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COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Columbus Blue Jackets dropped their first game of the young season Tuesday as the Dallas Stars left Nationwide arena with a 4-2 victory.

Columbus (2-1) struggled to contain the duo of Tyler Seguin and Jamie Benn, as Seguin finished the game with a hat trick and Benn recorded one goal and three assists.

With the game tied a two a piece in the third period, Seguin picked up his second goal of the evening on a redirection from a Benn point-shot with 12:16 remaining in the contest. Seguin sealed the deal with his empty netter with one second remaining on the clock.

Dallas (1-1-1) captured the early momentum when Benn shot a pass from the right circle to Seguin, who was standing just outside the crease to Columbus goalie Sergei Bobrovsky's left. Seguin recorded his first goal of the season on the easy tap-in just 3:26 into the game. Colton Sceviour also picked up an assist on the play.

Three minutes later, the Stars struck again as Benn fired a shot from the slot that beat Bobrovsky high to the glove side. "It happened, they were hungry and they put us on our heels," Blue Jacket coach Todd Richards said about his team's sluggish start. "It came down to battles and playing with speed, they won most of the battles in the first period."

After the lackadaisical start, the Blue Jackets dictated the play in the second period, drawing four penalties while lighting the lamp twice. Ryan Johansen scored his first two goals of the season to tie the game in the middle period.

The first goal came at 6:17 when Johansen skated down the right slot and fired a shot off the far goal post. The tying goal came on the man advantage when Nick Foligno tried to jam the puck past Kari Lehtonen. The Stars' net minder made the initial save, but Johansen deposited the rebounded into the

back of the net. Foligno and Jack Johnson, who picked up an assist on the first Columbus goal, notched the helpers.

“Obviously it’s a good thing to score,” Johansen said. “On both of my goals, all I had to do was finish the job. Cam (Atkinson) made a great play on the first one and I finished far side. The other one all I had to do was tap it in. It was two big goals for our team at the time as we fought and clawed back, but that’s too bad we fell short.”

The only scrap of the contest came in the second period when Foligno and Benn dropped the gloves for a short bout. Richards believes Johansen’s goals and the fight brought a little excitement to a lackluster contest.

“(Johansen) goal, his first goal gave us an opportunity. It got the crowd into it. We got some momentum off that, and obviously scoring the second goal, too. Now, you’re right back in the game. Foligno and Benn going at it too put some emotion into the game because up to that point, I don’t think there was a lot of emotion in the game.”

Columbus will be back in action Friday as Calgary visits Nationwide arena. Game time is 7 p.m.