



Columbus Blue Jackets Game Notes



Fri, Oct 30, 2009

NHL Game #173

Columbus Blue Jackets

6 - 5 - 0

Pittsburgh Penguins

10 - 2 - 0

Team Game: 12

3 - 1 - 0 (Home)

Team Game: 13

5 - 2 - 0 (Home)

Home Game: 5

3 - 4 - 0 (Road)

Road Game: 6

5 - 0 - 0 (Road)

#	Goalie	GP	W	L	OT	GAA	SV%
1	Steve Mason	9	5	4	0	3.57	.877
32	Mathieu Garon	3	1	1	0	2.61	.920

#	Goalie	GP	W	L	OT	GAA	SV%
1	Brent Johnson	2	1	1	0	1.94	.925
29	Marc-Andre Fleury	10	9	1	0	2.07	.921

#	P	Player	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM
3	D	Marc Methot	10	0	3	3	2	14
6	D	Anton Stralman	9	1	3	4	-4	2
10	D	Kris Russell	10	0	3	3	-5	4
12	R	Mike Blunden	4	0	0	0	1	11
14	L	Raffi Torres	11	4	1	5	-3	6
15	R	Derek Dorsett	9	0	1	1	0	36
16	C	Derick Brassard	11	2	4	6	-7	10
18	L	RJ Umberger (A)	11	2	4	6	-2	9
20	L	Kristian Huselius	11	5	4	9	0	4
22	D	Mike Commodore (A)	3	0	2	2	2	4
25	L	Jason Chimera	11	3	2	5	-2	18
26	C	Samuel Pahlsson	11	0	3	3	2	2
28	L	Nikita Filatov	8	1	0	1	1	2
40	R	Jared Boll	6	0	0	0	0	10
50	C	Antoine Vermette (A)	11	3	7	10	3	2
51	D	Fedor Tyutin	11	1	4	5	-6	4
61	R	Rick Nash (C)	11	6	9	15	-2	8
93	R	Jakub Voracek	11	4	4	8	3	2
97	D	Rostislav Klesla (A)	11	2	2	4	-3	12

#	P	Player	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM
3	D	Alex Goligoski	12	4	7	11	11	6
7	D	Mark Eaton	12	1	3	4	6	6
9	R	Pascal Dupuis	12	1	2	3	0	4
11	C	Jordan Staal	12	3	2	5	3	6
12	L	Christopher Bourque	4	0	1	1	0	0
13	R	Bill Guerin	12	3	6	9	5	6
14	L	Chris Kunitz	12	1	8	9	5	21
17	C	Michael Rupp	12	3	1	4	3	20
23	R	Chris Conner	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	L	Matt Cooke	12	2	3	5	4	12
26	L	Ruslan Fedotenko	12	2	3	5	0	4
27	R	Craig Adams	12	0	3	3	0	12
28	R	Eric Godard	9	0	0	0	2	10
41	D	Martin Skoula	3	0	0	0	1	2
44	D	Brooks Orpik	12	0	2	2	-2	10
48	C	Tyler Kennedy	11	5	1	6	5	4
58	D	Kris Letang	12	0	5	5	3	4
71	C	Evgeni Malkin (A)	12	4	10	14	1	18
74	D	Jay McKee	12	0	2	2	9	21
87	C	Sidney Crosby (C)	12	9	5	14	9	16

Columbus Blue Jackets Management

General Manager	Scott Howson
Head Coach	Ken Hitchcock
Assistant Coach	Gary Agnew
Assistant Coach	Gordy Murphy
Assistant Coach	Claude Noel

Pittsburgh Penguins Management

Executive VP & General Manager	Ray Shero
Assistant General Manager	Jason Botterill
Head Coach	Dan Bylsma
Assistant Coaches	Mike Yeo, Tony Granato
Goaltending Coach	Gilles Meloche

Tonight's Officials

Referees	Gord Dwyer (19); Ian Walsh (29)	Linesmen	David Brisebois (96); Mike Cvik (88)
Ntl. Anthem	Leo Welsh	Video Judge	Dave Harvey

Today's Schedule

NYI @ WSH : 7:00	VAN @ ANA : 7:00	PIT @ CBJ : 7:00	NYR @ MIN : 7:00	TOR @ BUF : 7:30	MTL @ CHI : 7:30
FLA @ DAL : 7:30	COL @ SJS : 7:30				


Columbus Blue Jackets: Roster

Active (21 Players)						
#	Name	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	Born	Birth Place
1	Steve Mason	G	6' 4"	220	May 29, 1988	Oakville, ON, CAN
3	Marc Methot	D	6' 3"	230	Jun 21, 1985	Ottawa, ON, CAN
6	Anton Stralman	D	6' 2"	193	Aug 1, 1986	Tibro, SWE
10	Kris Russell	D	5' 10"	185	May 2, 1987	Red Deer, AB, CAN
12	Mike Blunden	R	6' 4"	211	Dec 15, 1986	Toronto, ON, CAN
14	Raffi Torres	L	6' 0"	216	Oct 8, 1981	Toronto, ON, CAN
15	Derek Dorsett	R	5' 11"	187	Dec 20, 1986	Kindersley, SK, CAN
16	Derick Brassard	C	6' 1"	190	Sep 22, 1987	Hull, QC, CAN
18	RJ Umberger	L	6' 2"	219	May 3, 1982	Pittsburgh, PA, USA
20	Kristian Huselius	L	6' 2"	184	Nov 10, 1978	Osterhaninge, SWE
22	Mike Commodore	D	6' 5"	235	Nov 7, 1979	Fort Saskatchewan, AB, CAN
25	Jason Chimera	L	6' 2"	216	May 2, 1979	Edmonton, AB, CAN
26	Samuel Pahlsson	C	6' 0"	203	Dec 17, 1977	Ange, SWE
28	Nikita Filatov	L	6' 0"	185	May 25, 1990	Moscow, RUS
32	Mathieu Garon	G	6' 2"	202	Jan 9, 1978	Chandler, QC, CAN
40	Jared Boll	R	6' 3"	210	May 13, 1986	Charlotte, NC, USA
50	Antoine Vermette	C	6' 1"	200	Jul 20, 1982	St. Agapit, QC, CAN
51	Fedor Tyutin	D	6' 3"	218	Jul 19, 1983	Izhevsk, RUS
61	Rick Nash	R	6' 4"	218	Jun 16, 1984	Brampton, ON, CAN
93	Jakub Voracek	R	6' 2"	213	Aug 15, 1989	Kladno, CZE
97	Rostislav Klesla	D	6' 3"	220	Mar 21, 1982	Novy Jicin, CZE
21 Players Total		Avg:	6' 1"	207	Age: 25.7	

Injured Reserve List (3 Players)						
8	Jan Hejda	D	6' 3"	229	Jun 18, 1978	Prague, CZE
17	Andrew Murray	C	6' 2"	210	Nov 6, 1981	Selkirk, MB, CAN
33	Fredrik Modin	L	6' 4"	218	Oct 8, 1974	Sundsvall, SWE

Goal Streaks
No active streaks

Assist Streaks
No active streaks

Point Streaks
No active streaks


Pittsburgh Penguins: Roster

Active (22 Players)						
#	Name	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	Born	Birth Place
1	Brent Johnson	G	6' 3"	199	Mar 12, 1977	Farmington, MI, USA
3	Alex Goligoski	D	5' 11"	180	Jul 30, 1985	Grand Rapids, MN, USA
7	Mark Eaton	D	6' 2"	204	May 6, 1977	Wilmington, DE, USA
9	Pascal Dupuis	R	6' 1"	205	Apr 7, 1979	Laval, QC, CAN
11	Jordan Staal	C	6' 4"	220	Sep 10, 1988	Thunder Bay, ON, CAN
12	Christopher Bourque	L	5' 8"	178	Jan 29, 1986	Boston, MA, USA
13	Bill Guerin	R	6' 2"	220	Nov 9, 1970	Worcester, MA, USA
14	Chris Kunitz	L	6' 0"	193	Sep 26, 1979	Regina, SK, CAN
17	Michael Rupp	C	6' 5"	230	Jan 13, 1980	Cleveland, OH, USA
23	Chris Conner	R	5' 8"	180	Dec 23, 1983	Westland, MI, USA
24	Matt Cooke	L	5' 11"	205	Sep 7, 1978	Belleville, ON, CAN
26	Ruslan Fedotenko	L	6' 2"	195	Jan 18, 1979	Kiev, UKR
27	Craig Adams	R	6' 0"	197	Apr 26, 1977	Seria, BRN
28	Eric Godard	R	6' 4"	214	Mar 7, 1980	Vernon, BC, CAN
29	Marc-Andre Fleury	G	6' 2"	180	Nov 28, 1984	Sorel, QC, CAN
41	Martin Skoula	D	6' 3"	226	Oct 28, 1979	Litomerice, CZE
44	Brooks Orpik	D	6' 2"	219	Sep 26, 1980	San Francisco, CA, USA
48	Tyler Kennedy	C	5' 11"	183	Jul 15, 1986	Sault Ste. Marie, ON, CAN
58	Kris Letang	D	6' 0"	201	Apr 24, 1987	Montreal, QC, CAN
71	Evgeni Malkin	C	6' 3"	195	Jul 31, 1986	Magnitogorsk, RUS
74	Jay McKee	D	6' 4"	203	Sep 8, 1977	Kingston, ON, CAN
87	Sidney Crosby	C	5' 11"	200	Aug 7, 1987	Cole Harbour, NS, CAN
22 Players Total		Avg:	6' 1"	201	Age: 28.2	

Injured Reserve List (2 Players)						
25	Maxime Talbot	C	5' 11"	190	Feb 11, 1984	Lemoyne, QC, CAN
55	Sergei Gonchar	D	6' 2"	211	Apr 13, 1974	Chelyabinsk, RUS

Goal Streaks
ALEX GOLIGOSKI (2 / 2 Games)

Assist Streaks
No active streaks

Point Streaks
ALEX GOLIGOSKI (3-4-7 / 6 Games) SIDNEY CROSBY (5-4-9 / 5 Games)


Columbus Blue Jackets: Season Statistics

Pos	#	Player	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM	PP	SH	GW	S	%	TOI/g	FO%	Hits	Blks
R	61	Rick Nash	11	6	9	15	-2	8	0	2	1	39	15.4	19:49	60.0	16	4
C	50	Antoine Vermette	11	3	7	10	3	2	0	0	0	21	14.3	18:26	57.9	7	8
L	20	Kristian Huselius	11	5	4	9	0	4	1	0	1	25	20.0	16:58	25.0	2	2
R	93	Jakub Voracek	11	4	4	8	3	2	2	0	0	20	20.0	14:49	0.0	3	2
L	18	RJ Umberger	11	2	4	6	-2	9	0	1	0	21	9.5	18:46	50.6	12	7
C	16	Derick Brassard	11	2	4	6	-7	10	2	0	0	20	10.0	15:00	35.2	13	0
L	14	Raffi Torres	11	4	1	5	-3	6	4	0	1	16	25.0	14:06	40.0	22	3
L	25	Jason Chimera	11	3	2	5	-2	18	0	0	0	27	11.1	13:58	100.0	8	0
D	51	Fedor Tyutin	11	1	4	5	-6	4	0	0	1	26	3.8	22:57	0.0	5	20
D	97	Rostislav Klesla	11	2	2	4	-3	12	0	0	1	14	14.3	20:27	0.0	11	25
D	6	Anton Stralman	9	1	3	4	-4	2	1	0	0	17	5.9	19:46	0.0	3	11
D	3	Marc Methot	10	0	3	3	2	14	0	0	0	5	0.0	19:05	0.0	21	10
C	26	Samuel Pahlsson	11	0	3	3	2	2	0	0	0	17	0.0	16:46	55.3	13	5
D	10	Kris Russell	10	0	3	3	-5	4	0	0	0	14	0.0	17:02	0.0	10	9
D	22	Mike Commodore	3	0	2	2	2	4	0	0	0	2	0.0	16:53	0.0	10	4
L	28	Nikita Filatov	8	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	6	16.7	7:09	0.0	4	1
R	15	Derek Dorsett	9	0	1	1	0	36	0	0	0	9	0.0	11:07	33.3	19	4
C	17	Andrew Murray	6	0	1	1	-1	0	0	0	0	5	0.0	8:45	44.7	10	1
D	8	Jan Hejda	5	0	1	1	8	2	0	0	0	8	0.0	21:45	0.0	11	10
R	40	Jared Boll	6	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	3	0.0	5:08	0.0	9	0
R	12	Mike Blunden	4	0	0	0	1	11	0	0	0	2	0.0	8:59	27.3	11	3

