	1	0	0	79	10.1	18:00	55.1	
71	Nick Foligno +	L	42	7	9	16	-3	28	1	0	0	0	73	9.6	18:09	47.1	
42	Alexandre Texier	C	49	4	11	15	-13	22	0	0	0	0	75	5.3	15:50	36	
15	Michael Del Zotto	D	53	4	9	13	5	8	0	0	0	0	77	5.2	17:53	--	
25	Mikhail Grigorenko	C	32	4	8	12	-2	6	0	0	1	0	36	11.1	13:45	37.5	
44	Vladislav Gavrikov	D	55	2	10	12	-13	14	0	0	1	0	48	4.2	19:24	--	
11	Kevin Stenlund	C	32	5	5	10	-4	8	0	0	1	0	42	11.9	12:32	47.3	
20	Riley Nash +	C	37	2	5	7	-1	4	0	0	1	0	40	5	12:36	49.7	
58	David Savard +	D	40	1	5	6	-19	24	0	0	1	0	48	2.1	19:38	--	
52	Emil Bemstrom	C	20	3	2	5	2	0	1	0	0	0	28	10.7	12:51	--	
46	Dean Kukan	D	35	1	4	5	-3	10	0	0	0	0	29	3.5	14:11	--	
53	Gabriel Carlsson	D	14	1	3	4	-6	4	0	0	0	0	14	7.1	14:47	--	
19	Liam Foudy *	C	24	0	4	4	0	6	0	0	0	0	40	0	12:36	20	
26	Zac Dalpe	C	12	2	1	3	-2	0	0	0	0	0	22	9.1	10:37	45	
4	Scott Harrington	D	12	1	2	3	-3	6	0	0	0	0	8	12.5	16:21	--	
24	Nathan Gerbe	C	9	1	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	9	11.1	11:07	53.9	
43	Mikko Lehtonen	TOR	D	9	0	3	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	9	0.0	11:52	--
		CBJ	D	17	0	3	3	-3	4	0	0	0	0	24	0.0	18:00	--
		TOT	D	26	0	6	6	-2	8	0	0	0	0	33	0.0	15:53	--
2	Andrew Peeke *	D	11	0	3	3	-4	4	0	0	0	0	5	0	17:09	--	
9	Mikko Koivu	C	7	1	1	2	-2	2	0	0	0	0	3	33.3	12:28	45.7	
18	Pierre-Luc Dubois +	L	5	1	0	1	-2	2	0	0	1	0	7	14.3	14:31	54.1	
7	Gavin Bayreuther	D	9	1	0	1	-1	7	0	0	0	0	16	6.3	15:23	--	
23	Stefan Matteau	C	18	1	0	1	-4	9	0	0	0	0	15	6.7	10:49	28.6	
88	Kole Sherwood *	R	6	0	1	1	-2	7	0	0	0	0	7	0	10:21	--	
21	Josh Dunne *	C	6	0	0	0	-1	4	0	0	0	0	7	0	10:23	17.7	
49	Ryan MacInnis *	C	16	0	0	0	-3	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	9:58	47.5	
Goaltenders																	
No.	Goaltender	GP	MIN	W	L	OT	SO	SA	SV	SV%	GA	GAA	G	A	PIM		
90	Elvis Merzlikins	28	1,496:49	8	12	5	2	825	756	.916	69	2.77	0	1	0		
70	Joonas Korpisalo	33	1,747:26	9	13	7	0	904	808	.894	96	3.30	0	1	2		
80	Matiss Kivlenieks *	2	123:21	1	1	0	0	71	64	.901	7	3.40	0				
31	Veini Vehvilainen *+	1	10:40	0	0	0	0	4	3	.750	1	5.63	0	0	0		

