



SASKATOON BLADES GAME NOTES



GAME #19 – FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7TH, 2019 @ 7:00PM SASKTEL CENTRE

Red Deer Rebels (5-10-0-2 – 12pts)

5th – Central Division **10th** – Eastern Conference

PP – 13/71 = 18.3% (16th in WHL)

PK – 65/80 = 81.2% (8th in WHL)

Saskatoon Blades (9-7-1-1 – 20pts)

2nd – East Division **5th** – Eastern Conference

PP – 17/71 = 23.9% (4th in WHL)

PK – 56/71 = 78.9% (13th in WHL)

Tonight... The Red Deer Rebels and Saskatoon Blades face-off for the second of four times this season. The game marks the opening of a four game home-stand for the Blades who will then depart for their bi-annual U.S. Division road trip.

Head to head... In the lone previous meeting of these Blades were bested 2-1 by the Red Deer Rebels in their first Alberta trip of the season on October 1st. Riley McKay had a goal while Nolan Maier made 32 saves in net. Kyle Crnkovic was named 2nd Star in the post-game ceremony.

Who to watch... Captain **F Chase Wouters** is absolutely on fire in Saskatoon's last five games having notched six goals and two assist over that span. Veteran **D Scott Walford** is currently in the midst of a five game point streak (1G-4A). Walford ranks 3rd on the Blades roster for scoring and is tied for 3rd in the league for scoring by defencemen.

Face-off Frenzy... **Chase Wouters** leads the league in face-off wins with 249 – the next best player, Jake Gricius of the Portland Winterhawks has 217. This year, for every face-off Wouters wins, Nutrien will donate \$10 to the Saskatoon Food Bank & Learning Centre as part of the Nutrien Face-Off for Hunger initiative. His total currently stands at \$2490 to be donated.

Nolie the Goalie... Blades starting netminder **Nolan Maier** was named as part of Team WHL's goalie duo for the 2019 CIBC Canada Russia series taking place in Saskatoon & Prince Albert on November 13th & 14th. This will be the third time Maier has "represented Canada" on an international stage after backstopping for Team Canada Black at the 2017 U17 World Hockey Challenge and Team Canada U18 at the 2018 Hlinka Gretzky Cup. The workhorse-like Maier is currently 2nd in the WHL for minutes played with 888 and leads the league in saves made with 467.

Playing Czech'ers... Saskatoon made a pair of trades earlier in the week that saw one Czech depart the club only for another to arrive. Off the bus from Prince George is 18-year-old forward **Matej Toman** who is in his sophomore WHL season. His 6 points (3G-3A) in 16 games with the Cougars this season immediately puts him tied for 8th in scoring with the Blades. Toman was originally drafted into the league as the 5th overall selection at the 2018 CHL Import Draft. Tonight will be his first game with his new club should he dress for the Blades.



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Injury report

Current Streaks

SCOTT WALFORD – 5 GAMES (1G-4A)

ERIC FLORCHUK – 2 GAMES (3G)

TRISTEN ROBINS – 2 GAMES (1G-2A)

Roster breakdown:

14 FORWARDS

6 DEFENSEMAN

2 GOALIES

Age Breakdown:

1999 – 3 2002 - 4

2000 – 5 2003 – 3

2001 – 7 2004 - 1

Milestone Tracker

RILEY MCKAY – 200 GAMES (198)

Team Leaders:

GOALS: WOUTERS (10)

ASSISTS: MCKAY, WALFORD (10)

POINTS: MCKAY (18)

PENALTY MINUTES: MCKAY (21)

+/-: MCKAY (6)

PPG: WOUTERS (5)

SOG: KNEEN (67)

GWG: WOUTERS, KNEEN, FLORCHUK (2)

SV%: MACINNES (.917)

GAA: MAIER (2.83)

ROOKIE POINTS: C. DACH (6)

FACEOFF %: TOMAN* (56.9%)

How they were built

ROUND	#	PLAYER (OVERALL - YEAR)
1 ST	4	WOUTERS(19 th - 2015), DE LA GORGENDIERE(5 th - 2017), CRNKOVIC(10 th - 2017), C. DACH(6 th - 2018)
2 ND	3	MAIER(25 th - 2016), PLASCHEWSKY(31 st - 2017), MACINNES(35 th - 2017)
3 RD	1	CHADWICK (47 th - 2019)
4 TH	1	WRIGHT(70 th - 2018)
8 TH	1	WIENS (155 th - 2018)
EURO	2	KUCERIK (115 th - 2019), TOMAN (5 th - 2018 / TRADE:PG)
LIST	2	KADDOURA (2016), SCHMIDT (2017)
TRADE	9	FLORCHUK (VIC), ROBINS (REG), MCKAY(SPO), HUBER(CGY), KNEEN(KAM), MCNABB(KTN), WALFORD(VIC), KJEMHUS(MJ), ORCHARD(KAM)



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2019-20 TEAM RECORDS

<u>SITUATION</u>	<u>RECORD</u>
1-GOAL GAMES	7-4-1-1
2-GOAL GAMES	0-1-0-0
3-PLUS-GOAL GAMES	2-2-0-0
SCORING FIRST	6-1-0-0
OPP. SCORING FIRST	3-6-1-1
LEADING AFTER 2 PER.	3-0-0-0
TRAILING AFTER 2 PER.	2-5-0-0
TIED AFTER 2 PER.	4-2-1-1

OVERTIME RECORD	2-1
SHOOTOUT RECORD	0-1
OUT-SHOOTING OPP.	2-1-1-1
OUT-SHOT BY OPP.	6-5-0-0
SHOTS ARE EVEN	1-1-0-0
VS. BC	1-0-0-0
VS. US	0-0-0-0
VS. CENTRAL	4-3-0-0
VS. EAST	4-4-1-1

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>GAMES</u>	<u>RECORD</u>	<u>HOME</u>	<u>ROAD</u>
SEPTEMBER	3	1-2-0-0	0-2-0-0	1-0-0-0
OCTOBER	13	7-4-1-1	3-0-1-1	4-4-0-0
NOVEMBER	13	1-1-0-0	0-0-0-0	1-1-0-0
DECEMBER	6	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0
JANUARY	13	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	68	9-7-1-1	3-2-1-1	6-5-0-0