#	Player	GP	Min	GAA	W	L	OT	SO	GA	SVS	SV%	G	A	PIM
1	Steve Mason	9	521	3.57	5	4	0	0	31	222	.877	0	1	0
32	Mathieu Garon	3	138	2.61	1	1	0	1	6	69	.920	0	0	0


Pittsburgh Penguins: Season Statistics

Pos	#	Player	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM	PP	SH	GW	S	%	TOI/g	FO%	Hits	Blks
C	87	Sidney Crosby	12	9	5	14	9	16	3	1	2	50	18.0	21:05	60.5	11	6
C	71	Evgeni Malkin	12	4	10	14	1	18	3	0	1	45	8.9	20:39	37.5	11	6
D	3	Alex Goligoski	12	4	7	11	11	6	1	0	0	18	22.2	21:36	0.0	14	17
R	13	Bill Guerin	12	3	6	9	5	6	1	0	0	34	8.8	17:08	50.0	14	3
L	14	Chris Kunitz	12	1	8	9	5	21	1	0	0	27	3.7	16:28	33.3	29	3
D	55	Sergei Gonchar	9	2	6	8	-2	4	1	0	1	21	9.5	24:06	0.0	11	15
C	48	Tyler Kennedy	11	5	1	6	5	4	0	0	3	38	13.2	12:30	36.4	8	0
C	11	Jordan Staal	12	3	2	5	3	6	0	0	0	31	9.7	17:30	46.1	15	5
L	26	Ruslan Fedotenko	12	2	3	5	0	4	1	0	0	23	8.7	15:34	20.0	24	11
L	24	Matt Cooke	12	2	3	5	4	12	0	0	0	15	13.3	14:44	66.7	38	9
D	58	Kris Letang	12	0	5	5	3	4	0	0	0	22	0.0	21:41	0.0	22	16
C	17	Michael Rupp	12	3	1	4	3	20	0	0	0	11	27.3	8:22	42.9	26	2
D	7	Mark Eaton	12	1	3	4	6	6	0	0	0	12	8.3	19:29	0.0	3	22
R	9	Pascal Dupuis	12	1	2	3	0	4	0	0	0	20	5.0	11:49	25.0	9	8
R	27	Craig Adams	12	0	3	3	0	12	0	0	0	13	0.0	12:52	44.9	26	14
D	44	Brooks Orpik	12	0	2	2	-2	10	0	0	0	10	0.0	20:17	0.0	35	24
D	74	Jay McKee	12	0	2	2	9	21	0	0	0	9	0.0	16:17	0.0	9	38
L	12	Christopher Bourque	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	0.0	9:36	0.0	7	0
D	41	Martin Skoula	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	0.0	16:58	0.0	2	6
R	28	Eric Godard	9	0	0	0	2	10	0	0	0	4	0.0	4:59	0.0	6	4

#	Player	GP	Min	GAA	W	L	OT	SO	GA	SVS	SV%	G	A	PIM
29	Marc-Andre Fleury	10	609	2.07	9	1	0	0	21	244	.921	0	0	2
1	Brent Johnson	2	124	1.94	1	1	0	0	4	49	.925	0	0	0



Pittsburgh Penguins @ Columbus Blue Jackets

Team Records

	Pittsburgh Penguins	Columbus Blue Jackets
Last game:	Wednesday VS MONTREAL (6-1 W)	Wednesday VS PHOENIX (4-1 L)
Next game:	Saturday VS MINNESOTA	Sunday AT WASHINGTON
Overall record/streak:	10 - 2 - 0 / Win 1 / Undef 1	6 - 5 - 0 / Lost 2
Home record/streak:	5 - 2 - 0 / Win 1 / Undef 1	3 - 1 - 0 / Lost 1
Road record/streak:	5 - 0 - 0 / Win 5 / Undef 5	3 - 4 - 0 / Lost 1
Last 5 Games:	4 - 1 - 0	1 - 4 - 0
Last 10 Games:	8 - 2 - 0	5 - 5 - 0
1-Goal Games:	5 - 0 - 0	2 - 0 - 0
2-Goal Games	0 - 0	3 - 1
3-Goal Games	5 - 2	1 - 4
Scoring first	8 - 0 - 0	2 - 2 - 0
Opponent scoring first	2 - 2 - 0	4 - 3 - 0
Leading after 1 period	6 - 0 - 0	1 - 3 - 0
Trailing after 1 period	1 - 2 - 0	2 - 2 - 0
Tied after 1 period	3 - 0 - 0	3 - 0 - 0
Leading after 2 periods	8 - 0 - 0	6 - 1 - 0
Trailing after 2 periods	2 - 2 - 0	0 - 4 - 0
Tied after 2 periods	0 - 0 - 0	0 - 0 - 0
OT Record - This Season:	3 - 0	0 - 0
OT Record - Franchise:	117 - 98 - 176	54 - 51 - 33
Shootout Record - This Season:	3 - 0	0 - 0
Shootout Record - Franchise:	27 - 22	22 - 23
Outshooting opponent:	8 - 1 - 0	3 - 3 - 0
Outshot by opponent:	2 - 1 - 0	3 - 1 - 0
Even shots:	0 - 0 - 0	0 - 1 - 0
vs. Northeast:	3 - 0 - 0	0 - 0 - 0
vs. Atlantic:	3 - 1 - 0	0 - 0 - 0
vs. Southeast:	3 - 0 - 0	0 - 0 - 0
vs. EASTERN CONFERENCE:	9 - 1 - 0	0 - 0 - 0
vs. Central:	1 - 0 - 0	0 - 0 - 0
vs. Pacific:	0 - 1 - 0	3 - 3 - 0
vs. Northwest:	0 - 0 - 0	3 - 2 - 0
vs. WESTERN CONFERENCE:	1 - 1 - 0	6 - 5 - 0

Month by Month Record				
	Pittsburgh Penguins		Columbus Blue Jackets	
	W-L-OT	Points	W-L-OT	Points
October:	10-2-0	20	6-5-0	12
November:	0-0-0	0	0-0-0	0
December:	0-0-0	0	0-0-0	0
January:	0-0-0	0	0-0-0	0
February:	0-0-0	0	0-0-0	0
March:	0-0-0	0	0-0-0	0
April:	0-0-0	0	0-0-0	0
Totals:	10-2-0	20	6-5-0	12



Pittsburgh Penguins @ Columbus Blue Jackets

Situations

Goals by Period						
	1	2	3	OT	T	Avg
Pittsburgh Penguins:	13	15	12	0	40	(3.3 avg.)
Opponents:	8	8	10	0	26	(2.2 avg.)
Columbus Blue Jackets:	8	17	9	0	34	(3.1 avg.)
Opponents:	10	13	15	0	38	(3.5 avg.)

Shots by Period						
	1	2	3	OT	T	Avg
Pittsburgh Penguins:	124	142	130	14	410	(34.2 avg.)
Opponents:	97	118	101	3	319	(26.6 avg.)
Columbus Blue Jackets:	111	122	91	0	324	(29.5 avg.)
Opponents:	99	112	118	0	329	(29.9 avg.)

Power Play						
	Pittsburgh Penguins			Columbus Blue Jackets		
	G	Att	%	G	Att	%
Overall:	11	54	20.4 (17th NHL)	10	44	22.7 (12th NHL)
Home:	7	33	21.2 (14th NHL)	4	19	21.1 (T-15th NHL)
Road:	4	21	19.0 (21st NHL)	6	25	24.0 (T-9th NHL)
	0 SHORT HANDED GOALS ALLOWED (T-1st NHL)			0 SHORT HANDED GOALS ALLOWED (T-1st NHL)		

Penalty Killing						
	Pittsburgh Penguins			Columbus Blue Jackets		
	G	Att	%	G	Att	%
Overall:	10	53	81.1 (11th NHL)	11	48	77.1 (21st NHL)
Home:	6	30	80.0 (T-13th NHL)	4	16	75.0 (T-18th NHL)
Road:	4	23	82.6 (12th NHL)	7	32	78.1 (20th NHL)
	1 SHORT HANDED GOALS SCORED (T-10th NHL)			3 SHORT HANDED GOALS SCORED (2nd NHL)		

Penalties						
	Pittsburgh Penguins			Columbus Blue Jackets		
	GP	Min	Avg./Rank	GP	Min	Avg./Rank
	12	192	16.0 (24th NHL)	11	168	15.3 (21st NHL)

Goal Situations						
	Pittsburgh Penguins		Columbus Blue Jackets			
	For	Against	For	Against		
5 on 5:	27	15	19	24		
5 on 4:	11	0	7	0		
5 on 3:	0	0	2	0		
4 on 4:	1	0	0	2		
4 on 3:	0	0	0	0		
3 on 3:	0	0	0	0		
3 on 4:	0	0	0	0		
3 on 5:	0	3	1	1		
4 on 5:	1	7	2	9		
Empty Net:	0	1	3	1		
Penalty Shots:	0	0	0	1		
Total:	40	26	34	38		



Pittsburgh Penguins @ Columbus Blue Jackets

Situations

Individual Leaders	
Pittsburgh Penguins	Columbus Blue Jackets
Points: S. CROSBY (14),E. MALKIN (14),A. GOLIGOSKI (11)	R. NASH (15),A. VERMETTE (10),K. HUSELIUS (9)
Goals: S. CROSBY (9),T. KENNEDY (5),E. MALKIN (4)	R. NASH (6),K. HUSELIUS (5),R. TORRES (4)
Assists: E. MALKIN (10),C. KUNITZ (8),A. GOLIGOSKI (7)	R. NASH (9),A. VERMETTE (7),K. HUSELIUS (4)
PP Goals: E. MALKIN (3),S. CROSBY (3),B. GUERIN (1)	R. TORRES (4),D. BRASSARD (2),J. VORACEK (2)
SH Goals: S. CROSBY (1)	R. NASH (2),R. UMBERGER (1)
GW Goals: T. KENNEDY (3),S. CROSBY (2),S. GONCHAR (1)	K. HUSELIUS (1),R. KLESLA (1),R. TORRES (1)
3+ Goals: S. CROSBY(1)	
PIM: J. MCKEE (21),C. KUNITZ (21),M. RUPP (20)	D. DORSETT (36),J. CHIMERA (18),M. METHOT (14)
Shots: S. CROSBY (50),E. MALKIN (45),T. KENNEDY (38)	R. NASH (39),J. CHIMERA (27),F. TYUTIN (26)
+/-: A. GOLIGOSKI (+11),J. MCKEE (+9),S. CROSBY (+9)	J. HEJDA (+8),A. VERMETTE (+3),J. VORACEK (+3)

Shootout							
Pittsburgh Penguins				Columbus Blue Jackets			
Shooter	G/S	%	GWG	Shooter	G/S	%	GWG
Sidney Crosby	3 / 3	100.0	1				
Chris Kunitz	1 / 1	100.0	1				
Kris Letang	1 / 3	33.3	1				
Bill Guerin	0 / 2	0.0	0				
Evgeni Malkin	0 / 1	0.0	0				
Alex Goligoski	0 / 1	0.0	0				
Goaltender	Rec.	G/S	%	Goaltender	Rec.	G/S	%
Brent Johnson	1 - 0	0/3	1.000				
Marc-Andre Fleury	2 - 0	1/8	.875				

Last Game –PHX 4, at CBJ 1

Derick Brassard gave Columbus a 1-0 lead with a power play goal at 18:21 of the first, but Phoenix rallied with three power play goals and won at Nationwide Arena (13,184). Martin Hanzal tied the game at 1-1 midway through the second, while James Vandermeer gave the Coyotes the lead less than three minutes later. Zbynek Michalek and Robert Lang scored power play goals in the third to cap the scoring. The Jackets outshot the Coyotes 32-23 on the night.