+ Traded or Claimed Player * Rookie

CLEVELAND MONSTERS 2020-21 FINAL STATISTICS

No.	Player	Pos	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM	PP	SH	GW	OT	S	S%	
21	Tyler Angle *	CLE	C	23	11	13	24	8	2	3	1	3	1	55	20.0
16	Tyler Sikura	CLE	C	29	11	10	21	-19	10	5	1	2	0	66	16.7
17	Carson Meyer *	CLE	RW	26	9	11	20	-2	13	5	0	0	0	69	13.0
26	Thomas Schemitsch	CLE	D	28	2	16	18	-5	19	0	1	0	0	46	4.3
18	Dillon Simpson	CLE	D	23	6	11	17	-1	4	2	0	1	0	34	17.6
91	Liam Foudy *	CLE	C	12	3	13	16	7	0	1	1	0	0	25	12.0
22	Jake Christiansen *	CLE	D	28	3	12	15	3	14	1	0	0	0	59	5.1
7	Gavin Bayreuther	CLE	D	14	3	9	12	-5	18	2	0	1	0	39	7.7
14	Adam Helewka	CLE	C	25	3	9	12	-12	4	0	0	1	1	71	4.2
41	Josh Dunne *	CLE	C	15	8	2	10	4	14	2	0	2	0	31	25.8
90	Nathan Gerbe +	CLE	LW	13	4	6	10	-4	36	1	0	0	0	32	12.5
63	Cliff Pu	CLE	RW	16	3	7	10	4	6	0	0	0	0	32	9.4
3	Wyatt Newpower *	CLE	D	24	3	7	10	10	14	1	0	0	0	33	9.1
64	Trey Fix-Wolansky	CLE	RW	9	4	5	9	-6	2	4	0	1	0	27	14.8
20	Justin Scott	CLE	C	18	2	5	7	9	35	0	1	0	0	32	6.3
29	Zach Jordan *	CLE	RW	27	4	2	6	-2	19	1	1	0	0	45	8.9
10	Evan Polei	CLE	LW	15	3	3	6	7	40	0	0	1	0	22	13.6
24	Ole Bjorgvik-Holm *	CLE	D	16	1	4	5	-1	8	0	0	0	0	13	7.7
28	Zac Dalpe +	CLE	C	5	3	1	4	-4	5	1	0	0	0	10	30.0
88	Kole Sherwood +	CLE	RW	9	3	1	4	2	17	0	0	1	0	21	14.3
11	Tristan Mullin *	CLE	LW	15	3	1	4	2	12	0	0	1	0	17	17.6
6	Adam Clendening +	CLE	D	9	1	3	4	3	6	0	0	0	0	15	6.7
2	Andrew Peeke +	CLE	D	7	0	4	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	12	0.0
19	Matthew Struthers *	CLE	C	19	2	1	3	2	10	0	0	1	0	21	9.5
37	Luke Moncada *	CLE	C	17	1	2	3	5	7	0	0	0	0	9	11.1
44	Brett Gallant	CLE	LW	17	2	0	2	-1	41	0	0	0	0	14	14.3
72	Ryan MacInnis *	CLE	C	5	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	6.3
36	Nick Lappin	CLE	RW	11	1	1	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	15	6.7
5	Connor McDonald *	CLE	D	5	0	2	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	5	0.0
38	Cole Fonstad *	CLE	C	2	0	1	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.0
47	Will Lothead	CLE	D	5	0	1	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	3	0.0
4	Brandon Crawley	TOT	D	20	0	1	1	1	29	0	0	0	0	12	0.0
		HFD	D	7	0	0	0	-1	6	0	0	0	0	3	0.0
		CLE	D	13	0	1	1	2	23	0	0	0	0	9	0.0
53	Billy Moskal *	CLE	C	2	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.0
2	Brandon Fortunato *+	CLE	D	9	0	0	0	3	8	0	0	0	0	3	0.0
52	Jake Gaudet *	CLE	C	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0.0

No.	Goaltender	GP	MIN	W	L	OT	SO	SA	SV	SV%	GA	GAA
33	Justin Kapelmaster *+	CLE	2	122:56	2	0	0	60	56	.933	4	1.95
80	Matiss Kivlenieks	CLE	8	480:55	6	2	0	253	235	.929	18	2.25
39	Brad Thiessen	CLE	12	723:39	4	5	3	332	299	.901	33	2.74
32	Veini Vehvilainen +	CLE	1	58:59	0	1	0	24	21	.875	3	3.05
34	Daniil Tarasov	CLE	6	360:33	4	2	0	183	164	.896	19	3.16

+ Inactive * Rookie