

Wednesday, November 15th, 2017 @ 7:00PM SaskTel Centre, Saskatoon, SK

**Saskatoon Blades** (7-10-1-0 – 15pts)

**6th** – East Division **9th** – Eastern Conference

**PP** – 13/69 = 18.8% (16th in WHL)
**PK** – 55/79 = 69.6% (21st in WHL)

**Moose Jaw Warriors** (16-4-0-0 – 32pts)

**1st** – East Division **1st** – Eastern Conference

**PP** – 18/73 = 24.7% (10th in WHL)

**PK** – 62/75 = 82.7% (3rd in WHL)

**Tonight…** The **Saskatoon Blades** open the season series with the WHL’s top team, the Moose Jaw Warriors. Not only is this a tone setter for the two division rivals, it’s also the first of 3 contests against one another in the next 7 days. The Blades are looking to end a 2 game skid while the Warriors are winners of their last 6.

**The last game…** **Jake Kustra** scored the Blades only goal in a 3-1 loss to the Wheat Kings on Saturday night in Brandon. It was Kustra’s first of the season, coming short-handed in the 3rd period. The Blades outshot the Wheaties 37-24.

**Iron man**… **Ryan Kubic** made his 13th consecutive start on Saturday for the Saskatoon Blades, bringing his season total to 16 starts of the Blades 18 games so far. The 19-year-old has earned all 7 of Saskatoon’s wins and has been named 1st star 3 times this year.

**Catch me if you Cam… Cameron Hebig** was held off the scoresheet in the Blades last game; only the 4th time this season in his 16 games. In each of his previous 3 pointless games, Hebig bounced back with multi-point games. The Blades will need their #1 centre to have another big outing tonight.

**Chase is on the case…** Sophomore centre **Chase Wouters** has been providing the much needed secondary scoring for Saskatoon this season. The 2015 1st rounder has 6G-7A-(+1)-6PIM and is 50.2% in the faceoff circle. Wouters has a goal and 3 helpers in his last 2 games.

**Hájek spectations…** **Libor Hájek** (2016 NHL Draft, Tampa Bay 2nd round) has stepped up his offensive game for the Blades this season with 5 goals and 7 assists. Libor has 5 points in his last 5 games.

**Recent moves…** - ’01 F **Logan Doust** returned to Vancouver NW Giants – BCMML on Nov. 12th
’00 D **Randen Schmidt** (Regina Pat C’s - SMAAAHL) called up Nov. 11th, has 16pts in 14GP with Pat C’s

’01 G **Nolan Maier** called up Nov. 14th from Yorkton-SJHL

’99 G **Joel Grzybowski** returned to North Battleford-SJHL, Nov. 13th

**’00 D Seth Bafaro suspended 4 games for CFB on Nov. 10th. Eligible to return Nov. 21st**

**’01 F Kirby Dach returns from World U17’**

Injury report
F Logan Christensen – upper body, 1-3 weeks
F Caleb Fantillo – upper body, game time decision

Roster breakdown:
15 Forwards
7 Defenseman
2 Goalies

Age Breakdown:
1997 – 3 2000 - 6
1998 – 6 2001 - 2
1999 – 7

Milestone Tracker
250 WHL games– Braylon Shmyr (246)
100 career assists – Braylon Shmyr (89)
100 career games – Jackson Caller (92)

Team Leaders:

Goals: Hebig (14)

Assists: Shmyr (11)
Points: Hebig (24)

Penalty Minutes: Kustra (39)

**+/-**: Bafaro (+5)

PPG: Hebig (4)

SOG**:** Shmyr (71)GWG: Hebig, Lees (2)
SV%: Kubic (.875)
GAA: Kubic (3.81)
Rookie Points**:** Dach (3)
Faceoff %: Machado (60.9%)

How they were built

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| Round | # | Player (Overall - Year) |
| 1st | 2 |  Wouters(19th - 2015), Dach(2nd – 2016) |
| 2nd | 4 |  Kustra (34th - 2014), Christensen(30th - 2014), Paterson(25th - 2014), Maier(25th – 2016) |
| 3rd  | 1 |  Hebig(56th – 2012) |
| 5th | 2 |  Machado(101st – 2015), Lees (94th – 2015)  |
| **Euro** | 2 |  Hájek (2nd - 2015), Rubinchik (7th - 2016) |
| **List** | 4 |  Farren (2016), Michaud (2016), Zawatsky (2017), Schmidt (2017) |
| **Trade** | 9 |  Ramsay (van), Shmyr (bdn), Fantillo (MH), Fiala (SPO), Atwal (VIC), Kubic (VAN), Bafaro (TC), Caller (POR), Goethals (EVT) |

**2017-18** TEAM **RECORDS**

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| 1-goal games | 4-0-1-0 |
| 2-goal games  | 1-2-0-0 |
| 3-plus-goal games | 2-8-0-0 |
| Scoring first | 5-3-0-0 |
| Opp. scoring first | 2-7-1-0 |
| Leading after 2 per. | 5-1-0-0 |
| Trailing after 2 per. | 1-9-1-0 |
| Tied after 2 per. | 1-0-0-0 |
| Overtime Record | 1-1 |
| Shootout Record | 0-0 |
| Out-shooting opp. | 2-4-1-0 |
| Out-shot by opp. | 4-6-0-0 |
| Shots are even | 1-0-0-0 |
| vs. BC | 0-2-0-0 |
| vs. US | 0-0-0-0 |
| vs. Central | 4-3-0-0 |
| vs. East | 3-5-1-0 |

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| Month | Games | Record | Home | Road |
| September | 3 | 1-2-0-0 | 1-2-0-0 | 0-0-0-0 |
| October | 10 | 4-5-1-0 | 1-3-0-0 | 3-2-1-0 |
| November | 13 | 2-3-0-0 | 0-1-0-0 | 2-2-0-0 |
| December | 12 | 0-0-0-0 | 0-0-0-0 | 0-0-0-0 |
| January | 14 | 0-0-0-0 | 0-0-0-0 | 0-0-0-0 |
| February | 11 | 0-0-0-0 | 0-0-0-0 | 0-0-0-0 |
| March | 9 | 0-0-0-0 | 0-0-0-0 | 0-0-0-0 |
| **Totals** | **72** | **7-10-1-0** | **2-6-0-0** | **5-4-1-0** |