Recent Transactions

10/28: Assigned D Mathieu Roy to Syracuse (AHL). **10/27:** Placed C Andrew Murray on injured reserve retroactive to Oct. 20. **10/20:** Activated D Mike Commodore off injured reserve. Acquired D Michael Ratchuk from Philadelphia for RW Stefan Legein.

OhioHealth Injury Report

LW **Fredrik Modin** (9/18 at MIN-preseason) and D **Jan Hejda** (10/13 vs. CGY) are both out 4-6 weeks. C **Andrew Murray** (IR on Oct. 20) is out at least four weeks.

Storylines For Tonight's Game

- **Home Sweet Home:** After opening the 2009-10 season seven of its first 10 games on the road, Columbus returns to the friendly confines of Nationwide Arena and are in the midst of playing seven of nine at home. The Blue Jackets, who opened the season with a 5-1-0 record, are looking to rebound after going 1-4-0 in their past five games.
- **Bring on the East:** The Blue Jackets will face their first Eastern Conference team of the season tonight when Pittsburgh enters Nationwide Arena. It will be a welcome sight for Columbus, who plays four of its next five against Eastern opponents. Last season, the Jackets went 13-3-2 against the East and outscored them 50-28. G Steve Mason posted a 12-1-1 record against the East with a 1.12 goals-against average, .959 save percentage and six shutouts. C R.J. Umberger also enjoyed success against foes from the Eastern Conference, collecting 9-2-11 and was +6 in 18 games last season.
- **Nash Putting Up Points Early:** RW Rick Nash is off to his best start in his seven-year NHL career, as he has recorded 6-9-15 in the season's first 11 games. He has registered points in eight of the 11 games this season, including a four-game multi-point streak Oct. 5-13. He scored the 199th and 200th goals of his NHL career in his 450th career NHL game on Oct. 24 at Anaheim. His nine assists this month are the most in the month of October in his career and eight better than the one assists he had in 10 October games last season. Spanning the past three-plus seasons, he has recorded 109 assists compared to 61 assists his first three seasons. He ranks tied for seventh in the NHL in points, is tied for 12th in assists and tied for 16th in goals.
- **Torres on a Power Play Tear:** LW Raffi Torres has been a force on the power play this season. All of his points this season have come on the power play as he has notched 4-1-5 in 11 games, including an assist this past Wednesday night against Phoenix. He leads the team and is tied for third in the League in power play goals. His power play goal total in 11 games this season equal to his total of the previous three seasons combined (165 games). He had the game-winning goal against Los Angeles last Saturday, his first of the campaign. Last season, he led the Jackets in game-winning goals with six to his credit. The Jackets are 13-2-0 all-time when Torres scores a goal.
- **Columbus Looks to Match Record for October Wins:** The Blue Jackets are a 6-5-0 start and will look to tie the record for most wins in the month of October, which is seven set in 2007-08 when the club posted a 7-3-1 record that month, with a win tonight. Last season, Columbus didn't post its seventh win until the 15th game of the season Nov. 8 vs. Calgary.
- **Tonight's Opponent –Pittsburgh:** Tonight marks the one and only meeting this season between the Blue Jackets and Penguins. Columbus is 4-4-2 all-time against Pittsburgh and is 3-0-2 at Nationwide Arena. The clubs split two meetings last season with the home team winning each game. **CBJ vs. PIT:** Kristian Huselius has 8-16-24 in 17 career games against Pittsburgh, while R.J. Umberger has 8-10-18 in 25 career games. Steve Mason is 1-0-0 with a 2.77 GAA in one career game against the Penguins. **PIT vs. CBJ:** Bill Guerin has notched 18-8-26 in 25 career games against Columbus, while Sergei Gonchar has 6-7-13 in eight career games. Marc-Andre Fleury has posted a 2-0-1 record and 2.41 GAA in four career games against the Jackets.

The Brass is Back: C Derick Brassard scored a power play goal this past Wednesday night against Phoenix. The goal was his second of the season. After being held scoreless the first three games of the season, he has registered 2-4-6 the past seven games. In his short NHL career so far, he has had much success against the Coyotes. In seven career games against the desert dogs, he has collected 3-2-5, the most points he has against any one team in the NHL.

Vermette Streak Ends, Matches Career High: C Antoine Vermette recorded 2-5-7 during a five-game point streak, which came to an end this past Wednesday night. The streak tied for the longest of his career, as he also had a five-game point streak Nov. 13-20, 2006, collecting 1-4-5 during that stretch. He was acquired by the Jackets at the trade deadline last March from Ottawa in exchange for goaltender Pascal Leclaire and a second round pick in the 2009 Entry Draft. He collected 9-19-28 in 58 games (.482 points per game) for the Senators prior to the trade, but has registered 10-13-23 in the 28 games (.821) since being acquired by Columbus. He recently collected the 100th assist of his career with a pair of helpers Oct. 24 at Anaheim.

Jake the Snake is at it Again: RW Jakub Voracek has caught first as of late. He has a four-game point streak (4-2-6) snapped this past Sunday at Los Angeles. He had a pair of goals a night earlier at Anaheim for his first multi-goal outing of his career. He has four goals in 11 games this season compared to scoring nine goals in 80 games last season. He had back-to-back multi-point games Oct.

22-24 after registering a pair of assists this past Thursday at Edmonton. It was the first time the Blue Jackets lost when Voracek recorded a multi-point game. Columbus is now 7-1-0 all-time when he has a multi-point outing.

Methot Man: D Marc Methot recorded his first points since opening night with a pair of assists Oct. 24 at Anaheim. It was his first career multi-assist game and only the second multi-point game of his career. He had 1-1-2 Oct. 18, 2008 at Nashville. He has played in 18-or-more minutes in all but two games this season and has played in 20-plus minutes in two of the past three games. He has been “plus” or “even” in eight-of-10 games this season.

Really Shorthanded: RW Rick Nash has become a scoring force for the Blue Jackets penalty kill. He has two shorthanded goals to his credit, including a 3-on-5 goal (Oct. 20 at Calgary), which ties him for the League-lead. The 3-on-5 goal was the scored in Blue Jackets history (Nash had the first Feb. 5, 2008 vs. Washington). He is one of three active players with more than one 3-on-5 goal (Mike Richards-3, Richard Park-2). It was Nash’s 12th career shorthanded goal, which is tops on the CBJ all-time list. In addition, Nash has scored six of the past seven Blue Jackets’ shorthanded goals. He scored only one shorthanded goal over his first four seasons in the NHL (2002-03 through 2006-07), but he has 11 since the start of the 2007-08 season. That is the second-most of any NHL player in that span, behind Mike Richards (12).

Special Teams Notes: Power Play: Columbus ranks 13th in the NHL in power play percentage (22.7 percent). The club has scored with the man advantage in 8-of-11 games. The Jackets have scored two or more power play goals in a game twice this season (Oct. 17 and Oct. 20). Columbus has scored two power play goals with a two-man advantage this season. Raffi Torres leads the club in power play goals with four. The Jackets have not allowed a shorthanded goal this season. **Penalty Kill:** The Jackets rank 19th in the NHL in penalty kill percentage, killing off 77.1 percent of opponent’s chances. The club is 4-2-0 in which it shuts out its opponents. The club has scored three shorthanded goals, ranking second in the NHL, including one 3-on-5 goal.

Attendance at Nationwide Arena: The Blue Jackets are averaging 14,969 fans (59,874 total) per game in four home games at Nationwide Arena (capacity –18,144) this season. In 332 home games since joining the NHL in 2000, the Blue Jackets have averaged 16,761 fans per game (5,564,817 total), which is 91.7 percent of capacity at Nationwide Arena. There have been 130 sellouts.

Slap Shots

- Columbus is the only team in the NHL not to play an overtime or shootout game.
- D **Kris Russell** had an assist Oct. 28 vs. Phoenix. It was his third helper of the season, which snapped a four-game pointless streak.
- LW **R.J. Umberger** registered assists in three-straight games Oct. 22-25. He has collected 2-4-6 in 11 games this season and has played in 18-or-more minutes in eight of those games.

Upcoming Player Milestones

- D **Mike Commodore** is 11 points shy of 100 for his NHL career (19-70-89 in 380 games).
- G **Mathieu Garon** is five wins shy of 100 for his NHL career (95-84-13 in 207 games).
- C **Samuel Pahlsson** is five assists shy of 100 for his NHL career (54-95-149 in 568 games).
- D **Anton Stralman** is three games shy of 100 for his NHL career (5-21-26 in 97 games).
- LW **R.J. Umberger** is nine assists shy of 100 for his NHL career (77-91-168 in 321 games).
- C **Antoine Vermette** is 10 goals shy of 100 for his NHL career (90-100-190 in 387 games).

Recently Achieved Player Milestones

- LW **Rick Nash** scored the 200th goal of his NHL career Oct. 24 at Anaheim.
- C **Antoine Vermette** collected the 100th assist of his NHL career Oct. 24 at Anaheim.



Columbus Blue Jackets: Player Game By Game Summary

Date	Opp.	METHOT #3	STRALMAN #6	HEJDA #8	RUSSELL #10	BLUNDEN #12	TORRES #14	DORSETT #15
Oct 3	Vs MIN	0-1 1/1 21:14	MIN	0-0 5/1 21:47	0-0 2/0 16:42	DND	0-0 1/1 13:39	DND
Oct 5	@ VAN	0-0 0/1 18:26	DND	0-0 1/3 19:41	0-1 1/1 15:24	DND	1-0 3/0 14:28	DND
Oct 8	@ S.J	0-0 0/0 18:51	0-0 1/-2 19:26	0-1 1/1 21:24	DND	0-0 0/0 11:04	1-0 3/-2 14:16	0-0 1/0 9:29
Oct 10	@ PHX	0-0 1/0 19:55	0-0 0/0 16:33	0-0 0/2 24:34	0-0 3/0 13:40	DND	0-0 1/0 12:35	0-0 2/0 10:53
Oct 13	Vs CGY	0-0 1/-1 14:49	1-0 3/1 21:21	0-0 1/1 21:21	0-0 1/-1 16:14	DND	0-0 0/0 11:56	0-0 0/-1 13:47
Oct 17	Vs L.A	0-0 0/1 17:47	0-0 0/0 19:53	INJ	0-1 2/0 18:16	DND	1-0 (W) 1/0 12:46	0-0 1/0 10:29
Oct 20	@ CGY	0-0 0/-2 18:32	0-1 4/-2 21:31	INJ	0-0 2/-2 16:16	DND	0-0 1/-1 13:11	0-0 1/-1 11:08
Oct 22	@ EDM	0-0 1/1 20:12	0-1 4/-1 19:48	INJ	0-0 0/0 19:45	0-0 1/0 7:30	1-0 2/0 12:37	0-1 2/2 11:57
Oct 24	@ ANA	0-2 1/1 22:02	0-1 1/2 21:21	INJ	0-0 2/0 15:27	0-0 1/1 5:44	0-0 3/0 16:50	0-0 2/0 14:56
Oct 25	@ L.A	INJ	0-0 1/-2 17:41	INJ	0-0 0/-2 20:31	0-0 0/0 11:39	0-0 0/0 18:06	0-0 0/0 3:08
Oct 28	Vs PHX	0-0 0/0 19:05	0-0 3/0 20:22	INJ	0-1 1/-1 18:08	DND	0-1 1/-1 14:50	0-0 0/0 14:18

