

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS™

Columbus Blue Jackets Post-Game Notes Columbus Blue Jackets (4) at Dallas Stars (1) December 29, 2011 – American Airlines Center (16,555)

FINAL SCORE	Overall Record	Home/Road Record	1	2	3	F
Columbus Blue Jackets	10-22-5 (25 pts.)	Road: 4-12-2 (8 pts.)	1	1	2	4
Dallas Stars	20-15-1 (41 pts.)	Home: 11-6-1 (23 pts.)	1	0	0	1

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Blue Jackets Team Notes

- With the regulation win on the road tonight, it marks the first time the club has won in regulation away from Nationwide Arena since Mar. 12 at Carolina, a span of 23 games.
- The Blue Jackets scored the first goal of the game for the 19th time this season. The club is now 9-7-3 in those games, while going 4-10-3 when tied after the first period and 8-5-2 when leading after two periods.
- Columbus is now 14-24-5 all-time against Dallas, including a 7-13-2 mark at Nationwide Arena.

Blue Jackets Player Notes

- LW **Rick Nash** scored his first goal in four games with his team leading 11th and 12th goals of the season. It marked his second multi-goal outing of the season and first since Nov. 25 vs. Buffalo, a span of 14 games. He has collected 5-5-10 the last 13 games and 8-6-14 the last 18 games after being held to 1-3-4 the previous 10 games. In 32 career games against the Stars, he has 17-9-26.
- C **Ryan Johansen** has points in three of the last four games after notching an assist on Nash's first goal. He has 2-2-4 the last four games after being held pointless the previous 10 games.
- C **Antoine Vermette** snapped an eight-game goalless/pointless skid with his fifth of the season tonight. He had previously scored Dec. 8 vs. Nashville. He has played in 218 consecutive games with the Blue Jackets, the third longest streak in club history.
- D **John Moore** picked up the first assist of his NHL career with a helper on Vermette's goal. The assist comes in his 28th career game. It was his first point since scoring his first career NHL goal Oct. 25 vs. Detroit, a span of 23 games. He later had an assist on Nash's second goal for his first NHL multi-point game.
- C **Mark Letestu** has points in three-straight games after recording an assist on Vermette's goal. He has 0-3-3 the last three games and has 1-3-4 the last five after being held to 1-1-2 the previous 10 games.
- D **Nikita Nikitin** has assists in four of the last seven games after collecting an assist on Nash's second goal. He pushed his career highs in assists and points to 13 and 14, respectively. He has played in 23-plus minutes in all but four games this season, including 25:18 tonight.
- D **Fedor Tyutin** scored his first goal in 24 games with his third of the season tonight. He had last scored Oct. 30 vs. Anaheim. He has recorded 1-5-6 the last six games and has 3-14-17 the last 30 games. In 279 games with the Blue Jackets, he has notched 25-86-111 compared to 15-52-67 in 251 games with the NY Rangers.
- LW **R.J. Umberger** picked up his 10th assist of the season with a helper on Tyutin's goal. It was his 174th career point as a Blue Jacket, trailing Nikolai Zherdev (181 points) for third on the all-time list. He has collected 3-6-9 the last 11 games after being held to 2-0-2 the previous 14 games. He has played a club record 283 straight games.
- D **Marc Methot** picked up his first assist in eight games with a helper on Tyutin's goal. His last assist was Dec. 8 vs. Nashville. He does have 1-5-6 the last 20 games after being held pointless the previous 45 games.
- G **Steve Mason** stopped 36-of-37 shots to earn the win tonight. He is 1-0-1 with a 1.00 goals-against average and .968 save percentage his last two starts.

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