Date	Opp.	BRASSARD #16	MURRAY #17	UMBERGER #18	HUSELIUS #20	COMMODORE #22	CHIMERA #25	PAHLSSON #26
Oct 3	Vs MIN	0-0 2/0 18:11	0-1 3/1 8:29	1-0 2/1 20:34	0-0 3/0 17:18	INJ	0-0 3/0 14:50	0-0 4/0 17:49
Oct 5	@ VAN	0-0 0/-1 16:56	0-0 0/0 6:40	0-0 2/0 19:26	1-1 3/-1 17:27	INJ	0-0 1/0 15:19	0-0 0/0 19:15
Oct 8	@ S.J	0-0 2/-1 14:44	DND	0-0 1/0 16:32	0-1 2/0 15:06	INJ	1-0 4/0 13:11	0-0 1/0 17:55
Oct 10	@ PHX	0-1 1/1 14:07	0-0 0/0 9:49	1-0 1/1 18:16	0-1 1/1 15:38	INJ	0-0 0/0 13:24	0-0 1/1 17:59
Oct 13	Vs CGY	0-1 3/0 16:30	0-0 0/0 8:42	0-1 4/1 16:33	1-0 (W) 3/0 18:22	INJ	0-0 2/0 15:45	0-0 1/-1 16:12
Oct 17	Vs L.A	0-1 1/0 15:06	0-0 1/0 9:52	0-0 2/0 18:28	0-0 0/0 15:37	INJ	1-0 4/0 12:35	0-1 1/2 15:17
Oct 20	@ CGY	1-1 2/-2 17:36	0-0 1/-2 8:59	0-0 2/-2 20:43	0-1 1/-2 18:20	INJ	0-0 1/-1 13:20	0-1 1/1 15:12
Oct 22	@ EDM	0-0 2/-3 13:41	DND	0-1 2/-2 15:51	2-0 4/1 16:24	DND	1-0 5/1 13:40	0-1 2/1 17:52
Oct 24	@ ANA	0-0 0/0 7:49	INJ	0-1 2/1 22:52	0-0 2/2 17:06	0-1 1/2 15:43	0-1 3/0 16:19	0-0 3/-1 19:30
Oct 25	@ L.A	0-0 3/0 14:54	INJ	0-1 2/-2 20:09	1-0 3/-1 16:42	0-1 0/0 19:05	0-1 0/-2 12:48	0-0 2/-1 13:54
Oct 28	Vs PHX	1-0 4/-1 15:31	INJ	0-0 1/0 17:12	0-0 3/0 18:42	0-0 1/0 15:52	0-0 4/0 12:27	0-0 1/0 13:37

Date	Opp.	FILATOV #28	ROY #36	BOLL #40	VERMETTE #50	TYUTIN #51	NASH #61	VORACEK #93
Oct 3	Vs MIN	0-0 0/0 9:18	0-0 0/0 14:09	0-0 1/0 5:09	0-0 2/1 18:41	0-1 1/1 21:53	0-0 4/0 18:27	0-1 3/1 14:39
Oct 5	@ VAN	1-0 (W) 3/1 7:41	0-1 1/2 14:35	0-0 0/0 0:50	1-1 4/2 21:08	0-1 3/-3 25:45	0-3 1/0 20:20	0-1 0/1 14:13
Oct 8	@ S.J	0-0 0/0 6:14	0-1 2/1 16:55	INJ	0-1 1/-2 16:51	0-1 2/-2 23:32	1-1 6/-2 17:57	0-0 0/-1 14:42
Oct 10	@ PHX	0-0 0/0 4:49	DND	DND	0-0 0/0 19:20	0-0 2/0 22:14	1-1 (W) 4/2 18:54	0-0 0/0 11:10
Oct 13	Vs CGY	DND	DND	0-0 0/0 7:03	0-0 4/0 16:17	0-0 2/0 23:59	0-2 4/1 19:54	0-0 2/0 16:02
Oct 17	Vs L.A	DND	0-0 0/0 18:00	0-0 0/0 7:38	0-1 0/-1 19:28	0-0 2/-1 24:47	1-0 5/2 19:31	1-0 2/0 14:28
Oct 20	@ CGY	DND	0-1 2/-1 16:50	0-0 2/0 6:32	0-1 0/-2 17:10	0-0 4/-2 20:54	1-0 3/-2 20:13	1-0 2/-1 14:01
Oct 22	@ EDM	0-0 0/0 5:42	0-1 0/1 11:32	DND	0-1 2/1 20:39	0-0 1/-1 23:49	0-0 0/-3 20:14	0-2 3/2 14:29
Oct 24	@ ANA	0-0 1/0 4:59	DND	DND	1-2 3/4 15:41	1-1 (W) 3/4 20:14	2-1 4/2 20:46	2-0 4/3 15:37
Oct 25	@ L.A	0-0 1/0 9:51	0-0 2/-2 17:27	DND	1-0 2/0 19:15	0-0 3/-1 20:29	0-1 5/-2 20:44	0-0 2/-1 17:03
Oct 28	Vs PHX	0-0 1/0 8:43	MIN	0-0 0/0 3:40	0-0 3/0 18:17	0-0 3/-1 24:57	0-0 3/0 21:06	0-0 2/-1 16:39

Date	Opp.	KLESILA #97	MODIN #	MASON #1	GARON #32
Oct 3	Vs MIN	1-0 (W) 2/1 20:52	INJ	1/33W 60	DNP
Oct 5	@ VAN	1-1 1/-1 24:27	INJ	3/43W 60	DNP
Oct 8	@ S.J	0-0 0/-4 19:58	INJ	5/20L 42	1/8 18
Oct 10	@ PHX	0-1 2/2 22:13	INJ	DNP	0/36W 60
Oct 13	Vs CGY	0-0 2/0 19:58	INJ	1/23W 60	DNP
Oct 17	Vs L.A	0-0 2/1 18:14	INJ	1/28W 60	DNP
Oct 20	@ CGY	0-0 1/-2 18:51	INJ	6/22L 60	DNP
Oct 22	@ EDM	0-0 1/0 21:35	INJ	DNP	5/31L 60
Oct 24	@ ANA	0-0 1/-1 22:35	INJ	4/36W 60	DNP
Oct 25	@ L.A	0-0 1/1 19:39	INJ	6/25L 60	DNP
Oct 28	Vs PHX	0-0 1/0 16:40	INJ	4/23L 60	DNP

Columbus Blue Jackets: Head Coach and Goalie Bios

Head Coach: Ken Hitchcock

- * Named fourth head coach in Blue Jackets history Nov. 22, 2006
- * Compiled a 517-350-127 record in 994 regular season games with Columbus, Philadelphia and Dallas during his NHL coaching career
- * In 11 full seasons behind the bench, he has led his teams to nine Stanley Cup Playoffs appearances and six division titles
- * Led his teams to a 66-55 record in the Stanley Cup Playoffs, including a 16-7 mark in 1998-99 when he guided the Stars to the Stanley Cup
- * Has led the Jackets to a 109-101-27 record in 237 games and led the club to its first Stanley Cup Playoffs appearance with a franchise-best 41-31-10 record (92 pts.) in 2008-09
- * Became the 13th coach in NHL history to record 500 wins when the Jackets earned a 4-3 shootout win at Toronto Feb. 19, 2009
- * On Apr. 5, 2008 at St. Louis, he became the 20th coach in NHL history to coach in 900 or more games.

#1: Steve Mason

6' 4", 220 May 29, 1988	2nd NHL / 2nd CBJ Season Last Win: OCT 24, 2009 @ ANAHEIM (2) Last SO: MAR 26, 2009 vs CALGARY (17)		GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SV%
		Season	9	5-4-0	3.57	.877
		Career	70	38-24-7	2.45	.911

- Has opened the season posting wins in five of his first nine starts and has allowed two goals or fewer in three of those games.
- Is two shutouts shy of tying the Blue Jackets career record of 12 set by Marc Denis.

#32: Mathieu Garon

MA-tyew Gah-ROHN 6' 2", 202 Jan 9, 1978	7th NHL / 1st CBJ Season Last Win: OCT 10, 2009 @ PHOENIX (1) Last SO: OCT 10, 2009 @ PHOENIX (1)		GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SV%
		Season	3	1-1-0	2.61	.920
		Career	207	95-84-12	2.84	.905

- Had 36 saves in his first start as a Blue Jacket Oct. 10 at Phoenix to become the first CBJ goalie to post a shutout in his first CBJ start.
- Made his Blue Jackets debut stopping seven-of-eight shots in relief of Steve Mason on Oct. 8 at San Jose.

Columbus Blue Jackets: Skater Bios

#3: Marc Methot

muh-THAHT 6' 3", 230 Jun 21, 1985	3rd NHL / 3rd CBJ Season Last Goal: JAN 20, 2009 @ EDMONTON (41) Last Assist: OCT 24, 2009 @ ANAHEIM (1)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	10	0-3-3	2	14
		Career	105	4-20-24		89

- Had two assists Oct. 24 at Anaheim for his first multi-assist game of his career.
- Has played in 18-or-more minutes in eight-of-10 games this season; had a game-high five hits Oct. 22 at Edmonton.

#6: Anton Stralman

STRAHL-man 6' 2", 193 Aug 1, 1986	3rd NHL / 1st CBJ Season Last Goal: OCT 13, 2009 vs CALGARY (6) Last Assist: OCT 24, 2009 @ ANAHEIM (2)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	9	1-3-4	-4	2
		Career	97	5-21-26		40

- Scored his first goal as a Blue Jacket and first since Oct. 23, 2008 as a member of the Maple Leafs on Oct. 13 vs. Calgary.
- Has 1-3-4 the past five games and had a three-game point streak snapped this past Sunday at Los Angeles.

#10: Kris Russell

5' 10", 185 May 2, 1987	3rd NHL / 3rd CBJ Season Last Goal: DEC 29, 2008 @ LOS ANGELES (56) Last Assist: OCT 28, 2009 vs PHOENIX		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	10	0-3-3	-5	4
		Career	143	4-30-34		46

- Saw a season high 20:31 of ice time and registered three hits Oct. 25 at Los Angeles.
- Collected his first point of the season with an assist Oct. 5 at Vancouver; added his second helper of the season Oct. 17 vs. Los Angeles.

#12: Mike Blunden

6' 4", 211 Dec 15, 1986	1st NHL / 1st CBJ Season Last Goal: Last Assist:		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	4	0-0-0	1	11
		Career	14	0-0-0		21

- Made his Blue Jackets debut and recorded five penalty minutes and four hits in 11:04 of action Oct. 8 at San Jose.

#14: Raffi Torres

6' 0", 216 Oct 8, 1981	8th NHL / 2nd CBJ Season Last Goal: OCT 22, 2009 @ EDMONTON (3) Last Assist: OCT 28, 2009 vs PHOENIX		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	11	4-1-5	-3	6
		Career	369	83-68-151		284

- Has four goals and one assist this season, all on the power play, which ranks him tied for third in the League lead in power play goals.
- Goal Oct. 17 vs. Los Angeles was the game-winner; Jackets are 13-2-0 all-time when he scores a goal.

#15: Derek Dorsett

DOHRS-it 5' 11", 187 Dec 20, 1986	2nd NHL / 2nd CBJ Season Last Goal: APR 11, 2009 vs MINNESOTA (9) Last Assist: OCT 22, 2009 @ EDMONTON (3)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	9	0-1-1	0	36
		Career	61	4-2-6		186

- Recorded his first point of the season with an assist Oct. 22 at Edmonton and was +2.
- Has played in 10-plus minutes in six-of-eight games and has at least one shot on goal in six-of-eight games.

#16: Derick Brassard

bruh-SABRD 6' 1", 190 Sep 22, 1987	2nd NHL / 2nd CBJ Season Last Goal: OCT 28, 2009 vs PHOENIX Last Assist: OCT 20, 2009 @ CALGARY (4)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	11	2-4-6	-7	10
		Career	59	13-20-33		33

- After being held scoreless the first three games of the season, has points in five of the past eight games entering tonight's game (2-4-6).
- Tallied his first multi-point game of the season with 1-1-2 Oct. 20 at Calgary.

#18: RJ Umberger

6' 2", 219 May 3, 1982	5th NHL / 2nd CBJ Season Last Goal: OCT 10, 2009 @ PHOENIX (7) Last Assist: OCT 25, 2009 @ LOS ANGELES (1)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	11	2-4-6	-2	9
		Career	321	77-91-168		140

- Has registered 1-4-5 the past seven games including assists in three-straight games.
- Had points in back-to-back games (1-1-2) Oct. 10-13; Team is 16-2-5 when he scores a goal and 15-5-2 all-time when he has an assist.

#20: Kristian Huselius

hoo-SAY-lee-uhs 6' 2", 184 Nov 10, 1978	8th NHL / 2nd CBJ Season Last Goal: OCT 25, 2009 @ LOS ANGELES (1) Last Assist: OCT 20, 2009 @ CALGARY (4)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	11	5-4-9	0	4
		Career	558	158-216-374		212

- Recorded his first multi-goal game of the season with a pair of tallies Oct. 22 at Edmonton; is second on the club in goals.
- Has points in seven-of-10 games this season, recording 5-4-9 in those games to rank third on the club in points.

#22: Mike Commodore

6' 5", 235 Nov 7, 1979	9th NHL / 2nd CBJ Season Last Goal: FEB 14, 2009 @ CAROLINA (29) Last Assist: OCT 25, 2009 @ LOS ANGELES (1)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	3	0-2-2	2	4
		Career	380	19-70-89		543

- Made his season debut with an assist and was +2 Oct. 24 at Anaheim; had assists in back-to-back games Oct. 24-25.

#25: Jason Chimera

chih-MAIR-uh 6' 2", 216 May 2, 1979	7th NHL / 5th CBJ Season Last Goal: OCT 22, 2009 @ EDMONTON (3) Last Assist: OCT 25, 2009 @ LOS ANGELES (1)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	11	3-2-5	-2	18
		Career	433	76-84-160		436

- Has 2-2-4 the past six games after being held to 1-0-1 the previous five games; ranks sixth on the club in points.

#26: Samuel Pahlsson

PAWL-suhn 6' 0", 203 Dec 17, 1977	9th NHL / 1st CBJ Season Last Goal: APR 3, 2009 vs NASHVILLE (15) Last Assist: OCT 22, 2009 @ EDMONTON (3)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	11	0-3-3	2	2
		Career	568	54-95-149		262

- Tallied his first point as a Blue Jacket with an assist Oct. 17 vs. Los Angeles, had assists in three-straight games Oct. 17-22.
- Won 22-of-30 face-offs (73.3 percent) Oct. 24 at Anaheim and has won 55.3 percent of face-offs this season.

#28: Nikita Filatov

nih-KEE-tuh FIHL-uh-tawf 6' 0", 185 May 25, 1990	1st NHL / 1st CBJ Season Last Goal: OCT 5, 2009 @ VANCOUVER (6) Last Assist:		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	8	1-0-1	1	2
		Career	16	5-0-5		2

- Scored his first goal of the season when he lit the lamp Oct. 5 at Vancouver; has at least one shot on goal in three-straight games.

#40: Jared Boll

6' 3", 210 May 13, 1986	3rd NHL / 3rd CBJ Season Last Goal: APR 11, 2009 vs MINNESOTA (6) Last Assist: MAR 31, 2009 vs NASHVILLE (11)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	6	0-0-0	0	10
		Career	156	9-15-24		416

- Had a game-high seven hits Oct. 13 vs. Calgary.

#50: Antoine Vermette

AN-twuhn vuhr-MEHT 6' 1", 200 Jul 20, 1982	6th NHL / 2nd CBJ Season Last Goal: OCT 25, 2009 @ LOS ANGELES (1) Last Assist: OCT 24, 2009 @ ANAHEIM (2)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	11	3-7-10	3	2
		Career	387	90-100-190		215

- Had a five-game (2-5-7) point streak come to an end Oct. 28 vs. Phoenix, which tied for the longest point streak of his career.
- His two assists Oct. 24 at Anaheim gave him 100 for his NHL career; he was +4 in the game and tied the CBJ single game record.
- He has recorded 10-13-23 in 28 games since being acquired by the Jackets on Mar. 4, 2009.

#51: Fedor Tyutin

FEH-dohr TOO-tihn 6' 3", 218 Jul 19, 1983	6th NHL / 2nd CBJ Season Last Goal: OCT 24, 2009 @ ANAHEIM (2) Last Assist: OCT 24, 2009 @ ANAHEIM (2)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	11	1-4-5	-6	4
		Career	343	25-80-105		244

- Had assists in the club's first three games; has played in 20-or-more minutes in every game this season..
- Recorded 1-1-2 Oct. 24 at Anaheim; goal was the game-winner, his first as a Blue Jacket and first since Oct. 27, 2005.

#61: Rick Nash

6' 4", 218 Jun 16, 1984	7th NHL / 7th CBJ Season Last Goal: OCT 24, 2009 @ ANAHEIM (2) Last Assist: OCT 25, 2009 @ LOS ANGELES (1)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	11	6-9-15	-2	8
		Career	452	200-170-370		444

- Has 2-2-4 the past three games, including his first multi-goal game of the season Oct. 24 at ANA; leads club in goals, assists and points.

•The goals were the 199th and 200th of his career; ranks seventh in the NHL in points, is tied for 12th in assists and tied for 16th in goals.

#93: Jakub Voracek						
YAH-kub VOHR-uh-chehk 6' 2", 213 Aug 15, 1989	2nd NHL / 2nd CBJ Season Last Goal: OCT 24, 2009 @ ANAHEIM (2) Last Assist: OCT 22, 2009 @ EDMONTON (3)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	11	4-4-8	3	2
		Career	91	13-33-46		46

- Had points in four-straight games (4-2-6) Oct. 17-24; had his first multi-point game of the season with 0-2-2 Oct. 22 at Edmonton.
- Recorded the first multi-goal game of his career with a pair of goals Oct. 24 vs. Anaheim.

#97: Rostislav Klesla						
RAH-stih-slahv KLEHS-luh 6' 3", 220 Mar 21, 1982	8th NHL / 8th CBJ Season Last Goal: OCT 5, 2009 @ VANCOUVER (9) Last Assist: OCT 10, 2009 @ PHOENIX (7)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	11	2-2-4	-3	12
		Career	455	38-81-119		468

- Had a game-high four blocked shots Oct. 20 at Calgary; ranks tied for 19th in the NHL in blocked shots (25).
- Has played in 19-or-more minutes in eight-of-11 games this season and has at least one shot on goal in all but one game.

LAST 5 GAMES:**Oct. 28: Pittsburgh 6, Montreal 1**

Sidney Crosby recorded his third career hat trick and Chris Kunitz tied career highs with three assists and four points as the Penguins bested Montreal, 6-1, at Mellon Arena to finish with a 4-1 mark on their five-game homestand. Bill Guerin added three assists and Alex Goligoski extended his career-best scoring streak to six games with a goal and an assist.

Oct. 24: New Jersey 4, Pittsburgh 1

The Penguins' seven-game winning streak was snapped with a 4-1 loss to division rival New Jersey at Mellon Arena. Goligoski tallied the lone Penguins' goal while netminder Marc-Andre Fleury's career-best eight-game winning streak was halted with his first loss of the season (8-1).

Oct. 23: Pittsburgh 3, Florida 2 SO

The Penguins rallied from a 2-0 third-period deficit to pull out a 3-2 shootout victory over Florida at Mellon Arena for their seventh-straight win. Crosby was the hero for Pittsburgh, scoring both goals in the final period (one on a power play and one shorthanded) and adding the game-clinching shootout score. Evgeni Malkin posted two assists and netminder Brent Johnson made 27 saves to record his first victory as a Penguin.

Oct. 20: Pittsburgh 5, St. Louis 1

The Penguins won their sixth-straight game with a dominating 5-1 performance over St. Louis at Mellon Arena. Pittsburgh, which outshot St. Louis 43-23 in the game and 20-3 in the first period, collected goals from Tyler Kennedy, Malkin, Ruslan Fedotenko, Matt Cooke and Goligoski. Fleury, who improved to 8-0 on the season, made 22 saves to record a new personal-best winning streak (8 games).

Oct. 17: Pittsburgh 4, Tampa Bay 1

The Penguins won their fifth-straight game with a 4-1 victory over Tampa Bay at Mellon Arena to improve to 7-1 on the season, tying for the second-best start in franchise history. Pittsburgh also started 7-1 in 1986 (best start was 7-0-1 in 1994-95). Sergei Gonchar posted a goal and an assist and Crosby recorded two assists while Guerin, Pascal Dupuis and Mike Rupp each tallied a goal against the Lightning.

INJURIES**Position, Player, Status (Games missed)**

D Sergei Gonchar, Out 4-6 Weeks (3)

F Tyler Kennedy, Undisclosed (1)

F Evgeni Malkin, Out 2-3 Weeks (0)

F Max Talbot, Injured Reserve (12)

Total Man-Games Lost: 30

TRANSACTIONS:

- Oct. 29: Recalled F Chris Conner from Wilkes-Barre/Scranton
- Oct. 17: Removed D Ben Lovejoy from Injured Reserve and assigned to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton
- Oct. 13: Removed F Mark Letestu from Injured Reserve and assigned to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton
- Sept. 30: Claimed F Chris Bourque off waivers (Washington)
- Sept. 29: Signed D Martin Skoula to one-year contract

TONIGHT'S GAME:

The Pittsburgh Penguins travel to Columbus to take on the Blue Jackets (7 p.m.; TV: FSN Pittsburgh; Radio: 105.9 the X) for the first and only meeting between the two clubs this season.

Pittsburgh is looking to improve to 6-0 on the road this season and extend its franchise-best winning road winning streak to open a season. The Penguins play five of their next six games on the road.

GOING BLUE

For the second time this season the Penguins will wear their blue "third jerseys," which has its roots in Penguins history of the late 1960s. It will be the first time the Penguins wore blue on the road since the jersey's unveiling at the 2008 Winter Classic in Buffalo, a 2-1 shootout victory.

The Penguins, who are 5-5-2 in blue, will also wear the third jerseys Nov. 16 vs. Anaheim, Nov. 27 at NY Islanders, Dec. 3 vs. Colorado, Dec. 12 vs. Florida, Dec. 27 vs. Toronto, Jan. 5 vs. Atlanta, Jan. 28 vs. Ottawa, Feb. 1 vs. Buffalo, Feb. 14 vs. Nashville and March 6 vs. Dallas.

PENGUINS vs. BLUE JACKETS:

Overall Record:Penguins trail 6-3-1

In Columbus:Series even 2-2-1

OT Record: Penguins lead 2-0-1

Shootout Record: Penguins trail 0-1

2008-09 Results:The Penguins finished 1-0-1 against the Blue Jackets, including a 4-3 shootout loss in Columbus

Top Performers vs. CBJ:

Bill Guerin: 26 points (18G-8A) in 26 games

Matt Cooke: 12 points (5G-7A) in 26 games

Martin Skoula: 10 points (1G-9A) in 28 games

TEAM NOTES:

- Head coach Dan Bylsma is in his first full season as an NHL head coach. The Penguins are 28-5-4 in the regular season since Bylsma was promoted to Pittsburgh on Feb. 15, 2009. Under Bylsma, the Penguins are 15-3-1 at home and 13-2-3 on the road, and have a record of 19-0-1 when leading after two periods.
- Pittsburgh started the season with a 10-2 record, the second-best start in franchise history (11-0-1, 1994-95).
- The Penguins recorded the most wins (9) and tied for the most points (18) in NHL history through the first 10 games of a season for a team that won the Stanley Cup the previous year. Pittsburgh's 18 points tied the 1984-85 Edmonton Oilers (8-0-2-18) and 1992-93 Pittsburgh Penguins (8-0-2-18).
- The Penguins are 10-2 through their first 12 games of October, setting a franchise record for wins in the month of October (1986: 8-3; 1992: 8-1-2).
- The Penguins set a franchise record by winning their first five road games to start a season. Pittsburgh also completed a sweep of its recent four-game, seven-day road trip with victories over Philadelphia, Toronto, Ottawa and Carolina. Last season under Bylsma, the Penguins went a perfect 5-0 on a five-game road trip (Feb. 27 to March 8), the franchise's most successful road excursion in history.
- The Penguins are 8-0-0 when scoring first this season. The team is 21-0-2 all-time under Bylsma when netting a game's opening goal.
- The Penguins are 8-1-0 when registering 30 or more shots this season.
- The Penguins have sold out their past 125 games at Mellon Arena, including playoffs, in a streak that began in the 2006-07 season.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES:

Evgeni Malkin has a team-best (tied) 14 points (4G-10A) this season. He enters the 2009-10 season as the NHL's reigning regular-season (35+78=113) and playoff (14+22=36) scoring champion.

- The durable Malkin will miss his first game in three years when he sits out Pittsburgh's game at Columbus, snapping a streak of 253 consecutive regular-season games, which ranks third on the team's all-time list. Including the post-season, Malkin had appeared in 302 straight contests.

Sidney Crosby has a team-leading nine goals and 14 points (tied) on the season. Crosby's nine goals rank fifth in the NHL.

- Crosby has improved dramatically in the faceoff circle this season. Heading into Thursday's games, he leads the NHL with 156 faceoff wins (21 more than second-place Shawn Horcoff, 135, of Edmonton), and ranks sixth in the league with a 60.5-winning percentage in the dot. Crosby set new career highs at Philadelphia (Oct. 8) with 21 faceoff wins and an 88-percent success rate (21 of 24).

- Crosby netted his 400th career point on Oct. 3 at NY Islanders in just his 292nd game, becoming the sixth-fastest player in NHL history to reach the mark (Wayne Gretzky, 197; Mario Lemieux, 240; Peter Stastny, 247; Eric Lindros, 277; Mike Bossy, 283).

Marc-Andre Fleury got off to the best start of his career by winning nine of his first 10 contests in goal, including a perfect 8-0 mark to begin the season—which set a new career-best winning streak. Fleury's nine wins are the second-most in the league behind only Colorado goalie Craig Anderson's 10 (Though Anderson has played three more games than Fleury).

- Fleury's goal-against average (2.07) and save percentage (.921) both rank fourth in the NHL heading into Thursday's games.

Jordan Staal is emerging as a dominant two-way center. Staal is already considered one of the league's best shutdown centers. The reliable forward has missed only one game in his first three-plus NHL seasons, playing in 257 of a possible 258 games (306 of 307 including playoffs). Staal has appeared in 232 consecutive games, ranking fifth on the team's all-time list.

Alex Goligoski leads the NHL (tied) with a plus-11 rating and his 11 points (4G-7A) rank fourth among all NHL defensemen as of Thursday. Goligoski is in the midst of a career-high six-game scoring streak (3+4=7).

Tyler Kennedy has developed a knack for scoring clinching goals in his young career. Kennedy has an NHL-best (tied) three game-winning goals this season. Of his 30 career goals, 10 have decided games, while three of his five career post-season goals have won games for the Penguins.

Jay McKee, signed as a shot-blocking specialist, leads the NHL with 38 blocked shots heading into Thursday's games. He has recorded seven blocks in a game twice this season.

Mike Rupp played one season with the Blue Jackets, collecting six points (4G-2A) and 58 penalty minutes in 38 games.

Matt Cooke ranks fifth in the NHL with 38 hits as of Thursday.

WE'RE GOING STREAKING:

Alex Goligoski: 7 points (3G-4A) in last six games

Sidney Crosby: 9 points (5G-4A) in last five games

HOT STRETCH:

Marc-Andre Fleury: won 9 of 10 games played

Alex Goligoski: 9 points (4G-5A) and plus-11 rating in past 9 games.

CAREER MILESTONES WATCH:

- Evgeni Malkin is 1 assist away from 200
- Pascal Dupuis is 4 goals away from 100
- Guerin is 3 games shy of 1200
- Brent Johnson is 1 game away from 250
- Jay McKee needs 3 assists to hit 100



Pittsburgh Penguins: Player Game By Game Summary

Date	Opp.	GOLIGOSKI #3	EATON #7	DUPUIS #9	STAAL #11	BOURQUE #12	GUERIN #13	KUNITZ #14
Oct 2	Vs NYR	0-2 1/0 18:49	0-0 2/0 20:40	0-0 4/-1 11:00	0-1 2/0 16:55	DND	0-1 2/1 16:51	0-0 1/1 15:42
Oct 3	@ NYI	0-0 0/0 25:47	1-0 2/0 19:29	0-0 2/0 13:14	0-0 2/0 18:48	DND	0-0 5/0 17:47	0-0 1/0 18:26
Oct 7	Vs PHX	0-0 1/0 22:40	0-0 1/0 17:25	0-0 1/0 11:10	0-0 2/0 18:38	0-0 0/0 9:42	0-0 1/0 13:39	0-0 2/-1 13:31
Oct 8	@ PHI	1-1 1/2 18:07	0-0 0/2 20:20	0-0 0/0 9:37	1-0 3/0 18:57	DND	1-0 4/1 17:10	0-1 2/1 16:30
Oct 10	@ TOR	0-0 0/1 23:08	0-0 2/0 18:14	0-0 2/1 11:13	1-0 3/1 18:53	DND	0-1 5/0 18:26	0-1 2/0 17:13
Oct 12	@ OTT	0-0 0/2 17:46	0-1 1/3 22:11	0-0 1/-1 10:57	1-0 1/1 17:48	DND	1-0 2/1 16:49	0-1 2/1 16:09
Oct 14	@ CAR	0-1 3/2 21:15	0-0 2/-1 19:06	0-1 0/0 12:53	0-0 1/0 17:51	0-0 1/0 9:22	0-0 3/-1 17:57	0-1 3/-1 17:50
Oct 17	Vs T.B	0-1 4/1 20:55	0-0 0/0 17:51	1-0 1/1 12:39	0-0 1/0 17:23	DND	1-0 3/1 16:28	0-0 2/1 15:54
Oct 20	Vs STL	1-0 2/1 21:44	0-1 1/1 19:25	0-0 1/0 13:35	0-1 4/2 16:56	DND	0-1 2/0 15:01	0-1 2/1 15:28
Oct 23	Vs FLA	0-1 0/0 26:22	0-0 0/0 22:45	0-0 2/0 10:34	0-0 5/0 16:25	0-0 3/0 7:50	0-0 4/0 20:55	0-0 4/0 17:31
Oct 24	Vs N.J	1-0 4/0 22:11	0-0 0/-1 16:54	0-1 5/0 12:19	0-0 4/-1 15:17	DND	0-0 1/-1 19:00	0-0 4/-1 17:39
Oct 28	Vs MTL	1-1 2/2 20:36	0-1 1/2 19:31	0-0 1/0 12:37	0-0 3/0 16:13	0-1 1/0 11:30	0-3 2/3 15:35	1-3 2/3 15:50

Date	Opp.	RUPP #17	COOKE #24	FEDOTENKO #26	ADAMS #27	GODARD #28	SKOULA #41	ORPIK #44
Oct 2	Vs NYR	0-0 1/-1 9:09	0-0 2/1 15:01	0-0 2/-1 16:51	0-0 3/-1 14:41	0-0 1/0 3:09	DND	0-0 1/-1 22:40
Oct 3	@ NYI	0-0 1/0 6:59	0-0 6/0 14:58	1-1 4/2 15:02	0-0 0/0 11:26	0-0 0/0 4:35	DND	0-0 2/2 22:20
Oct 7	Vs PHX	0-0 0/0 7:20	0-0 3/0 11:45	0-0 3/-1 17:31	0-0 0/0 10:35	DND	DND	0-0 0/0 17:53
Oct 8	@ PHI	0-0 1/0 7:07	0-1 0/0 19:15	0-0 0/1 11:44	0-0 1/1 15:27	0-0 0/0 1:59	DND	0-0 1/-1 22:04
Oct 10	@ TOR	0-0 0/0 7:53	1-0 1/0 15:36	0-1 1/-1 14:17	0-0 2/-1 8:54	0-0 0/0 7:11	DND	0-0 0/-1 17:02
Oct 12	@ OTT	0-1 1/1 10:03	0-1 0/2 13:19	0-0 2/-1 15:24	0-2 0/3 13:17	0-0 1/0 4:12	DND	0-0 0/-1 19:39
Oct 14	@ CAR	1-0 1/1 7:20	0-0 0/0 14:44	0-0 2/2 18:28	0-0 3/-1 11:44	DND	DND	0-0 0/-1 21:19
Oct 17	Vs T.B	1-0 2/1 6:31	0-0 0/0 15:21	0-1 1/1 13:29	0-0 0/0 14:58	0-0 0/1 4:17	DND	0-1 1/2 17:35
Oct 20	Vs STL	0-0 0/0 12:34	1-1 2/1 11:18	1-0 5/0 15:50	0-0 0/-1 16:45	0-0 1/1 7:44	DND	0-0 1/1 22:30
Oct 23	Vs FLA	0-0 1/0 4:47	0-0 1/0 16:37	0-0 0/-1 16:36	0-0 0/-1 11:35	DND	0-0 1/1 17:02	0-0 2/-1 18:44
Oct 24	Vs N.J	0-0 2/0 10:00	0-0 0/-1 14:53	0-0 2/-1 17:35	0-0 1/0 10:29	0-0 0/0 4:22	0-0 0/0 16:26	0-0 1/-2 21:20
Oct 28	Vs MTL	1-0 1/1 10:44	0-0 0/1 14:04	0-0 1/0 14:06	0-1 3/1 14:37	0-0 1/0 7:26	0-0 1/0 17:27	0-1 1/1 20:27

Date	Opp.	KENNEDY #48	GONCHAR #55	LETANG #58	MALKIN #71	MCKEE #74	CROSBY #87	LETESTU #
Oct 2	Vs NYR	1-0 (W) 4/1 13:36	0-1 0/-1 23:13	0-1 1/1 18:52	1-0 2/-1 19:14	0-0 0/1 16:26	1-0 2/1 19:11	INJ
Oct 3	@ NYI	0-0 3/1 13:50	0-1 4/1 28:42	0-1 1/1 20:56	0-1 2/2 23:12	0-0 1/0 12:32	1-1 6/1 22:32	INJ
Oct 7	Vs PHX	0-0 1/0 12:16	0-0 2/-1 24:21	0-0 2/-1 22:48	0-0 2/-1 21:44	0-0 0/0 15:16	0-0 3/-1 17:45	INJ
Oct 8	@ PHI	1-0 (W) 3/1 12:23	0-1 2/-1 24:46	0-1 2/1 20:04	1-1 3/-1 17:02	0-0 0/1 14:30	0-0 2/1 20:49	INJ
Oct 10	@ TOR	0-1 1/0 13:39	1-1 5/-1 22:50	0-0 2/0 19:33	0-3 3/0 18:10	0-0 1/1 19:39	2-0 (W) 3/0 22:11	INJ
Oct 12	@ OTT	2-0 (W) 6/2 12:04	0-0 2/-1 23:32	0-0 3/2 21:07	0-0 1/-1 17:27	0-1 1/1 15:46	0-0 4/1 22:30	INJ
Oct 14	@ CAR	0-0 4/0 12:42	0-0 3/-1 27:44	0-0 2/-1 24:41	1-1 3/1 21:31	0-0 0/2 15:55	0-0 7/-1 21:38	MIN
Oct 17	Vs T.B	0-0 4/0 10:53	1-1 (W) 2/3 25:28	0-0 2/0 17:11	0-1 6/1 21:08	0-0 1/0 19:15	0-2 3/2 20:09	MIN
Oct 20	Vs STL	1-0 3/1 11:16	0-1 1/0 16:23	0-2 0/0 21:50	1-0 (W) 12/0 18:41	0-1 4/1 18:08	0-1 2/1 18:52	MIN
Oct 23	Vs FLA	0-0 3/0 12:40	INJ	0-0 4/0 24:19	0-2 5/0 25:06	0-0 1/0 15:24	2-0 7/1 25:50	MIN
Oct 24	Vs N.J	0-0 6/-1 12:17	INJ	0-0 1/-1 25:16	0-0 0/0 23:12	0-0 0/0 15:34	0-1 2/0 21:43	MIN
Oct 28	Vs MTL	INJ	INJ	0-0 2/1 23:46	0-1 6/1 21:21	0-0 0/2 17:04	3-0 (W) 9/3 19:55	MIN

Date	Opp.	LOVEJOY #	JOHNSON #1	FLEURY #29
Oct 2	Vs NYR	INJ	DNP	2/27W 60
Oct 3	@ NYI	INJ	DNP	3/28W 65
Oct 7	Vs PHX	INJ	2/24L 59	DNP
Oct 8	@ PHI	INJ	DNP	4/34W 60
Oct 10	@ TOR	INJ	DNP	2/20W 60
Oct 12	@ OTT	INJ	DNP	1/31W 60
Oct 14	@ CAR	INJ	DNP	2/29W 65
Oct 17	Vs T.B	INJ	DNP	1/23W 60
Oct 20	Vs STL	MIN	DNP	1/23W 60
Oct 23	Vs FLA	MIN	2/29W 65	DNP
Oct 24	Vs N.J	MIN	DNP	4/26L 60
Oct 28	Vs MTL	MIN	DNP	1/24W 60

Pittsburgh Penguins: Head Coach and Goalie Bios

Head Coach: Dan Bylsma

Dan Bylsma began the 2008-09 season with the first head coaching assignment of his career - with the Wilkes-Barre Scranton Penguins of the AHL. He ended it by hoisting the Stanley Cup. In between he authored one of the most spectacular coaching stories in the history of hockey. Bylsma was named interim head coach of the Pittsburgh Penguins on Feb. 15, 2009 taking over a team in 10th in the overall conference standings. Bylsma unleashed a swift and skilled team that was built to attack. Pittsburgh went 18-3-4 under Bylsma and grabbed fourth place in the conference. The Penguins clinched all four playoff series on the road, including two Game 7s, and twice rallied from 2-0 series deficits. Pittsburgh defeated defending champion Detroit four times in the last five games to claim the Cup, including a Game 7 triumph at Joe Louis Arena. Bylsma played nine seasons in the NHL with Anaheim and Los Angeles. He was an assistant coach with Cincinnati (AHL) and the NY Islanders before joining WBS.

#1: Brent Johnson

6' 3", 199 Mar 12, 1977	9th NHL / 1st PIT Season Last Win: OCT 23, 2009 vs FLORIDA Last SO: APR 1, 2006 @ OTTAWA (76)		GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SV%
		Season	2	1-1-0	1.94	.925
		Career	249	112-95-21	2.63	.903

* Notched his first win of the season and first as a Penguin by stopping 27 saves versus the Panthers Oct. 23.

* Posted a 12-6-2 record while compiling a 2.81 goals-against average and .908 save percentage in 21 games with the Capitals last season.

SEASON HIGHS:

Shots: 29 - Oct. 23 vs. FLA

Saves: 27 - Oct. 23 vs. FLA

Shutouts:

Win Streak: 1 - Oct. 23 vs. FLA

Career shootout: 10 goals, 38 attempts (4-7 record)

#29: Marc-Andre Fleury

FLUH-ree, MAHRK-an-DRAY 6' 2", 180 Nov 28, 1984	6th NHL / 6th PIT Season Last Win: OCT 28, 2009 vs MONTREAL Last SO: MAR 25, 2009 vs CALGARY (16)		GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SV%
		Season	10	9-1-0	2.07	.921
		Career	245	120-86-26	2.84	.907

* Won a career-high eight consecutive games to start the season from Oct. 2 to Oct. 20 and ranks 10th in the NHL with a 2.19 goals-against average.

* Has given up two goals or less in seven of his 10 games this season.

* Ranks second in the NHL with nine wins and ninth with a .921 save percentage among goaltenders.

* Has played 10 of the first 12 games for the Penguins.

SEASON HIGHS:

Shots: 34 - Oct. 8 @ PHI

Saves: 30 - Oct. 12 @ OTT

Win Streak: 8 - Oct. 2 vs. NYR - Oct. 20 vs. STL

Shutouts:

Shootouts: 24-80/goals-attempts (15-11 record)

Pittsburgh Penguins: Skater Bios

#3: Alex Goligoski

5' 11", 180
Jul 30, 1985

2nd NHL / 2nd PIT Season
Last Goal: OCT 28, 2009 vs MONTREAL
Last Assist: OCT 28, 2009 vs MONTREAL

	GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
Season	12	4-7-11	11	6
Career	60	10-23-33		24

* Ranks fourth in the NHL and leads all Penguin defensemen with 11 points (4G-7A), including his third multi-point game of the season versus the Canadiens Oct. 28.

* Currently on a career-high six-game point streak, posting seven points (3G-4A) over the span.

* Leads the NHL with a plus-11 rating through 12 games.

SEASON HIGHS:

Points: 2 - Oct. 28 vs. MTL

Shots: 4 - Oct. 24 vs. NJD

Icetime: 26:22 - Oct. 23 vs. FLA

Plus/minus: +2 - Oct. 28 vs. MTL

Hits: 2 - Oct. 24 vs. NJD

Blocked shots: 4 - Oct. 23 vs. FLA

Shootout: 1-3/goals-attempts (1 deciding goal)

#7: Mark Eaton

MAHRK EE-tohn
6' 2", 204
May 6, 1977

10th NHL / 4th PIT Season
Last Goal: OCT 3, 2009 @ NY ISLANDERS (10)
Last Assist: OCT 28, 2009 vs MONTREAL

	GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
Season	12	1-3-4	6	6
Career	464	21-45-66		200

* Collected his third assist of the season versus the Canadiens Oct. 28.

* Currently ranks third on the team with 22 blocked shots through 12 games.

* Scored his first goal as a Penguin at the Rangers Dec. 3 while playing in his 400th career game.

SEASON HIGHS:

Points: 1 - Oct. 28 vs. MTL

Shots: 2 - Oct. 14 @ CAR

Icetime: 22:45 - Oct. 23 vs. FLA

Plus/minus: +3 - Oct. 12 @ OTT

Hits: 1 - Oct. 28 vs. MTL

Blocked shots: 7 - Oct. 3 @ NYI

Shootout: None

#9: Pascal Dupuis

6' 1", 205
Apr 7, 1979

8th NHL / 3rd PIT Season
Last Goal: OCT 17, 2009 vs TAMPA BAY (4)
Last Assist: OCT 24, 2009 vs NEW JERSEY (1)

	GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
Season	12	1-2-3	0	4
Career	518	96-109-205		232

* Has three points (1G-2A) in his last six games, including his second assist of the season versus the Devils Oct. 24.

* Appeared in his 500th career NHL game versus the New York Rangers Mar. 28.

SEASON HIGHS:

Points: 1 - Oct. 24 vs. NJD

Shots: 5 - Oct. 24 vs. NJD

Icetime: 13:14 - Oct. 3 @ NYI

Plus/minus: +1 - Oct. 17 vs. TBL

Hits: 2 - Oct. 23 vs. FLA

Blocked shots: 2 - Oct. 17 vs. TBL

Shootout: 1-2/goals-attempts (0 deciding goals)

#11: Jordan Staal

6' 4", 220
Sep 10, 1988

4th NHL / 4th PIT Season
Last Goal: OCT 12, 2009 @ OTTAWA (6)
Last Assist: OCT 20, 2009 vs ST. LOUIS (3)

	GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
Season	12	3-2-5	3	6
Career	257	66-58-124		122

* Has four points (3G-1A) in his last eight games, including his second assist of the season versus the Blues Oct. 20.

* Ranks second on the team, having won 82 faceoffs on the season.

* Each of his three goals this season have been scored on the road.

* Appeared in his 250th NHL game at Toronto Oct. 10.

SEASON HIGHS:

Points: 1 - Oct. 20 vs. STL

Shots: 5 - Oct. 23 vs. FLA

Icetime: 18:57 - Oct. 8 @ PHI
 Plus/minus: +2 - Oct. 20 @ STL
 Hits: 4 - Oct. 14 @ CAR
 Blocked shots: 2 - Oct. 7 vs. PHX
 Shootout: None

#12: Christopher Bourque

5' 8", 178 Jan 29, 1986	3rd NHL / 1st PIT Season Last Goal: DEC 30, 2008 @ BUFFALO (7) Last Assist: OCT 28, 2009 vs MONTREAL		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	4	0-1-1	0	0
		Career	16	1-1-2		2

- * Notched his first point (assist) of the season and first as a member of the Penguins versus Montreal Oct. 28.
- * Has appeared in four of the Penguins' 12 games this season.
- * Made his Penguins debut versus Phoenix Oct. 7.

Points: 1 - Oct. 28 vs. MTL
 Shots: 3 - Oct. 23 vs. FLA
 Icetime: 9:42 - Oct. 7 vs. PHX
 Plus/minus: E - Oct. 28 vs. MTL
 Hits: 2 - Oct. 28 vs. MTL
 Blocked shots:
 Shootout: None:

#13: Bill Guerin

6' 2", 220 Nov 9, 1970	17th NHL / 2nd PIT Season Last Goal: OCT 17, 2009 vs TAMPA BAY (4) Last Assist: OCT 28, 2009 vs MONTREAL		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	12	3-6-9	5	6
		Career	1197	411-409-820		1591

- * Has eight points (3G-5A) in his last nine games, including his first multi-point game of the season versus the Canadiens Oct. 28.
- * His three assists versus the Canadiens Oct. 28 ties a career high.
- * Four (1G-3A) of his nine points this season have been scored with the man advantage.
- * Is three games shy of playing in his 1,200 career NHL game.
- * Ranks eighth among American-born players with 820 points (411G-409A) in 1,197 career games.

SEASON HIGHS:
 Points: 3 - Oct. 28 vs. MTL
 Shots: 5 - Oct. 10 @ TOR
 Icetime: 20:55 - Oct. 23 vs. FLA
 Plus/minus: +3 - Oct. 28 vs. MTL
 Hits: 2 - Oct. 23 vs. FLA
 Blocked shots: 2 - Oct. 12 @ OTT
 Shootout: 5-11/goals-attempts (1-deciding goal)

#14: Chris Kunitz

6' 0", 193 Sep 26, 1979	7th NHL / 2nd PIT Season Last Goal: OCT 28, 2009 vs MONTREAL Last Assist: OCT 28, 2009 vs MONTREAL		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	12	1-8-9	5	21
		Career	347	89-130-219		336

- * Tied a career-high with four points (1G-3A), including his first goal of the season versus the Canadiens Oct. 28.
- * Notched his fourth career shootout deciding goal and first of the season against the Hurricanes Oct. 14.
- * His eight assists this season rank second on the team.
- * Ranks third on the team and second among forwards with 29 hits this season.

SEASON HIGHS:
 Points: 4 - Oct. 28 vs. MTL
 Shots: 4 - Oct. 24 vs. NJD
 Icetime: 18:26 - Oct. 3 @ NYI
 Plus/minus: +3 - Oct. 28 vs. MTL
 Hits: 6 - Oct. 14 @ CAR
 Blocked shots: 1 - Oct. 24 vs. NJD
 Shootout: 7-21/goals-attempts (4-deciding goals)

#17: Michael Rupp

6' 5", 230 Jan 13, 1980	7th NHL / 1st PIT Season Last Goal: OCT 28, 2009 vs MONTREAL Last Assist: OCT 12, 2009 @ OTTAWA (6)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	12	3-1-4	3	20
		Career	347	30-27-57		432

* Registered his third goal in the last six games versus the Canadiens Oct. 28.

* Appeared in his first game with the Penguins versus the Rangers Oct. 2.

SEASON HIGHS:

Points: 1 - Oct. 28 vs. MTL

Shots: 2 - Oct. 24 vs. NJD

Icetime: 12:34 - Oct. 20 vs. STL

Plus/minus: +1 - Oct. 28 vs. MTL

Hits: 6 - Oct. 24 vs. NJD

Blocked shots: 1 - Oct. 20 vs. STL

Shootout: None

#23: Chris Conner

5' 8", 180 Dec 23, 1983	4th NHL / 1st PIT Season Last Goal: MAR 30, 2009 @ PHOENIX (4) Last Assist: MAR 30, 2009 @ PHOENIX (4)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	0	0-0-0	0	0
		Career	71	7-14-21		20

* Looking to make his Penguins regular season debut tonight versus the Blue Jackets.

* Currently leads all Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL) players with eight points (2G-6A) in seven games this season.

* Registered 13 points (3G-10A) in 38 games with the Dallas Stars last season.

#24: Matt Cooke

5' 11", 205 Sep 7, 1978	11th NHL / 2nd PIT Season Last Goal: OCT 20, 2009 vs ST. LOUIS (3) Last Assist: OCT 20, 2009 vs ST. LOUIS (3)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	12	2-3-5	4	12
		Career	671	101-145-246		765

* Collected his first multi-point game of the season with two points (1G-1A) versus the Blues Oct. 20.

* Ranks fifth in the NHL and leads the team with 38 hits through 12 games.

* Notched his 100th NHL goal at Toronto Oct. 10.

* Is four points shy of 250 for his career.

SEASON HIGHS:

Points: 2 - Oct. 20 vs. STL

Shots: 6 - Oct. 3 @ NYI

Icetime: 19:15 - Oct. 8 @ PHI

Plus/minus: +1 - Oct. 28 vs. MTL

Hits: 6- Oct. 20 vs. STL

Blocked shots: 2 - Oct. 8 @ PHI

Shootout: None

#26: Ruslan Fedotenko

6' 2", 195 Jan 18, 1979	9th NHL / 2nd PIT Season Last Goal: OCT 20, 2009 vs ST. LOUIS (3) Last Assist: OCT 17, 2009 vs TAMPA BAY (4)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	12	2-3-5	0	4
		Career	609	141-142-283		373

* Had a point back-to-back games (Oct. 17 & Oct. 20), including his second goal of the season versus the Blues Oct. 20.

* Appeared in his 600th career NHL game at Philadelphia Oct. 8.

SEASON HIGHS:

Points: 2 - Oct. 3 @ NYI

Shots: 5 - Oct. 20 vs. STL

Icetime: 18:28 - Oct. 14 @ CAR

Plus/minus: +2 - Oct. 14 @ CAR

Hits: 5 - Oct. 2 vs. NYR

Blocked shots: 2 - Oct. 23 vs. FLA

Shootout: 0-3/goals-attempts (0-deciding goals)

#27: Craig Adams

6' 0", 197 Apr 26, 1977	10th NHL / 2nd PIT Season Last Goal: DEC 16, 2008 @ EDMONTON (41) Last Assist: OCT 28, 2009 vs MONTREAL		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	12	0-3-3	0	12
		Career	519	37-56-93		395

* Recorded his third assist of the season versus the Canadiens Oct. 28.

* His 44.9 faceoff win percentage ranks third on the team.

* Ranks second among Penguin forwards with an average ice time of 3:09 minutes while shorthanded.

SEASON HIGHS:

Points: 2- Oct. 12 @ OTT

Shots: 3 - Oct. 14 @ CAR
 Icetime: 16:45 - Oct. 20 vs. STL
 Plus/minus: +3- Oct. 12 @ OTT
 Hits: 5 - Oct. 24 vs. NJD
 Blocked shots: 3 - Oct. 12 @ OTT
 Shootout: None

#28: Eric Godard

6' 4", 214 Mar 7, 1980	7th NHL / 2nd PIT Season Last Goal: MAR 14, 2009 vs OTTAWA (17) Last Assist: APR 9, 2009 vs NY ISLANDERS (10)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	9	0-0-0	2	10
		Career	280	5-7-12		662

* Recorded a plus rating in two of his last four games.
 * Has appeared in nine of the Penguins 12 games this season.

SEASON HIGHS:

Points:
 Shots: 1 - Oct. 28 vs. MTL
 Icetime: 7:44 - Oct. 20 vs. STL
 Plus/minus: +1 - Oct. 20 vs. STL
 Hits: 3 - Oct. 17 vs. TBL
 Blocked shots: 1 - Oct.28 vs. MTL
 Shootout: None

#41: Martin Skoula

6' 3", 226 Oct 28, 1979	9th NHL / 1st PIT Season Last Goal: APR 11, 2009 @ COLUMBUS (3) Last Assist: APR 3, 2009 vs CALGARY (7)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	3	0-0-0	1	2
		Career	727	41-144-185		320

* Made his Penguins debut versus the Panthers Oct. 23.
 * Is averaging 16:58 minutes of icetime in three games this season.
 * Appeared in at least 80 games in three of his four seasons with the Minnesota Wild.

Points:
 Shots: 1 - Oct. 28 vs. MTL
 Icetime: 17:27 - Oct. 28 vs. MTL
 Plus/minus: +1 - Oct. 23 vs. FLA
 Hits: 2 - Oct. 24 vs. NJD
 Blocked shots: 4 - Oct. 23 vs. FLA
 Shootouts: None

#44: Brooks Orpik

OHR-pihk, BRUKS 6' 2", 219 Sep 26, 1980	6th NHL / 6th PIT Season Last Goal: NOV 26, 2008 @ NY ISLANDERS (70) Last Assist: OCT 28, 2009 vs MONTREAL		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	12	0-2-2	-2	10
		Career	388	6-51-57		475

* Collected his second assist of the season versus the Canadiens Oct. 28.
 * Ranks second on the team and first among defensemen with 35 hits.
 * Currently second on the team with an average ice time of 3:18 while shorthanded.

SEASON HIGHS:

Points: 1 - Oct. 28 vs. MTL
 Shots: 2 - Oct. 23 vs. FLA
 Icetime: 22:40 - Oct. 2 vs. NYR
 Plus/minus: +2 - Oct. 17 vs. TBL
 Hits: 4 - Oct.24 vs. NJD
 Blocked shots: 5 - Oct. 28 vs. MTL
 Shootouts: None

#48: Tyler Kennedy

5' 11", 183 Jul 15, 1986	3rd NHL / 3rd PIT Season Last Goal: OCT 20, 2009 vs ST. LOUIS (2) Last Assist: OCT 10, 2009 @ TORONTO (6)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	11	5-1-6	5	4
		Career	133	30-30-60		69

* Missed his first game of the season due to injury (Oct. 28 vs. MTL)

* Has three goals in his last six games, including his his fifth goal of the season versus the Blues Oct. 20.

* Three of his five goals this season have been game-winners which is tied for the League lead.

SEASON HIGHS:

Points: 2 - Oct. 12 @ OTT

Shots: 6 - Oct. 24 vs. NJD

Icetime: 13:50 - Oct. 3 @ NYI

Plus/minus: +2 - Oct. 12 @ OTT

Hits: 2 - Oct. 10 @ TOR

Blocked shots:

Shootout: None

#58: Kris Letang

6' 0", 201 Apr 24, 1987	3rd NHL / 3rd PIT Season Last Goal: APR 11, 2009 @ MONTREAL (12) Last Assist: OCT 20, 2009 vs ST. LOUIS (3)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	12	0-5-5	3	4
		Career	156	18-39-57		55

* Notched his first multi-point game of the season with two assists versus the Blues Oct. 20.

* Registered the shootout deciding goal at the New York Islanders Oct. 3.

SEASON HIGHS:

Points: 2 - Oct. 20 vs. STL

Shots: 4 - Oct. 23 vs. FLA

Icetime: 25:16 - Oct. 24 vs. NJD

Plus/minus: +2 - Oct. 12 @ OTT

Hits: 3 - Oct. 24 vs. NJD

Blocked shots: 4 - Oct. 2 vs. NYR

Shootouts: 8-19/goals-attempts (4-deciding goals)

#71: Evgeni Malkin

6' 3", 195 Jul 31, 1986	4th NHL / 4th PIT Season Last Goal: OCT 20, 2009 vs ST. LOUIS (3) Last Assist: OCT 28, 2009 vs MONTREAL		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	12	4-10-14	1	18
		Career	254	119-199-318		256

* Has seven points (2G-5A) in his last six games, including his 10th assist of the season versus the Canadiens Oct. 28.

* His 14 points (4G-10A) are tied for the team lead, while his 10 assists are tied for fourth in the NHL.

* Tied a career high with 12 shots versus the Blues Oct. 20.

* Tied for third in the NHL with 12 takeaways and ranks second on the team with 39 shots.

SEASON HIGHS:

Points: 3 - Oct. 10 @ TOR

Shots: 12 - Oct. 20 vs. STL

Icetime: 25:06 - Oct. 23 vs. FLA

Plus/minus: +2 - Oct. 3 @ NYI

Hits: 3 - Oct. 20 vs. STL

Blocked shots: 2 - Oct. 23 vs. FLA

Shootout: 5-25/goals-attempts (3-deciding goals)

#74: Jay McKee

6' 4", 203 Sep 8, 1977	14th NHL / 1st PIT Season Last Goal: OCT 16, 2008 vs DALLAS (77) Last Assist: OCT 20, 2009 vs ST. LOUIS (3)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	12	0-2-2	9	21
		Career	752	20-97-117		589

* Tied for second on the team with a plus-9 rating, including a plus-8 rating in his last nine games.

* Ranks first in the NHL with 38 blocked shots, including two versus Montreal Oct. 28.

* Collected his second assist of the season versus the Blues Oct. 20.

SEASON HIGHS:

Points: 1 - Oct. 20 vs. STL

Shots: 4 - Oct. 20 vs. STL

Icetime: 19:39 - Oct. 10 @ TOR

Plus/minus: +2 - Oct. 28 vs. MTL

Hits: 2 - Oct. 10 @ TOR

Blocked shots: 7 - Oct. 17 vs. TBL

Shootout: None

#87: Sidney Crosby

CRAWS-bee, SID-nee 5th NHL / 5th PIT Season
5' 11", 200 Last Goal: OCT 28, 2009 vs MONTREAL
Aug 7, 1987 Last Assist: OCT 24, 2009 vs NEW JERSEY (1)

	GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
Season	12	9-5-14	9	16
Career	302	141-270-411		301

- * Tied for the team lead with 14 points (9G-5A), including his third career hat trick versus the Canadiens Oct. 28.
- * Currently leads the team with nine goals and 50 shots through 12 games.
- * Leads the NHL, winning 156 of 258 faceoffs (50.5%), including a 16 for 24 (67%) performance versus Montreal Oct. 28.
- * Appeared in his 300th NHL game versus the Panthers Oct. 23.
- * Became the sixth fastest player (292 games) in NHL history to record 400 career points at the Islander Oct. 3 (134G-266A) trailing only Wayne Gretzky, Mario Lemieux, Paul Stastny, Eric Lindros and Mike Bossy.

SEASON HIGHS:

Points: 3 - Oct. 28 vs. MTL
Shots: 9 - Oct. 28 vs. MTL
Icetime: 25:50 - Oct. 23 vs. FLA
Plus/minus: +3 - Oct. 28 vs. MTL
Hits: 2 - Oct. 24 vs. NJD
Blocked shots: 2 - Oct. 3 @ NYI
Shootout: 15-41/goals-attempts (10-deciding goals)